

Grandma Was Quite A Lady As Told by Grandma Herself

Today is **February 20, 1984** and I am **83** years old. I have lived a full, rich life and now I want to tell my family all about it.

To begin at the beginning, I was born in **Waarde, Zeeland, Netherlands,** on **May 4 in the year 1900.**

My parents officially named me **Kaatje deKorte** , but I grew up with a few nicknames (some of which I 'd rather not recall)! -- **Katie**



Father: Johannes deKorte
(John)

born 4/15/1854
died 1913

Mother: Kaatje (Murre)
deKorte (Katherine)

born 8/14/1857
died 19/9/1911

I REMEMBER

When I was born, mother was **43** years old and father was **46**.

(mother died when I was 11-- stomach cancer) (father died when I was 13 dropsy [kidney failure-per Frieda Beaudin])

As a child I remember the house we lived in : Prospect Park, NJ near Prospect Christian Reformed Church on North Seventh Street. Before that we lived in Kruijningen, Zeeland, Netherlands.

And I remember coming over from Holland to America. I was sick on the boat /S S *STATENDAM*}. This was in 1903 .



And I remember a few of the nicknames the family and friends gave me as I grew up: "FAT KATE" (Given to me by "FRANK")

And the first chores I had to do: dishes, hand pumped water into sink, helped take care of sick father (dropsy). I had to drop out of school at grade 6 to take care of dad.

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My Own First Memories:

My First -- My very FIRST -- Thing remembered: Had big china doll at age 10 broken by my niece, Katherine, who was maid of honor at my wedding.

My first day in School: Christian school at North 4th Street.

The games we played: TIC-TAC-TOE, jump rope, roller skating, hopscotch, jacks

My first 'Paddling' -- and Why! Mother gave me a whipping and put me in a rocking chair -- don't remember why--I was 8 or 9.

My first injury: Swallowed a pin when making pin wheels.

My nicest neighbor: Minister's daughter, next door

My favorite teacher: Mrs. Bourdin--a sister-in-law to my sister, Minnie.

My first "CLUB": Choir of First Christian reformed church, girls' society, and YWCA (1919)--still have friends from YWCA--five of us are still living as of this writing (1984).



Katie deKorte, about 4 or 5

Grandma's Sayings:

"Make it do, wear it out, make it do, or do without."

"Don't throw nuthin' away."

"Don't EXPECT anything, then you won't be disappointed in life."

"Tomorrow is another day."

"You always hurt the one you love."

"When children are small, they step on your toes. When
they are grown, they step on your heart."

"Don't give anything away if you expect something in
return. Give it away because you don't expect
anything in return. Else, you didn't want to give it
away in the first place."

Favorites in my Memory:

My Favorite COLOR: All colors

My Favorite FLOWERS: Roses, lilies, and carnations

My Favorite PERFUME: Dutch cologne

My Favorite DAY OF THE YEAR: Thanksgiving

My Favorite TIME OF THE DAY: Afternoon-- naptime

My Favorite MUSICAL INSTRUMENT: Piano or organ--also violin

My Favorite POEM: "Trees"--Joyce Kilmer and "Daffodils"--Longfellow

TREES

I think that I shall never see

A poem as lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest

Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,

And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

. . . Joyce Kilmer

My Favorite MELODY: [I'm forever blowing bubbles, K-K-K-Katy, How Great Thou Art, Amazing Grace, Count Your Many Blessings](#)

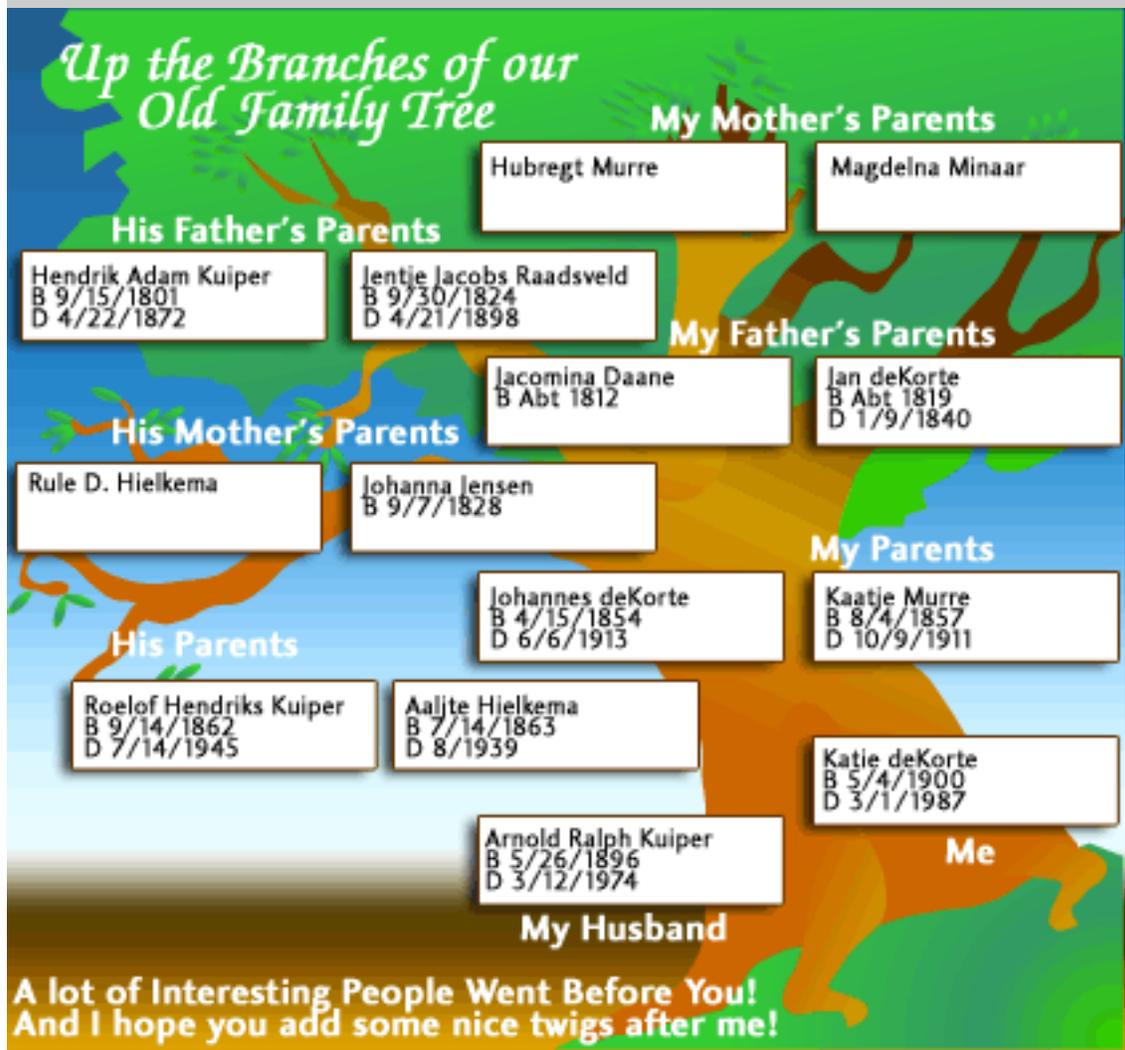
"K-K-K-Katie,
Beautiful Lady,
You're the only g-g-g-girl I adored.
And when the M-Moon shines
Over the cow shed,
I'll be waiting at the k-k-k-kitchen door!"

Favorite Singers: [Tennessee Ernie Ford, Kate Smith, Jim Nabors, and Rosemary Cloony](#)

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My favorite aunt (and why!):

didn't know mine.

uncle (and why!):

didn't know mine.

and cousins:

didn't know mine.

My father's favorite stories

Dad was too busy making a living and surviving to tell stories. I remember my father was a tall, husky, but not overweight man--I think he was a mason by profession--it seems as if he worked with cement.

My mothers favorite family stories

My mother was a small woman. I think we spoke English in our home.

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Happiness is a Man Called "Grandpa"

I MET him Through Aunt Hannah--July 1923--A Family Visit

It WAS X love at first sight:

Our First Date: July or August, 1923

His favorite NICKNAME for me: Katy

We were ENGAGED: Christmas 1923

And MARRIED : Thursday ON November 26, 1925

in: Patterson, New Jersey at: Rev. Walkotten's House

And I wore: A white, street-length gown (I made it)

The Best Man: Mr. Hoogerhide (cousin of my niece Katherine) it was really your grandfather!)

The Maid of Honor: Katherine deKorte my niece of [Brother,] John deKorte)



Songs sung at their wedding:

BECAUSE

Because you come to me with 'naught save love

And hold my hand and lift mine eyes above,

A wider world of hope and joy I see,

Because you come to me.

Because you speak to me in accents sweet,

I find the roses waking 'round my feet.

And I am led through tears and joy to thee,

Because you speak to me.

Because God made thee mine,

I'll cherish thee

Through light and darkness through all time to be,

and pray His love make our love devine,

Because God made thee mine.

I LOVE YOU TRULY

I love you truly, truly , dear.

Life with its sorrows, life with its tears.

Fades into dreams when I feel you near.

For I love you truly, truly dear.

Our HONEYMOON: In the store--which I bought just before we were married

The first placed we lived: 356 Haledon Ave., Prospect Park, New Jersey (The Store).

Our FIRST FIGHT: He went out on a Saturday night with some guy who had a gun.

Grandpa By Me (Grandma)

Granpda was a very slender man when I married him and people use to tell me he was sickly and would always be frail. However, not too long after we were married, he plumped right up. And, although he did have some problem with asthma, his health

never precluded him from taking care of or loving his family. To the very end, his thought was of his inability to do more for his children.

He had a very sharp and inquisitive mind and was a very intense person. All of our children have that same kind of mind and intensity. I believe that because he was that way, his children's legacy was his mind and his intensity--what more could a father do for his children?

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Brothers and Sisters (or Why I Wanted to Be an Only Child...)

Their place of birth, names (nicknames) birthdates, and date of death and (age) [as of 1984]:

Born Waarde, Zeeland:

John B:01/31/1877 D:10/9/57 (84)

Magdalena (Melana) B:12/31/1878 D:1955 (81)

Herbert (Hip) B:01/29/1881 D:1970 (89)

Jacob (Jake) B:01/15/1883 D:1945 (61)

Born Krabbidjke, Zeeland:

Andrew B:08/18/1885 D:1/12/51 (76)

Johannes (Joe) B:09/05/1887 D:1919 (32)

Jacobus (Jim) B:03/02/1889 D:1/12/56 (67)

Born Kruinninge, Zeeland:

Jacomina (Minnie) B:08/20/1891 D:4/2/55 (64)

James B:01/04/1894 D:3/10/73 (79)

Garrett (Gare) B:11/12/1896 D:11/12/75 (79)

Their work:

John—can't remember

Magdelina (Melena m. Hoogerheide)—housewife

Herbert—chauffer

Jake—construction worker

Andrew—twister in silk mills

Joe—died from tuberculosis

Jim—creamery (most like me in temperment)

Jacomina (Minnie m. Bourdin—housewife)

James—secretary, lawyer's firm

Garret—newspaper printer



FAMILY PORTRAIT OF THE ELEVEN BROTHERS & SISTERS

[Taken in 1913 when Johannes was dying (Katie's father)]

Top Row, Left to Right:

Herbert (Hip), Andrew, John, James, Jacob, Johannes

Bottom Row, Sitting, Left to Right:

Jacobus, Katie, Magdalina (Melena), Jacomina (Minnie), Garrett (Gare)

A Houseful of Relatives (And What I Think of Them!)

Their Names: (Now, *see the numbers below* and see what I'd use to describe each)

JOHN 16, 8

MAGDALENA 6, 17, 7, 8

HERBERT (HIP) 18, 8, 21 (honery)

JACOB (JAKE) 8, 7

ANDREW 16, 8, 6

JOHANNES (JOE) ?

JACOBUS (JIM) 12, 17, 8, 7, 6

JACOMINA (MINNIE) 13, 17, 16, 15, 7, 8, 21

JAMES 5, 8, 18

GARRETT (GARE) 4, 9, 8, 18

Y O U ? Why I'd give you these numbers: 6, 12, 15, 19 (and maybe 25, too!)

Adjectives for Relatives:

- | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------|
| 1. crazy | 8. good | 15. sweet |
| 2. funny | 9. sourpuss | 16. honest |
| 3. always laughing | 10. always crying | 17. loyal |

4. truthful

11. excitable

18. busy

5. courageous

12. trustworthy

19. dear

6. loving

13. busybody

20. spooky

7. reliable

14. unreliable

21. a kook!

Or I'd Say...

22. I wouldn't trust him with a rusty nickel.....

23. Goofy as a giraffe with a knot in his neck.....

24. Pure as the driven snow, but she drifted.....

25. Honest as the day is long--during an eclipse...

26. He has a mind like a bear trap--he just hasn't caught anything yet.....

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My Own Grandparents

--And how I remember them (Including a few things I've heard!)

Mother's Folks: __don't

Dad's Folks: __don't

Good Times and Bad:

I was in I was in the choir

I learned to dance __Never--but I have on several occasions especially at a few of my own birthday parties!

I won a contest __toaster--from a lumberyard opening

I got my first pet __bird (pigeon)--but couldn't keep after my parents died

I had my first "date" __with a sailor named "Dave" when I was 17. Also, had a crush on a friend of my nephew's, Tho.

I had the measles __when I was 10

I had the mumps __no

I had chickenpox __no

I had my tonsils out __The doctor "clipped" my tonsils in 1919 in his office. I worked for him at that time.

You: Who's Who

Outside of our immediate family, we have some famous--and wonderful--friends and relatives,

Like: None. I received a birthday card from President Jimmy Carter on my 80th birthday.

As a Young Girl (& Baby)

I was: ? months old when I started to speak . . .

? months old when I started to walk . . .

No years old when I rode a tricycle---**I didn't have one!**

11 years old when I learned to make my bed and clean my room . . .

17 years old when I learned to use a needle and thread--**At YWCA--underwear and slips. Later I took a correspondence course by mail.**

12 years old when I thought I was old enough to wear a bra . . .

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Growing Up

When I was this many years old:

No I got lost away, from home -- **only in my dreams of Paterson, New Jersey -- always in same place --**

between the city and Prospect Park.

23 I first tried face powder -- **Brother-in-law, Mr. Hoogerheide, threatened to stick my head in a flour barrel. So, I never tried it.**

No! I smoked my first cigarette. **Never!**

20 I had my first drink. **New Year's Eve.**

17 I had my first date.

No I got a traffic ticket -- I don't drive!

33 I got hauled into court -- **During WWII -- regarding food price war and food stamps.**

No I spent a night in jail.

(Oh, yes...Grandma was quite a gal!)

Growing Up:

I suppose you could describe me as :

Yes Shy

No brash

No lean (skinny)

Yes pretty

Yes romantic

No intellectual

No athletic (tomboy!)

No adventurous

No bold

Yes timid

Yes fat

? VERY pretty!

Yes VERY romantic!

No not smart--shrewd!

No muscle-bound

No poetic

Dresses I remember most:

Made a blue cotton dress (age 20)

Made a blouse with beads on it when I was 19 or 20

Made my wedding dress

Blue dress--Ralph and Toddy's wedding

Brown dress--Ralph's graduation

___ Long blue dress--from Alice for 74th birthday

___ First ladies' pants--blue suit, 1974--grandpa made a face!

Love/Hate

I Love I Hate

__ Getting up in the morning _ **X** _

__ Taking a cold bath _ **X** _

__ Talking to strangers _ **X** _

__ Having to buy a new car _ **X** _

__ Going to the dentist _ **X** _

_ **X** _ Buying a new car __

_ **X** _ Working with flowers __

_ **X** _ Watching television __

_ **X** _ Cooking special dishes __

_ **X** _ Cleaning house __

__ Moving to a new home _ **X** _

Somethings I have Broken

Yes / No

___ **X** _ My Arm

___ **X** _ My Leg

___ **X** _ My collarbone

___ **X** _ My big toe

My heart (too many times!!)

A mirror (7 years' bad luck?)

A promise

The 10 Commandments (well, I fractured one once..) (It's fun to gossip..)

Things I like to Collect

Friends, Of Course:

And pretty china:

And coins (oh, yes!)

And recipes:

And_____Happy memories!!!

Things I hate doing

(As A Child)

Making My Bed

Picking up my clothes

Putting my toys away Didn't have any

Keeping clean

Taking a bath Maybe-wash tub-no running water

Wiping the dishes

Taking a nap

Writing "Thank You" letters

Staying in on a rainy day ___**No**

See?---Things haven't changed so much for children today--And they've got tv!

I Prefer...

**X** Small Town ___ Big City

**X** Home Cooking ___ Restaurants

__ Driving **X** _ Just Riding

__ Early Rising **X** _ Late Sleeping

__ Doing My Own Hair **X** _ Beauty Parlor

**X** Earning Money __ Spending IT

__ Apartment **X** _ House

**X** One Husband __ Two Husbands

I Do Believe

I Don't Believe

Do /Don't

**X** Alcohol is America's Biggest Problem __

**X** Taxes are Too High for What you Get __

__ Most Automobiles Wear Out Too Fast **X** _

**X** Smoking Is Harmful To Your Health __

**X** Women's Lib Isn't Working Like It Should __

My Greatest Ambitions:

A Little Girl:___**Not to have to depend on my brothers and sisters for my food and**

lodging after myparents died

My Teens: __Same!

Before I got carried away in Marriage: __Finish school!!

After I married: __An education for my children and their happiness in life!!

And Still: __To be a good example to my children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren

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When I Look Back I Have To Laugh A Little

The silliest thing I ever did: Went to the beach in a 1932 bathing suit and got sunburned.

The second silliest thing I ever did: I had my picture taken with a baker's hat on.

The SMARTEST thing I ever did: Buy the property to make grandpa marry me and had four kids to help.

More Silly Facts

__ I had all four children in the bedroom in our home.

__ Alice had her tonsils out on the kitchen table.

__ Alice was named after Grandpa's mother.

__ Katherine was named after my mother.

__ Frieda was named after a good neighbor friend. This neighbor gave us our first Christmas tree.

__ Ralph was named after his father--Ralph Arnold, from Arnold Ralph. Grandpa's real name was Adolf Rolef, but when he applied for US citizenship he translated his name to Arnold Ralph because he was afraid everyone would associate his name with Adolf Hitler's name.

Pastimes In Past Times

Playing with dolls:

__ Yes--jax, pin wheels, roller skate

Playing house:

__ Had a nice set of dishes to play with

Helping make a cake:

__No

Licking the ice cream paddle:

__Yes, in the store

Popping Corn:

__No

Playing with boys:

__Yes...with my nephews

Making daisy chains:

__No

Pulling Taffy:

__Yes, but can't remember where

Slumber parties:

__No

Toasting Marshmallows:

__At sister-in-law's birthday party

Surprise Parties:

__Surprise wedding shower given by YWCA

Some Of The First Loves Of My Life:

Rag Doll: __No

Teddy Bear: __No

Rocking Horse: __Rocking chair

China Doll: __Yes, the one my niece broke

Building Blocks __No

Cook Stove __No

Doll Dishes: __Yes, a whole set

A Cradle for my Doll __Carriage

Crossing my eyes! __No!

The Fir\$ts...

The first money I ever earned--REALLY earned:

__Worked in factory winding thread on spool to make fabric

The first paycheck job I ever held: __Same

The first time I bought something "BIG" with my own money:

___...The property for the store

The first time I drove--the first car I remember:

__I tried to learn to drive the chevrolet station wagon once

__to get my driver's license, but I made Arnold so nervous

__and I was scared to try it on my own so I gave up.

The first time I paid the rent: __Don't remember

The most important purchase I ever made: __The property for the store

"The Bests"

The Best Vacation I ever had, growing up!:

__To michigan and new york

The Best Year I enjoyed in school:

__I enjoyed them all

The Best car we ever owned:

__1932 Chevrolet, Essex, Cadillac

My first "Best Sweetheart"--"Til I was 10:

__I didn't have one

My next "Best Sweetheart"--till I was 20:

__About age 14--nephew's friend

My best "Best Sweetheart" since: <xxxxooo>

__Grandpa!!!

My Favorite

My favorite saying always has been: __Do the best you can--what comes, comes. Live and let live.

ABOUT CHILDREN: They step on your toes when they are little, but they step on your heart when they are older.

My favorite person--outside the family:

__Mrs. German--next door neighbor (also the Palmers--who always took me to church, Mrs. McDonald--I played cards with her)

My favorite pet of my lifetime: __bird

And some other pets I well remember:

__none

My favorite hobby:

Why I . . .Never Had Enough Closet

In my lifetime I estimate I have owned: (help!!)

_ 150_ pair of hose

_ 400_ pair of panties

_ 60_ pair of shoes

_ 4_ pair of gloves

_ 50_ slippers

_ 70_ bra (with and without stays!!!)

_ 200_ dresses

And I've eaten, in my lifetime, maybe:

_ * _ dozen eggs

_ * _ gallons of milk

_ * _ slices of bread

_ * _ pieces of pie

_ * _ cups of coffee

(I guess I was pretty hungry!!!)

* ([Aw come on], I don't know!!!)

*****My Helpful Household Hints*****

(Justt call me H e l o i s e !!)

1. Save old cream for banana bread.
2. Save sour milk for pancakes on Sunday morning.
3. Longer time and lower temp in oven--the better your roast!
4. Save plastic container lids for holding playing cards.
5. Use leftover corn for corn fritters.
6. Save good rubber sealed jelly jars for making more jelly.
7. Put extra nuts in refrigerator to keep longer.
8. Put coffee grounds on roses to stimulate growth.
9. Dig hole for weeds you can't pick up.

***10. When making grandma's version of "chocolate chip" cookies, increase flour to 2 3/4 cups and save Some of the flour mixture to coat nuts and chips before adding to cookie mixture. When adding flour mixture to egg mixture, use hands to mix. Cover with wax paper and refrigerate overnite. Cook at 350 F for 12-15 minutes--keep an eye on them. Cool on brown paper bag to absorb some of the extra grease. Refrigerate cookies to make them last.

[Note: Grandma Katie used a green tea cup to measure sugars with which equates to approximately a little more than 3/4 cup in actual measure. She also used the teaspoon from a regular dinner service set as a teaspoon measurement. Bare this is mind when using her recipe].

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Some Funny Things:

The funniest joke anyone ever played on me:

The funniest joke I ever played on someone else:

And my most embarrassing moment:

__California barking spiders

The funniest thing that happened on my honeymoon:

__Went back to work the next day in the store

The funniest thing that happened at school:

The funniest thing that ever happened at home:

__Had all four children at home

Traveling

The first trip I remember:

__Michigan to see my brother, Jake

The first train ride I remember:

__To Michigan. Also, took train to Whitesboro to meet Arnold

The first airplane trip I remember:

__1975--went out East with Alice

My favorite city when I was young:

__Paterson, New Jersey

My favorite hotel:

__Sandman in Havasu City, Arizona

__Motel 8--I own interest in it!!!!!!

Some cities I would still like to visit:

T h e U.S.A!

Cities I Have Visited

__(1)_Paterson, Atlantic City, New Jersey

__(2)_Kalamazoo, Michigan

__(3)_Whitesboro, NY; New York, NY; Radio City Music Hall

__(4)_Corona, Fullerton, Los Angeles, Elsinore, Anaheim, Calif.

__(5)_San Diego, Fallbrook, Bonsall, Escondido, California

__(6)_Los Altos, California

__(7)_Mt. Shasta, Yosemite, California

__(8)_Crater Lake, Oregon

The "-est" Things

The **sickest** ever got:

__Sick for a whole year in 1944 with gall stones

The **maddest** ever got:

__when Arnold didn't go to Frieda's wedding

The **tiredest** I ever got:

__taking care of grandpa near the end

The most **jealous** I ever got:

__no

The **smartest** trick I ever pulled:

__getting grandpa to marry me

The **biggest mistake** I made in my life:

__not buying 'Five Points' in Norwalk

The **luckiest** I ever was:

__having four good kids

The **proudest** I ever was:

__when Ralph graduated from college

*** **I Guess I've Known A Few "Odd Balls"** ***

The Craziest Kid I had as a Playmate:

The Nuttiest Girl in School:

The Worst Teacher I ever knew:

The Meanest Man in Town:

The Funniest Joker I ever knew:

The Kookiest Gal I ever Met:

The Most Memorable Person I ever Met:

__Neighbors in Paterson: Frieda and Bill

*** And the One Person Who Most Influenced My Life:

__My brother, Jim (the one who worked in the creamery)--He was the most like me in temperment.

The Happiest Christmases that I can remember

As a **child**:

__Brother, Herbert, played Santa Claus and threw cookies all over the floor.

As a **young girl**:

In my **teens**:

_Worked for other people at Christmas, so didn't have a chance.

After I **married**:

__Cedar chest from grandpa--our first Christmas together

After my **children** were born:

__Every Christmas after we moved to California

---But, there was ONE Christmas I'd rather forget:

__none

Happy Holidays!

My most exciting **Valentine's Day**:

__Grandpa gave me five packages of Walnettos. Also a birthday party at Aunt Nettie's (her birthday)--lots of snow on ground.

My noisiest **Fourth of July**:

__Out East--use to go to Aunt Hannah's for hot dog roast.

__Out West--at park in Riverside.

My most romantic **New Year's Ever**:

__First year I took grandpa home with me.

My gladdest **Christmas Season**:

__every Christmas after we moved to California.

My happiest **THANKSGIVING**:

__Married grandpa in 1925--November 26. ***Grandpa gave me a small, framed wall mural depicting most important events in a girl's life.

My craziest **HALLOWEEN**:

Everything Happens to Me

(Well, some of these Things, at Least...)

I was in an accident:

I was in an earthquake:

__Just the usual in California, especially the one in 1972.

I was in a flood:

__1945--mud all over in our store--big clean up!!!

I was in a tornado:

I was in a fight:

I was robbed:

__In early 1930's we were robbed on a Sunday afternoon--they took my engagement ring, a watch, stick pins, and other things.

I was caught naked:

But, **onetime**, I was a heroine:

__ . . . I raised four kids! . . .

More First Times

The first time I ever GAMBLED:

__ No

The first time I ever went Fishing (and caught a fish this >< big!):

Just watched at the Colorado River

The first time I fell in l o v e :

__ With a sailor, Dave, when I was 17.

The first time I was ever angry enough to hit someone:

__ No

The first time I sold something:

__ Sold store in 1946.



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My "Auto" Biography:

(Family Cars I Remember Well)

Ford Cougar Pontiac Oldsmobile

Apperson Bobcat Volvo Impala

Chevy Hornet Fiat Hundson

Buick Mustang Renault Rolls=Royce

VW Pinto Edsel Packard

Toyota Maverick Mitchell Jaguar

Model T Dodge Citroen Pierce©Arrow

Opel T©Bird Jeep Cadillac

Overland Colt Nash DeSoto

Imperial Suburu Chrysler Essex

And My Own First "Wheels":

Scooter | |

Roller Skates

Bicycle | |

Red Wagon

Skate Board | |

Tricycle | |

Men are wonderful except...

when they tell you how to drive . . .

when they tell you how to hold a hammer . . .

when they try to explain where they have been . . .

when they have to buy a new suit . . .

when they try to judge a likely son-in-law . . .

I think the 3 most interesting men in history were :

Adam Noah

Solomon King Henry VII

Napoleon Valentino

Cary Grant Clark Gable

William Holden Bing Crosby

Dean Martin Robert Redford

Jack Kennedy George Washington

More Likes and Dislikes:

My favorite singer:

Jim Nabors

My favorite newspaper:

Paterson Press Corona Independent

My favorite TV star:

Lawrence Welk

My favorite romantic novel:

__ [Gone With The Wind](#)

The best movie I ever saw:

__ [Sound of Music](#) _____ [Exodus](#)

My favorite movie star:

__ [Lauren Bacall](#) _____ [Barbara Stanwick](#)

My Family's Favorite Recipe

[Grandma Kuiper's Chocolate Chip Cookies](#)

2 3/4 C unsifted flour

1 < 1 tsp baking soda

1 tsp salt

1 C butter or margarine

3/4 C sugar

2 & 3 < 3/4 C brown sugar, packed

1 tsp vanilla

2 eggs

1 C chopped walnuts

4 < 1 12 oz. semi-sweet morsels pkg

1) Combine flour, baking soda, and salt in large bowl. Set aside 1/4 cup of the flour

mixture to mix with nuts and chips BEFORE adding to final cookie mixture.

2) Combine butter, brown sugar, and vanilla--beat until creamy. Add eggs and beat into mixture.

3) Gradually add flour mixture into sugar mixture (use hands to mix).

4) Mix nuts, morsels, and reserved flour and add to cookie mixture.

5) Cover with wax paper and refrigerate overnite.

6) Spoon (tsp) on greased cookie sheet and bake at 350 F for 12 - 15 minutes. Place baked cookies on a brown paper grocery bag torn open (absorbs grease).

7) Refrigerate cooked cookies to make them last longer.

GRANDMA SAYS: Love is food for the soul..And certain "special foods" in the family can become the soul of love!

[Note: Grandma Katie used a green tea cup to measure sugars with which equates to approximately a little more than 3/4 cup in actual measure. She also used teaspoon from a regular dinner service set as a teaspoon measurement.]

More About Food and Cooking

My favorite food as a child:

__meat and sandwiches

My favorite as a girl:

__potatoes, beans, and meat

My **life-time** favorite:

__potatoes, beans, and meat

My favorite restaurant:

___Bob's Big Boy and Sizzler

One of the BEST MEALS I ever ate -- anywhere:

___every Thanksgiving !!!

The first food I learned to COOK myself:

___sandwich

My favorite recipe to pass along:

___chocolate chip cookies

Some of the Foods that I like or dislike:

LIKE DISLIKE

__ artichoke _

__ apple pie _ _

__ tamales _ _

__ eggs _ _

__ liver _ _

__ boiled cabbage _ _

__ ice cream _ _

__ kidney sandwiches _ _

__ watermelon _ _

__ steak _ _

__ broccoli _ _

__ smoked eel _ _

X squash _ _

X herring _ _

Things To Come and Things I'd like to live long enough to see

1. A cure for cancer

_____yes, because my mother died of stomach cancer

2. Safer cars

_____Chevy

3. Abolition of poverty

_____would like to see everybody have a living

4. Peace (more than 2/3rds of my years there has been a War on somewhere!!!)

_____yes!

5. _____that people live in harmony!!!

6. _____all of my great- grandchildren!!!

7. _____security and do not linger or suffer

My Own Opinions!

Peace will never come until:

___the Lord says so

The trouble with airplanes:

___they cost too much and I don't think we have the right

Swimming in the nude:

__no--but that's everybody's business what they do

How to solve the world's overpopulation problems:

__why go to other countries to help with children when we have our own problems here

Woman was never intended to have only ONE man:

__no!!!--one per customer

Babies, Babies, Babies!

I keep thinking of the names I would have named the "more babies" if I had had all I ever wanted:

__never

Now, for GIRLS, I'd like to have been "Mother" to such sweet names as:

__no

And, for boys, I guess I would have changed diapers and put up with their foolishness if I'd given them names like:

__no

Yes, we might have been a LARGE FAMILY!

__no

I Wish, I Wish, I Wish

I wish I had:

__yes _ Studied other languages, especially: **Spanish or French**

__no _ Kept my Indian penny collection

_yes _ Kept my first doll -- **__if it hadn't broken**

_no _ Kept a real diary, all the years of my life

_no _ Kept pictures of the people and places I knew

yes, yes, yes ! Asked my Mother and Father more questions about **their** lives

_yes _ & I wish I could talk to ONE particular person: **my mother, then grandpa!** . . .
just **one** more time . . .

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Grandma Was Quite A Lady As Told by Grandma Herself

[a funny little poem shared with Grandma]

When I am an old woman I shall wear purple

With a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suite me.

And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves

And satin sandals, and say we have no money for butter.

And I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired

And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells

And run my stick along the public railings

And make up for the sobriety of my youth.

I shall go out in my slippers in the rain

And pick the flowers in other people's gardens.

And learn to spit.

You can wear terrible shirts and grow fat

And eat three pounds of sausages at a go

Or only bread and pickles for a week

And hoard pens & pencils & beer mats & things in boxes.

But meanwhile we must stay respectable

And must not shame the children; they mind more,

Even than we do, being noticeable.

We will keep dry with sensible clothes and spend

According to good value, and do what's best

To bring the best for us and for our children.

But maybe I ought to practice a little now?

So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised

When suddenly I am old, and start to wear purple.

Author Unknown...

My Favorite Games & Sports

no Tennis

yes Swimming

no Horseback Riding

yes Football

yes Baseball

yes Horseshoes

_no! Horse Racing (& Betting !)

no Fishing

no Hunting

Yes Tiddle d Winks

Yes Ping-Pong

-- And the nearest I ever came to being a Sport Champ --

___cards at senior citizens'

If I had it all to do over, I'd like to:

Be born a boy, because:

___no

Be born in a family with ___8___ brothers and ___2___ sisters.

just as it was!!!

Be born in a small town like ___Prospect Park

With a new name of my own, like _____none

And grow up to have a special work:

___would have liked a better education !!!

And get married ___1___ times

And have ___4___ children

Or, maybe, really . . .I wouldn't change a thing!

*** What would have happened if my folks had lived??? ***

In the Driver's Seat

I can drive

__did one time!!! _A car

__no _ A tractor

__yes _ A hard bargain

__no _ A camel

? A 10-penny nail

no A racing car

no A pair of mules

no A dog-sled team

no A horse to water (But I can't make him drink)

AND I CAN:

no Pick a lock

yes Put up preserves

yes Figure out puzzles

no Milk a cow

no Work over half the cross-word puzzle

yes Barbecue a steak

yes Mow the grass

no Figure out the horse races

no Guess peoples' ages

yes! And make dinner in 10 minutes if I have to!

It was a Great Century to Live In

The 20th Century Had Both Good and Bad, But the Great Things Were Really Great:

Let me tell you what I know about the

Depression Years -- the 'Thirties :

__ food stamps, people losing their homes, didn't suffer much personal financial loss. salt pork-awful. sugar, butter, rations (bubble gum was the rage then).

The Worst Year, I Guess, Was When I:

__ lost my mother in 1911 and my father in 1913

My Favorite Years Were:

__ the two years grandpa and i were engaged and when we settled in Corona, California.

And the War Years -- the 'Forties:

__ WWI -- Armistice was noisy.

__ WWII -- men in uniform -- sending gift packages to Holland. received a letter from grandpa's brother, Henry, from a concentration camp.***

__ "PAKE" never got to see the letter.

The fast-moving 'Sixties & 'Seventies:

__ 60'S -- riots, Kennedy assassinations, hippies, dope. lost 4 or 5 brothers.

__ 70's -- lost grandpa, Kannah, Jack, and Nick. most of grandchildren married.

I Lived in a World of New Inventions

(And What I Liked About Each)

Radio --

__ liked music & stories & you had to use your own imagination.

Air Travel --

__ it's a faster means of travel . . .

Vitamins --

__you get them from your food . . .

Plastics --

__it's handy!

Air-Conditioning --

__helps you keep your cool . . .

Frozen Foods --

__like them for their convenience.

Space Travel --

__I don't think God meant for us to be out there. I believe it alters the weather patterns. I think we should spend the money here on earth!

More Inventions

Television --

__I enjoy it to pass the time away when you are alone.

Computers --

__I don't know nuthin' -- heard they make a lot of mistakes!!!

Slacks --

__i like 'em -- they're comfortable!

Movies That Talked --

__good for communication -- couldn't read the subtitles fast on the silents.

Improved Cars --

__don't know nuthin'!

"The Pill" --

__ Don't think it's natural. I think couples should find a less dangerous way, like the basal thermometer method.

Politics

The first President I voted for:

__ Nixon -- worked on election that year, too!

The political office I believe I could have handled--better than a man!:

__ none

What politicians today need most:

__ honesty, integrity, and patriotism!!!

The most famous politician I ever met:

__ none

The first time I voted was:

__ 1959 -- became a U. S. citizen

The political party I believe in:

__ Republican!

My Ten Best Friends Before I Was 10:

None

My Ten Best Friends - as a young lady (from YWCA...)

1__ Johanna (Kuiper) Kooistra

2__ Helen Smith

3___Helen Ross

4___Edith Longton

5___Florence Glaser

6___Emma Myers

7___Sophie Lindenbeck

8___Emily Youse

9___Margariet Walters

10___Virginia Roberts

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My Ten Best Friends For Life

1___ Wilma German -- Corona -- the best neighbor and friend anyone could have!!!

2___ Mrs. Laura Goodman -- Corona neighbor

3___ Faye Zuite -- Corona neighbor

4___ Elizabeth McDonald -- Corona neighbor

5___ Helen Hendrickson -- Corona neighbor

6___ Jennette Hammond -- Corona neighbor

[Given to Katie by Hazel Rogers -- clipping from "The Register",1983]

Remember The Way It Was Around Here

You're just learning to enjoy when you can remember :

-Gilmore Stadium and the -The Redondo Beach Plunge

Hollywood Stars -Acme Beer

-Old Gold Cigarettes -Lucky Strike Green

-Major Bowes -Paul Coates

-Rumble seats and running boards -Vacant lots with tall grass

-Clod fights, rubber guns and -"Twice as much for a nickel pea shooters too, you know Pepsi is the

-Ma Perkins, Stella Dallas, Life drink for you."

Can be Beautiful, Jack -Wool bathing suits

Armstrong, I love Mystery, -Black tennis shoes with the

Inner Sanctum (with your host, white circular rubber discs
Raymond), Just Plain Bill, Lum that always peel off
and Abner (at the Jot 'em down -Blondie and Dagwood, Prince
Store), Amos and Andy, Captain Valiant, Captain Marvel
Midnight, Lux Radio Theatre, (Shazam), and Popeye
Latitude Zero, Red Skelton -Gabriel Heater (he kept the
(The Mean Little Kid), Your radio warm)
Hit Parade, Mr. Keane, Tracer -Walter Winchell (..and all
of Lost Persons, and Gang the ships at sea)
Busters. -Zinc Oxide on your nose
-Getting caught (standing in -Tangee lipstick
the corner) -The Five and Dime
-A Sears and Roebuck catalog -Playing Hookey
-Fireside chats with F.D.R. -Recess
(and Fala) -Milk in bottles (with cream
-The Good Humor man on top)
-Saturday matinees -School desks with an inkwell
-Spitballs -Your first day at a new
-Your first bloody nose school
-Peanut butter and jelly -Your very best friend in the

sandwiches whole wide world

-Mowing lawns and babysitting -Homework

-Falling in love -Your first kiss

-The dog (even if he did eat -Your collection

your report card)

So what is this all about? I just pray to God that the young people of today can reminisce about their past with the same warmth I feel about mine.

Mel deFord
Anaheim

More Recipes

Vinegar Pastry

2 C sifted flour

1 < 1 T sugar

3/4 t salt

2 < 3/4 C shortening

1 beaten egg

3 < 1/2 t vinegar

1/4 C cold water

1) Blend flour, sugar, and salt.

2) Cut in shortening until particles are pea-sized.

3) Combine eggs, vinegar, and water. Sprinkle over flour mixture, a tablespoon at a time, with fork.

4) Form dough into ball, divide into 2 equal balls.

5) Roll balls out to size of pie plate.

Use as pie crust for pumpkin pie recipe.

Pumpkin Pie

Follow recipe listed on Libby pie filling can with following exceptions:

1. Add additional cinnamon and nutmeg to darken and flavor to your taste, instead of measurements indicated in Libby's recipe.
2. NEVER USE THE PREMIXED SEASONING (where the cinnamon, nutmeg, etc., are mixed together).
3. Cook a little longer than recipe calls for, but watch it!

Lemon Meringue Pie

Follow any cook book's recipe and substitute the following for the meringue portion of your recipe (I got substitution recipe from grandson, Blaine Beaudin):

3 eggs 1/4 t cream of tartar 6 T powdered sugar

1/2 t vanilla

Am I A . . . Liberated Woman?

What I think about:

The Right to Vote --

Yes, we have the right to vote

Equal Job, Equal Pay ---

___It's okay

Youth and the "New Morals" --

___No! Don't like 'em -- they're wrong -- read the Bible!

Abortion -

___No! Read the Bible!

"Unisex" --

___To a point, okay.

Psychiatrists --

___It's okay -- they're doctors!

Today's Increasing Divorce Rate --

(3 Times what it was when I was a girl)

___I don't like it!

-- And I still like for a Man to Open the Door for Me . . .

___Yes!!

Who's Superstitious?

Of course, I'm not superstitious, but I think it wise to use good caution when:

___yes _ I walk under a ladder

___no _ A black cat crosses my path

___no _ On Friday, the 13th

_no _ When I break a mirror

_yes _ When I get the turkey's wishbone

_yes _ After being married to the same man for 13 years!

And, there's a GHOST STORY I believe in:

_no

Good Deeds

The 3 nicest good deeds others have done for me:

_Mrs. German takes me grocery shopping.

_Robert Shockley helps me when i ask him (neighbor's son)

_Mr. & Mrs. Palmer take me to church

And the 3 nicest I have tried to do for others:

_Stayed with Linda for hysterectomy recovery

_Good listener for McDonald's, Goodman

_Get Mrs. Shaffin's stuff from Senior Citizens

_L o v e a n d a c c e p t everyone as they are!!!

What I think about People in general:

Rich people:

_wish' 'em luck

Poor people:

_feel sorry for them!

People Who Gossip:

___ I don't like gossipers -- they cause problems!

Fat People:

___ I like fat people!

Skinny People:

___ I like all kinds of people!

People Who Talk Too Much:

___ Okay as long as they think before they speak.

People Too Dumb:

___ Sometimes they can't help themselves.

People Too Book Smart:

How "Grandmothers" Are Different From "Mothers" :

___ Grandmothers don't have the responsibilities mothers have.

___ They (grandmothers) worry about the w h o l e family!

If I Were To Give My *Best* Advice To *My!!!* Grandchildren

___ Do what you think is best and right.

___ Take care of yourself.

___ Take care of your health and if you work, do your best.

___ Learn so you can have a good l

___ Honor your father and mother!

My "Next - To - Last" Last Will & Testament:

More important than money are some of the things I give to my Children and my Children 's Children:

I give LOVE (a life-time full of it -- love that you give generously and you earn full measure of, in return)

I give HAPPY MEMORIES (for these are the woven fabrics of our lives)

I give GOOD LUCK

And LONG LIFE and an APPRECIATION for it (even as I have found it ever so wonderful) -- (And may you remember me well . . .)

Katie Kuiper

(+) Linda has the original bearing Katie's signature.

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The End