



Thanksgiving Tributes

By English Period 1

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This is my tribute to Pat Regules. I interviewed him because he had esophageal cancer, so I wanted to make him feel better. Before he got esophageal cancer, we used to drive around in his T-bird a lot when it was working right. My name is Arri. I'm 11 years old, in sixth grade, and I go to Pleasant Middle School. Things I like to do are play softball, basketball, and many other sports. I enjoy art things. What I always did for Pappou was make him a big giant card for everything. I remember all the stuff that we did together, and everything he got me. He did anything to help or get someone something, and he held on to everything he could get his hands on because he thought someone might need it one day. Two things about my Pappou are first he had a million tie tacs and watches. Second, he always had a part of the conversation. Some things Pat did was he married his wife on May 12, 1963. He went to Harding High School in 1951. Then he attended Marion Tech, was an U.S. manager, a long time member of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Rite Freemasons of Columbus Ohio, Valley of Columbus Scottish Rite 32 degree, and Aladdin Shriners Club. He also worked at GTE Telephone Phone Company and Flywheels Car Club where he loved showing his 1955 T-Bird and DeLorean. Also, he was President in the Marion Popcorn Festival two times, and four time director of the Popcorn Festival. He always looked forward to the Masters' Golf Tournament. I interviewed my Papou, Petro 'Pat' Regules. He is no longer here today. Pappou is what I called him because it is Grandpa in Greek.

Kids today have it made. To begin with, technology is the best. Here are some things that we have today. We have Siri, and TV with thousands of channels that are in color. In addition, we have schools that are in better shape with rooms for each subject and each grade level. We have computers, spell check, and pencils. Today, girls' clothing is way different from seventy years ago. We can wear shorts, jeans, sweatpants, sweatshirts, and tennis shoes.

Finally, food is great. Kids eat pizza everyday, and we have fast food from Wendy's, McDonald's, Taco Bell, and many more.

Pat Regules' parents came from Greece, and they were very strict. He and his brother Pete weren't allowed to do much, not even date until they were eighteen. Pat and his brother mainly stayed in the neighborhood, but they spent every summer in Portsmouth, Ohio, helping and working in their aunt and uncle's candy store. Pat went both ice skating and roller skating a lot. He played sandlot basketball with the neighborhood kids, and he watched *Hopalong Cassidy* and *Rifleman*. He also liked Greek and country music. Back then, school/classes were very regimented. Students spent all day in the classroom except for gym and recess and went home every day for lunch. Clothes were very conservative, and only boys wore shorts and jeans. Girls only wore dresses and one pair of shoes for school and church. In high school, Pat took Latin and French as electives, but he already knew Greek. His other classes included algebra, geometry, chemistry and trigonometry. Back in the late 1930's and 40's, there wasn't much to do. As a kid, Pat played tag football, basketball, and hide-and-go-seek. Pat's favorite food was spaghetti with butter and romano cheese. Sadly, he couldn't go to restaurants because his parents couldn't afford it.

Ever since Pat was a little boy, he wanted to go into the army. He wanted a real army suit or a real army hat for Christmas, he always said, but he never got it. His parents always replied with that they can't get a real army suit or helmet. Pat was always excited for his birthday or Christmas because he wanted those things. On his sixteenth birthday, he had to decide between army gear, or a car. And Pappou Pat got a car. He got a four-door 1927 Willy Knight. Yet, he still had a dream to be in the army. When he turned eighteen, he signed up for the army from 1955 to 1958. When he got back, his dream had come true. It was time to make a new dream.

On September 11, 2001, Pappou was getting ready for his every-day schedule. He always went to McDonald's to meet his buddies to chat and drink coffee. They were all antique car buddies. After that, he went to the carwash by the fair grounds. One of his jobs was to clean up the carwash. He was on his way to his friend Bill's when he heard about the Twin Towers. So he went home and told his wife, but she already knew about it. Here are a few facts about what happened on September 11, 2001. At 8:45 a.m., on a clear Tuesday morning, an American Airlines Boeing 767, loaded with 20,000 gallons of jet fuel, crashed into the north twin tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. The crash left a burning hole near the 80th floor of a 110-floor skyscraper. Everybody thought it was an accident, until another flight crashed into the south tower and sliced near the 60th floor. The second crash caused a massive explosion that shattered burning debris onto the streets below. America was under attack. The attackers were Islamic terrorists from Saudi Arabia and several other Arab nations. They found nineteen terrorists who smuggled in knives and box cutters through security. The terrorists picked flights that were traveling farther, because farther away meant more fuel, and more fuel, meant bigger explosions. Over 343 firefighters died trying to help. After ten years of searching for the leader of the invasion, he was tracked down and killed on May 2, 2011.

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This is my tribute to Willie Harrah. Willie is my grandpa. I chose to interview Willie because I think he has an interesting childhood. Some things that we do together is we go out to eat together, we watch movies together, also we go shopping.

About the author. I am Kelby McCuller. I am twelve years old, and my birthday is March 4, 2003. I like to color, and my favorite subject is math. What I learned about interviewing Willie is that he had an interesting life when he was a little kid, also that people did not have a lot of money growing up to buy fancy clothes and go out to eat at fancy places. Also that there were a lot of different games back then. Finally that some people wore the same clothes as they wear nowadays. That is what I have learned about interviewing my grandpa Willie.

Kids today have it made. To begin with, cell phones, wifi, and computers make it easy to call, text people, and play games. You can also get on the Internet. Today there are printers to more efficiently publish papers. In addition, education is a lot harder in school, but there are more activities to help have more fun, such as gym class, more field trips, and foreign language. Also clothing is so cool today. Kids can wear comfy clothes such as, tennis shoes, more colors on clothes, and shorts. Finally food today is great, such as Taco Bell, pizza, and Wendy's. These things are common today, but 50 years ago, they were a lot different.

Childhood was very good time for Willie. He rode bicycles all day, played football in the middle of the road, played horseshoes, and Willie used to have neighborhood ping pong tournaments. They played outside till dark. Next, school back then was fun to

learn, teachers would help when there was a problem, and school events were guided by parents. The clothes Willie wore back then were the same clothes he wears now like blue jeans, and t-shirts. Some of the foods Willie ate back then were fried potatoes, soup beans, gravy, bread, corn, and tomatoes. Willie's favorite foods were steak, meatloaf, and mashed potatoes. Also another thing my he told me is that they did not go out to eat at all. One thing Willie did as a kid for entertainment was listen to music. Willie's favorite music was gospel music and country music. Some games Willie played back then were electric football, hide 'n seek, cowboy and Indians, basketball, baseball, softball, track and field, and some card games like war. The way war was played was everyone put down a card and the highest card would win. The person who had the most cards at the end would win. Some of the TV shows he watched were: *Lost in Space* and *The Little Mermaid*; movies he watched were *Wizards of Oz* and *Snow White*.

A childhood story that Willie will never forget is when he was following his brother Toby around when he was eight years old, and Toby was 14 years old. He would always tagging along wherever Toby went. Then one evening Toby tried to leave Willie by running fast around the house. At that time dad had built a fire and was burning some trash. There were hot cans laying in the fire. Willie got mad because Toby was running from him, and that was when he reached for a can from the fire to throw at Toby. The can was still hot, and he burnt himself. It left blisters all over his hand, and he had to go to the hospital to get treatment for his hand.

Willie will never forget the time of the Vietnam War. Willie was in school when the Vietnam War was happening. At the end of the war the draft ended, but he believes that all people at home should have freedom of choice. There were many lives lost in the Vietnam War. Peace and love was a big choice of life in the United States at that time. Smoking pot was at the rise at that time. People were divided on the value of the Vietnam War, and the lives that were lost. A lot of people went to other countries to not fight in the Vietnam War. War should be the last option for any country. Here are some facts about the Vietnam War. During the Vietnam War over 150,000 were wounded and 10,000 missing, There were 47,410 American battle deaths, The date of when the Vietnam War happened was 1954-1973, The locations of the Vietnam War was South Vietnam, North Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos, The troop strength was South Vietnam: 850,000, United States: 540,000, South Korea: 50,000, others: 80,000. During the Vietnam War in the United States 58,200 were dead and about 300,000 wounded. In 1954 the North Vietnamese began helping South Vietnamese rebels fight South Vietnamese troops, then that began the Vietnam conflict. The war was estimated to cost about \$200 billion from all the damage. On April 30, 1975, South Vietnam surrendered to North Vietnam as North Vietnamese troops enter Saigon, which ended the Vietnam conflict. Total there were 8,744,000 U.S. troops that served world wide during the Vietnam War.

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today have to be careful of bullies like cyber bullying where years ago, they might beat you up at the playground. Kids will always be the same.

This is my tribute to John McGowan. I chose to interview him, because he is good at telling stories and likes to talk about his past. He also has a very interesting history, because he is a veteran who went into the navy at seventeen. He gets me presents when I come over to his house on the holidays like Christmas. On Thanksgiving we would eat turkey and hang out with all our friends and family. He also likes to go to my basketball and football games and watch me play.

Kids today have it made. In my opinion, technology is much better with gaming stations, cell phones, and iPods. Also, cell phones help you keep up to date with your friends and family. Also, there are more tools to help you, like indoor restrooms in school and one grade level at a time. For style, kids can wear comfy clothes like basketball-shorts, tennis shoes, t-shirts, and sweatpants. Finally, we have more fast food options to go to like Wendy's and Pizza Hut. That is how life is much better for kids, today.

John McGowan had a very different lifestyle than you see today. He went outside more, and was less dependent on cellular devices. He had different phones and smaller stores, and they didn't have the advanced video games that we see nowadays. Also, the school was different from today because you had to walk to school. Classes were the same, although there weren't any cell phones or cellular games. They had only three channels on TV. The games that they played were kick ball, kick the can, and bean fights. Bean fights are where you take a straw, put a bean in it, and shoot it at someone. For play clothes, they had wear blue jeans if they wanted to go outside and play. It was weird to have a patch in your pants, especially if the hole was bad because the patch was way worse than the hole. For food, there weren't many restaurants or stores, but

you could always count on a root beer stand. Elvis Presley was John's favorite singer, and they loved to watch movies back then.

John has many memories, like he will never forget when he watched the railroad and bridge being built. He decided to put a penny in each of the holding towers. The pennies are probably still there today. Another memory was for Halloween, when his big sister made him wear a dress and wig so he could look like a little girl. Also, when John was a young kid, he broke a lot of bones going outside or playing at the graveyard.

John will never forget the day of 9/11. He was at work and was walking over to the TV in the office when he heard on the news that a plane had hit the world trade center. The entire place had gone quiet, because everybody was shocked that something like that would ever happen. Then, on TV he watched a second plane hit the south tower. When this happened, they no longer thought this was an accident. The following morning the *New York Times* headlines read "American's Emergency Line 9/11." 9/11 was the first use in print of the nine-eleven name by which the attack became known. (911 is the emergency phone number in the U.S., as well as the way Americans write the date of September 11.) The attack killed 2,996 people directly, another three have since died of causes related to smoke inhalation and eleven unborn babies. Artwork done by Picasso and Hockney, were among the estimated 100 million dollars of art lost in the attacks. It took firefighters one hundred days to put out all of the fires that were ignited by the 9/11 attacks in New York. The phrase ground zero used for the site of the World Trade Centre was used to refer to the site of the atomic bomb that exploded over Hiroshima in 1945. September 11 is remembered as a patriotic day in the U.S. in memory of those killed.

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by, Austin McGowan

This is my tribute to Chuck Harris, my grandpa. I chose to interview my grandpa because he remembers a lot of things. One thing he remembers is the killing of JFK. My name is Yurik Khalilpour, and I am 11 years old. I like to eat Chinese food and pancakes. I love animals like lizards. These are the ones that I like: emerald swift, bearded dragons, and komodo dragons. My grandpa and I love history; we think it is the best thing! That is my interview about my grandpa and me.

Kids today have it made. To begin with, technology is so much better with color TV with hundreds of channels, computers that let you Google information at your fingertips, and cellphones that help connect with family and friends no matter how far away they are. In addition, education is harder, but there are more tools to help such as computers with spell check, more field trips, and the best thing is no paddling. Also, clothing is so cool today. Kids can wear comfy clothes such as shorts, sweats, t-shirts, and tennis shoes. Finally, food today is Buffalo Wild Wings, and Chinese food.

Life was different when Chuck was a child. First, he played games like sting someone with a bee, tag or freeze tag, spin the bottle, and throw rocks at each other. They also played baseball, football, and basketball. Boys wore jeans and turtleneck shirts. Girls wore skirts and t-shirts to school. Most schools had no dress code, but some did. If there was dress code boys could not wear yoga pants and girls could not wear short shorts. The boys wore collared shirts, and the girls wore dresses. The school Chuck went to was very strict. If they got in trouble, they sat in the corner or got smacked by a ruler. They had 20 minutes outside each day, but if it rained they played inside. They studied geometry, history, and a little bit of science. Chuck went to Marion City Schools.

Chuck did not remember a childhood story, but he did state that he had his own business called Harris and Hevener that repaired powerlines and poles. Chuck had a rough life when he was a child. His family was poor, but he "worked his butt off" and became a millionaire.

Chuck Harris remembers with great detail the assassination of John F. Kennedy. JFK was assassinated on my his birthday, November 22, 1963. He was 14 years old at the time of the assassination and was home from school that day, and watched it unfold live on TV. Chuck said his first reactions were shock, sadness, and fear for the country. He said the whole country was mourning over the tragedy, and this lasted for a very long time. JFK was killed by Lee Harvey Oswald. He planned this attack for over four months .It was a very gruesome attack.

Even though things change, kids stay the same. They still wear t-shirts and long sleeve shirts. They still play the same games like football and baseball. The schools are still the same like Pleasant, Harding, and Ridgedale. They also ate the same foods like pizza, tomato soup, and potato soup. They played outside at least for five hours straight. Back in Chuck's day, most kids were poor like Chuck, but today kids have a lot more opportunity.

This is my tribute to Rick Sigrist, my teacher. I chose to interview him because I had no one else to interview, and also I chose him because he gave me a lot of information. Also, he had lots of details to help me.

Compared to life many years ago, life now is very different. Here are a few ways describing how. The first thing is technology; we now have better phones, computers, and gaming systems. The second thing is the clothes we wear, such as, sneakers, shorts, and shirts with words on them. The third thing is school because the work is much harder now. Also you no longer get hit with a paddle, and schools are much more fun. The last thing, food now we can have more fast food places such as Subway, Taco Bell, and McDonalds. This tells compare to life then and life now.

Life was different for Rick Sigrist. Clothes and socks were both white. You could only get three TV channels, and almost all of them were western shows. His dad worked and his mom stayed home. They had records but no CD's. There were no fast food places. Each town only had one school.

Rick will never forget the day he almost caught the house on fire. He was cutting out pictures of magazines, and then he would crumble them up in a ball, and he would throw the extra paper in the fireplace. The paper would burn, and soon a roaring fire started in the fireplace. His mom was napping, and when she woke up, she thought the house was on fire. His mom started yelling. Rick ran to his grandpa's house, and he stayed there for a while. Finally, his grandpa ran over to Rick's house to put out the fire.

Rick remembered the JFK assassination. As soon as he got off the school bus, his mom ran toward him. His mom was crying, and she said that someone had killed the president.

It was November 22, 1963. It took place at Dallas, Texas. It has been 51 years since this event.

Kids yesterday and today are alike in some ways. First of all, all kids still get school work that is homework. Also, kids from every time still eat good food such as meatloaf and vegetables. In addition, kids still get to watch TV channels with westerns and news. Finally, the activities are the same like tag and red rover. Times change, but kids stay basically the same.

This is my tribute to Millard Lee Ferris. I chose to interview my dad. The reason why is he was the closest to me, and I didn't think it would be awkward. I like to play baseball with him. I also like to workout with him. I like to play racing games. I learned that my dad saw the Marshall University die in a plane crashed. Also I learned that he wore slacks, Converse shoes, and white t-shirts. This is my interview on my dad.

Things are a lot different today than they were 43 years ago. First, today we have technology like gaming consoles, iPhones, and televisions that have hundreds of channels. Next, at schools today we have indoor restrooms, a gym, and printers. Another difference would be, what we wear for clothing these days usually has more colors, name brand shorts, and t-shirts. Also, what we eat today is much different. We usually eat Buffalo Wild Wings, Payne's Pizza, and Taco Bell. These things are common today, but 43 years ago were a lot different.

Millard Lee Ferris was born on November 2, 1959. He was the second oldest out of five kids. When he was little he didn't get to watch a lot of TV. His family went to school, then got home, did chores, took a shower, and if everybody had a shower they could watch a little bit of TV. His school was mostly the same, but everyone had to take care of each other so he did a lot of chores at home. But at school, he'd play tether ball, and they played almost the exact same way we play today. His generation wore slacks, a white t-shirt, and converse shoes. It's different from today how we wear jeans, silly t-shirts, and nike shoes. His favorite food was hotdogs and hamburgers. His family rarely went out to restaurants, but he went to a lot picnics though. He watch the *Flintstones* and the *Jetsons*. By the time he was in middle school he liked to watch *Gilligan's Island*.

Millard will never forget the day in 1970 when he was spending the night at a friend's house. Millard had also just turned ten. He was in Huntington, West Virginia. Their bedtime was

coming up. Suddenly they heard a big boom. Everyone headed outside. People were balling their eyes out. Millard didn't want to go to bed without knowing what happened. Finally an older girl told him that the Marshall University football team died in a plane crash.

Millard will never forget the day Neil Armstrong put his footprint on the moon. On July 20, 1969, Neil put his left footprint on the rocky moon. Neil's spaceship took off July 16, 1969. Neil Armstrong was the first man on the moon. Neil was born August 5, 1930 in Wapakoneta, Ohio, and he died August 25, 2012. Neil started to work for NASA in 1955. Neil did two space missions for NASA. Neil retired from NASA in 1971. When Neil retired from NASA, he worked at the University of Cincinnati from 1971-1979.

Even though years pass and things change, kids stay basically the same. Kids are almost always in trouble. Through years that have passed, we still have people being mean to each other. Kids are also full of energy all the time. Also, all through time kids have wanted cool clothes. Kids have always loved to eat good food. Kids almost all the time fight with their siblings. Kids will always be kids.

This is my tribute to Ivana Coykendall. Ivana is my grandma. She is funny, and we play pig a lot when she comes to my house. She has some great stories.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

I'm Clayton Coykendall. I like to play football and basketball, and I love to camp. I learned that life was a lot harder back then.

Kids today have it made. To begin with, technology is so much better with TV's that have over one hundred channels, and cell phones that have everything at your fingertips. Also, the teaching is a lot better with no paddling. School's harder, but there are more tools to help you, like computers and more. Also, the clothes are so cool today like lots of color on the t shirts, and kids can wear more comfortable stuff like shorts, sweats, and more. In addition, the food is different today. There is more fast food like Burger King and Subway which is my favorite fast food place. Yet, things today are a lot different from a long time ago.

Life was different for Ivana. Ivana says there were no electronics. For toys, she put clothes pins together to build cities and things like that. Also, the schools was a lot different, and at recess she played on the swing, played tag, and made up games to play. At home she liked to play baseball in the cow pasture, and she tried not to step in the cow poop. She also liked to played house with her dolls. Next, the clothes back then were also very different. Clothes were not very stylish, most of her clothes were made by her mom out of flour sacks. Also, the food was different because it was usually homemade. They never ate out, and her mom mostly cooked her meals. She liked her mom's chicken the best. In addition, the entertainment was very different. She had no TV until she was six years old. She would listen to the radio instead. Her dad would watch wrestling on TV, and she said, "You'd better not get next to him; he'd hit you."

This is a story Ivana told about a time in her life. She was out at her grandma's. Ivana was making apple butter, when a storm came. Suddenly, a tree fell in their yard, and a snake fell out of the tree as it fell. Ivana's grandma then came out and chopped its head off.

Here is a moment in history that Ivana remembers. It was when JFK died. She was watching a movie on TV, and it popped on the screen that someone shot him. She was shocked. This year marked 51 years since John F. Kennedy died. He was killed in Dallas, Texas. Lee Harvey Oswald killed him. Oswald was killed two days after he killed JFK. Kennedy was 46 when he died.

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This tribute is to Roberta Knapp, my grandma. I chose to interview Roberta Knapp because she is 77 years old, born in 1938. Roberta Knapp and I thought that it would be a good interview. It was fun talking to her during this interview. We talked about things we had not talked about before.

Kids today have it made. To begin with, technology is so much better with color TV and cellphones that help connect with family and friends. In addition, education is better with tools to help make school easier. Also, food today is great eating at KFC, Wendy's, Subway and it is good when you can eat at home. But things were different 65 years ago.

Roberta Knapp was a child during the 1940's and 1950's. Roberta lived on a farm, and she had chores everyday. Roberta had no indoor plumbing, so she had to carry water in order to take a bath. She went to a two-room schoolhouse.

Roberta talked about a time when she was in the sixth grade. She was in a play called *Johnny Appleseed*. Roberta played the part of the mother, so she had more to learn more than the others, but it was fun everyday. Roberta said her mother was proud of her. Johnny Appleseed, also known as John Chapman, was an American Pioneer. He became a legend while still alive for his generous acts and conversation. He planted trees in places such as: Pennsylvania, Ontario, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

The historic event Roberta recalls is 911. She remembers getting out of bed and the news of the planes hitting the Twin Towers was the first thing she heard. Later she heard that this had been a terrorist attack. 911 was an attack on the United States by the Islamic Terrorist group called Al-Qaeda. Several United States landmarks were targeted. The attacks claimed the lives of 2,996 people. I was not born at this time, so I have heard a lot about this event, and it was interesting to hear my Grandma talk about it.

Kids today still go to school, but schools have more electronics and are bigger. Kids still like to have fun, but fun is different today because it is more entertaining. We still ride bikes, play games outside, and go swimming. Kids today go hunting for sport and the fun of shooting a gun, but there was a time hunting provided food for the family.

By, Logan Hoover

This is my tribute to Randy Wood. my grandpa. I chose to interview Grandpa because he had a bad life although some of it was good, but it must have hurt when he got run over by the tractor. Also, I almost grew up in the country because my mom and I were born in the country, same as my grandpa, but he was born in the house. I know you did not need to know that, but still. My grandpa was going to move to the country, but that is all I got from him for the *Bud not Buddy* project. Grandpa is lonely a lot because grandma passed away, so grandpa is on his own. He will live with us in a few days, then he is on his own. That is all about my grandpa tribute.

Kids have it made today. First with technology, phones have touch screen and more games, tablets are amazing, and we have color TV. Second, school is better with more restrooms inside school, gym class, and there are computer classes now. Third, clothing is better today because pants can be any color and shirts you can wear are better than back then. Fourth, food today is more fake food, more fast food, and more breakfast. This is what we have now compared to back then.

Life was different for Randy Wood. He played outside, and his parents did not need the kids around any more because they might be playing cards. One time when Randy was little his friend would always tell on him, and then Randy did not like him, so he was not his friend anymore. They played outside all the time. He played tag and hide-and-go seek, but he listened to rock and roll on the radio when it was raining outside. Randy loved rock and roll music..There were punishments, but they never hit him because he was the only one that was good. One time someone told the teacher that Randy was in the girls' restroom, but it was not true. Styles were Randy were a little different. Boys got to wear their hair to their collar. Some of the kids could wear jeans, but you had to wear button shirts, and that was all really what boys had to

wear. Finally, the food he had was chicken noodle soup, and he loved grilled cheese and tomato soup.

When Randy was five years old, Randy's friend and he were playing on Randy's dad's farm. Randy's grandpa was driving a tractor in the field. His Dad was planting, and Randy's grandpa was disking. It was late in the fall. His dad came to the truck to back it up to the grain drill to fill up. Randy's friend and Randy were in the back of the truck. His dad told Randy to stay because he needed to back up the truck. But Randy jumped out, and so Randy got run over by the truck. Randy got a lot of stitches, and Randy's spleen was injured.

The biggest event that inspired Randy was the first landing on the moon by Neil Armstrong. Space flight and the universe has always intrigued him. Randy is still very interested in all space related articles and TV shows. You could only imagine how excited Randy was when men went to the moon. He was 13 years old when man first landed on the moon. Randy had a friend stay over all night to watch it on TV with him. It was awesome!

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By Madison Bentley

Kids today have it made. To begin with technology has improved with cell phones, gaming stations, computers that let you search information at your fingertips. In addition, education is more challenging, but there are more tools to help such as computers with spell check, more field trips, and the best thing NO paddling . Also, clothing is cool today. Kids can wear comfy clothes to school like shorts, sweats, t-shirts, and tennis shoes! Finally, food today is great. Kids can eat pizza everyday if they wanted to, or if there family lacks cooking then they can just get fast food from Wendy's. These things are common today, but things were much different 60 years ago.

William Lewis Trail was born in the year of 1945. Life back then was very different compared to life today. To begin with, school was much different too. Back in the day, there were four grade levels in one room. A game that Bill played was "Hide The Shovel." Clothes were much different in his day too. They had stores that you could shop at, but only rich people could shop there because his mom was more worried about putting food on the table than getting them new clothes. His mom made most of their clothes. His favorite meal was chicken, fries, mac "n" cheese, and a milkshake, but his favorite food is chicken. He liked to eat at Wendy's when it first opened. All they did for entertainment was play, rain or shine. He didn't have a TV because his mom wanted them to always be active.

This is a story Bill remembered. It was a rainy, cold day in 1953. Bill's mom was sick, and he needed to take her to the practice. She had fallen and hit her head. When they got to the practice, the doctor was busy; he was on lunch. His mom had cracked her head open, so they went to where the doctor was eating. Luckily the doctor had a first aid kit in his car. The doctor stitched his mom's head in the parking lot, in the car. In the end everything was and is okay.

The one event that Bill chose is the Vietnam War because he fought in the Vietnam War. The war began in 1954 (though conflict in the region that stretches back to the mid 1940's) .

More than 500,000 U.S. military had a personal involvement with the Vietnam conflict. More than 3 million people, including 58,000 Americans, were killed in the Vietnam War. The war ended in the year of 1975. The U.S. didn't lose the war, but withdrew before they likely lost. In the war 11,465 people that died were under the age of 20.

Kids are the same because kids are going to be kids. Kids today still have to go to school, and they still have to listen to the teacher teach. One of the differences is there is no paddling, also kids don't have to work or walk home after school because they can just ride the bus or be picked up in a car. Another difference is the homework kids don't have to have a worksheet every night because they can just get on the computer which many people have. The last difference is there is the food businesses have improved big time. They didn't have Chipotle, or Applebee's or Red Lobster. These are some reasons that kids are going to be kids.

By Maddy Simmons

A Tribute to Cheryl Kneisley

My name is Megan Fox. I am 12 years old, and I was born in Chengdu, China. I was adopted when I was 14 months old. My Chinese name is Fu Yu Xiao which means deep and clear water. I love to swim so I think it is the perfect name for me. I live with my parents and my two sisters, Alison and Leah. I like to play Minecraft and watch Youtube videos. I love cats. I have a cat named Mitten Paws, but we call her Mittens. I also have rabbits that I show for 4-H. I love to travel to Disney World.

My Aunt Cheryl came to my house so I could do the interview. She was born on April 5, 1959. She grew up during the 1960's and 1970's. This time period saw many changes. It was the era of the Civil Rights movement, the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the protest of the Vietnam War. My Aunt Cheryl is very nice. Each December Cheryl organizes our family Christmas cookie baking event. We all gather at my Aunt Wynne's house and bake Christmas cookies for two days. My Aunt Cheryl helps babysit a lot of my cousins. Her favorite hobby is to travel to Bonaire and other warm places to SCUBA dive. She loves to take underwater pictures. Both her and I love cats.

It seems that technology has changed the world. Things get done faster. Information can be accessed within seconds on the computer and you can talk to people all over the world through cell phones and social media. Technology has improved many other things such as, health care, education, and communication. However, people of today and the past are also the same. They like to have fun, enjoy the outdoors, be with family, and play games.

When my Aunt Cheryl was a little girl she lived in a town near Buffalo, New York. Life was a little different than it is now. She mostly played with her younger sister, Tracy who is my mom. Cheryl was the oldest child in her family. She also played and watched her younger sister, Wynne and younger brother, David. Most of the time the four children would ride bikes, go to a friend's house, play on the swing set or play in the sand box. After it got dark, they would work on homework or play card or board games. She had to make her bed everyday and do chores around the house. She could only watch cartoons on Saturday morning. The TV only had a few channels and there was not a remote. She didn't have a cell phone. Instead she had to use the phone that was located in the kitchen. It was the only phone in the house. There were not any computers so no internet. If you wanted to watch the news, it was on TV at a certain time or you could read the newspaper.

Cheryl went to kindergarten and first grade in New York. The school was right behind her house so she could walk to school. When her family moved to Ohio, she went to River Valley School. She had to ride the bus. She carried her books in her hands because there were no back packs. Since there were no computers, she would get all her information from the school library. A lot of the information she found came from encyclopedias. She had to do all her math homework without a calculator. She didn't get a calculator until she was in high school. When Cheryl was growing up, most girls wore dresses, skirts, and dress pants. She was not allowed to wear jeans to school. She talked to her friends in person or would pass them a note.

Cheryl remembers the time of the Vietnam War when she was growing up. She remembers that it was very controversial and that she did not understand how that the United

States could win world wars but have so many problems in Vietnam. The Vietnam War was not taught in her history classes. She felt confused about the whole war. She was always taught to respect government, troops and veterans, but then she saw all the protest for the Vietnam War. She remembers feeling for the first time unsure about the government.

One of Cheryl's favorite events growing up was Christmas time. Her mom would always decorate the whole house. She enjoyed all the homemade decorations that her grandmas would make especially, the ceramic Christmas trees that would light up. She had problems seeing, so she loved that she could use the Christmas tree as a night light. Her dad always wanted a large real Christmas tree. It had to be a Douglas Fir tree that was fat and touched the ceiling. She remembers getting Christmas cookies in the mail from grandparents. They were shipped in decorated coffee cans so the cookies wouldn't crumble. She also remembers the fun of looking through huge catalogs to make a wish list for Santa.

For entertainment, Cheryl would read books. She liked to listen to the top 40 music but she enjoyed listening to her mom's old records from the 50's. When she was a teenager, she would tape her favorite songs off the radio using a reel to reel tape recorder and then later a cassette recorder. She also remembers watching Walt Disney on Sunday nights. Restaurants were not popular and there were not too many fast food places. McDonalds did not have a drive thru area so she would enjoy going inside to eat. She does remember going to Ponderosa Steak House. Supper at home was always meat, some type of potatoes and a vegetable. Her grandma had a huge garden and would can all the vegetables. She would also eat at the dining room table. They never had food in their rooms. She drank a lot of Kool Aid because she did not like

milk. Sometimes they would get pop once a week if they had pizza. Her favorite food has always been bread.

Cheryl remembers also all the fun time they had in the winter. Her parents would set up an ice skating rink in the back yard. Her house was located behind Marion Catholic High School and she remembers her mom would use a hose and flood the cinder track with water. This made the perfect ice rink. All the neighbor kids would come to skate on that rink. Her family would also make snowmen, snow forts, and even igloos. Once during Easter vacation she went with her family to upstate New York to visit their summer home on Clear Lake. The road was not plowed so they had to use sleds to carry their clothes and food down the camp road to the house.

Even though a lot has changed from the past, there are still a lot that is the same. Technology has made things faster and better. But children still like to play and have fun. Family events and stories are also still important.

This is my tribute to Norma. Norma is my dad's mom. She comes over a lot to see my dad. We play games such as tic-tac-toe and play other games. My name is Baylee. I'm 12 years old, and I go to Pleasant Middle School. Things I like to do are watch TV and play Playstation 2 especially Halo, lots and lots of Halo. Those are some things I like to do. I play Chutes and Ladders with Norma. Norma likes to play a lot of games with us when she comes over to watch us when my mom and dad go to pick up my stepsister and stepbrother from Pennsylvania.

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Norma Gullett grew up poor, and so they had to work for everything they had. In school, the classes were small, and there were never school delays or cancellations because of weather. If a child got in trouble, she was spanked. In those days, kids played games like jump rope and four square. To play four square, kids would take chalk and draw four squares and bounce a ball to each other, trying to get the other kids out. Also, clothes in those days were different. Norma wore old clothes passed down from others or scraps her mom would sew

together to make a dress. Next, it was really rare to eat a hamburger, and they did not eat at restaurants because they were poor.

A day Norma will never forget was the day she was spanked at school. She doesn't remember the fight, but she was fighting with someone. The teacher took a wooden plank and whacked her. But what made it worse was that when she got home, Norma's mother made her go out and cut some willow branches and then her mom switched her. Norma found out that if she got in trouble at school, she would also get in trouble at home, too.

Norma explained that the assassination of John F. Kennedy was a very scary time. She even wondered if people would just shoot anyone who was out in their car. John Fitzgerald Kennedy was the 35th president of the United States (1961-1963), the youngest man elected to the office. On November 22, 1963, when he was hardly past his first thousand days in office, JFK was assassinated in Dallas, Texas, becoming the youngest president to die.

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Dee is a friend of my family. When she was young, things were different. To begin with, her family made all their food from what they had. "Nowadays people buy everything. They know nothing about good vegetables you grow yourself," Dee stated. Back then, they recycled everything. They even made quilts by cutting up their old clothes. Also, school those days meant packing a lunch and carrying it in a bucket, and not one class had one certain grade in it; all ages were together. In addition, games they played included a ball with a stick since they didn't have a real bat and ball. She also liked to play hopscotch. Another difference was the clothing in those days. Girls wore long skirts and dresses, and they weren't even allowed to wear pants to school. In those days, meals were family time. Her family would sit down all at one time and enjoy beans and cornbread. They also enjoyed homemade bread and butter. At Christmas they would have a large chicken or turkey. They never ate out, but the food was delicious. Finally, there wasn't much entertainment or technology back then, but she did enjoy sitting around listening to the radio.

Dee will always remember Christmas when she was a child. Christmas Eve was a special holy night. On Christmas morning their dreams came true.

Dee was alive during World War II. She remembers the ration cards that limited how much gasoline, flour, and even limited nylon hose you could buy. It was all for the War effort. World War II began in the 1930's, but the United States did not enter the war until 1941 after the Japanese attacked the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor. The United States joined with other European countries to stop the German Adolph Hitler from taking over all of Europe. Japan joined with Germany so the U. S. was also battling Japan mostly in the Pacific Ocean. The war in Europe ended when the USSR and the US came together in Berlin, Germany. The war against Japan ended after the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Even though times change, kids stay the same. Whether they are eating beans and cornbread with their family or eating at Taco Bell, kids love to eat, and they're always hungry. In addition, although school is different, kids need to learn so they can be better adults. Also, kids might be listening to a radio or watching a movie, but they all like good entertainment. In conclusion, circumstances change, but kids basically stay the same.

By, Tom Price

This is my tribute to Wooly, my great-great grandma. I chose her to interview because she's my only great-great grandma, and she has a lot of facts from 98 years ago.

About the author: Ryan Steinberger, I like to play sports. My favorite sport is football. My positions are strong safety and wide receiver. I learned that my grandma had a lot of kids in her family and everything cost so expensive. This my tribute, and why I picked my grandma.

Things are a lot different today than they were 98 years ago. To begin with, technology has improved like cars being used as phones and people can talk and hear through the speakers. Phones are getting better because people can text, play games, ask it questions, and the Internet is cool so people can play online games and apps on a phone. Also, schools are better since there is more than one class a level, and there are indoor bathrooms so people don't have to go outside to use the bathrooms. Next are gym classes so at school people can stay active. In addition, would be the clothing people could wear today such as shorts, T-shirts, and Nike shoes. Last the food people eat today includes KFC, pizza, other fast food restaurants, or today people can throw a TV dinner in the microwave and then eat. That's how it's like today compared to 98 years ago.

When Stephanie Wooley was a child she had to walk everywhere, and milk was delivered to her house by a horse drawn carriage. Stephanie Wooley didn't have a TV; she had to listen to the radio. There were no cars unless you were wealthy. Also, the foods like breads, sauces, noodles, jelly, and a lot of other foods were homemade. Next, in school they were all in one classroom when Stephanie was a little girl. They had ink wells in their desks, which was a hole that had ink and stick like object that had a point that you would dip in the ink to write. Of course, Stephanie had school books not computers, and there was not any cafeteria either so she had to walk home or carry her lunch to school. For games she would play outside. Boys

would play stickball, which is called baseball now, tag, and hide-and-go-seek. Girls would play dolls. At night Stephane Wooly might play card games, play piano, or sing after homework. Girls wore dresses never hats, pants, or bonnets. Boy would wear pants and shirt to do chores, or dress pants and nice shirt to wear to school and church. Stephanie was an Italian family so they ate a lot of Italian dishes. They had to buy some meals because there were a lot of kids, ten kids in her family that made it hard to feed everyone. They ate a lot of fruits and veggies. Stephanie's dad owned a produce market, so they had plenty of fruits and veggies. Her nephew's still run the market today. They had a soda fountain at a drug store and a few dinners which were expensive having ten kids. For entertainment, they would read books, play card games, sew, knit, and listen to the radio. She didn't have TV until much later. They would go outside, play tag, hide-and-go-seek, or they could play night tag as well.

When Stephane three years old she was playing with her dolls in the front yard, and then she got hit by a drunk driver from far from her front yard. She broke her hip and leg, and she had to have a cast on for three months. When she got the cast off she had to learn how to walk all over again it took her a month to learn how to walk again. That's the childhood story Stephane never forget.

The historical event Stephanie would never forget would be the JFK assassination on November, 22 1963. John F. Kennedy was born on May, 29 1917. On Friday November 22, 1963, John F. Kennedy in Dallas, Texas was assassinated. John F. Kennedy was the 35th president. About the assassination, Stephanie thought that it was an accident until she heard about it on the radio because her brother broke the TV with a football. She was at school and when the teacher said JFK was assassinated. Then after she told them, everyone was crying, Moms and Dads were called to get their child for their own safety which Stephanie's dad and mom thought it was unnecessary. Then after they got home they listened to the radio because

her obnoxious brother broke it playing ball inside the house. that's the historical event Stephanie will never forget.

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This is my tribute to Eric. Eric is my dad's friend, I chose to interview my dad's friend because he was my dad's friend, and he's known him a while. Some things we like to do together are watching TV, eating, and being lazy. Some things about Eric is that he likes eating, and he likes cats and dogs. Also he loves scary movies, and he likes doing outside activities like playing tag, having cookouts, and camping. Things I like to do are watch youtube, play Minecraft and eating. I learned that Eric almost drowned, and his parents didn't see him.

Kids today have it made. To begin with technology is the best with gaming stations, phones, and ipads. In addition, education is harder, but there are more tools to help such as indoor restrooms, field trips, and gym class. Also clothing is so cool today. Kids can wear comfy clothes such as, tennis shoes, shorts, and long socks. Finally food today is great. Kids eat a lot of cool food such as pizza, Subway, and bbq. These things are common today, but fifty-two years ago things were a lot different.

Life was different for Eric. First of all, it was different because there were not a lot of jobs, and stuff at stores cost less, but they didn't get paid that much when they did have a job. He couldn't buy as much as he can now because he had no money. Also, he didn't have a radio but he had a radio. He had one sister and one brother. Also in school when Eric was little, they only had one teacher, and he had to bring his own lunch because there was no cafeteria.

One cool story about Eric's life was one day when he went to the beach with his mom and his dad. He was "swimming," but he couldn't swim so Eric started drowning. Unfortunately, his family didn't see him in danger. Finally, his dad noticed him and rescued him. They took him to the hospital, and he was okay, but Eric didn't want to return to the beach ever again.

Eric remembers 9/11. He was picking strawberries all the day, and he felt sad because a lot of people died. He kept working when 9/11 happened, but when Eric got home, he saw it

all over the news. He was terrified, and he didn't want to leave his house. He just stayed home all day. On September 11, 2001 at 8:45 a.m., on a clear Tuesday morning, an American Airlines Boeing 767 loaded with 20,000 gallons of jet fuel crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. The impact left a giant, burning hole near the 80th floor of the 110-story skyscraper, instantly killing hundreds of people and trapping hundreds more in higher floors as the evacuation of the tower and its twin got underway. Television cameras broadcasted live images of what initially appeared to be a freak accident. Then, eighteen minutes after the first plane hit, a second Boeing 767- United Airlines Flight 175- appeared out of the sky, turned sharply toward The World Trade Center and sliced into the south tower near the 60th floor. The collision caused a massive explosion that showered burning debris over surrounding buildings and the street below. America was under attack.

Even though years pass and things change, kids stay basically the same. For example, kids still like to play games. Also kids still get in trouble, and they still like good food. In addition, they still kind of dress the same. Finally, there are still bullies, but kids today have to deal with cyber bullies.

Kids today have it all. They have technology, like video games including: Mortal Kombat , Minecraft, Halo, and more. Next school today has many rooms for each grade level, a gym, and lunchroom. Also, the clothes that kids wear today are comfortable blue jeans, sweatshirts, and long cool socks. In addition, what kids eat today are at fast food places like, McDonald's, Wendy's, Steak N Shake, Subway, Little Caesars, and Arby's.

Life was different for Randy Wood. He played outside all the time and made up games. Also they played hide-and-seek and tag. For entertainment, there were only black and white televisions to watch *Gunsmoke*, but his parents didn't want the kids around when they were playing cards. Movies were only at drive-ins, and he mostly enjoyed western cowboy movies. Also, he had an old fashion radio with only A.M. music, but they had fun! There was punishment, but he only remembers being hit once or twice. Also, there was homework almost every day. There were no special clothes, except boys weren't allowed to wear shorts. He wore jeans, and sometimes we would wear button-up shirts. They wore the same shoes, without sweatpants or special clothes. Randy liked to eat everything, and I also liked his grandma's chicken noodle soup, except with no broth, Mac & Cheese, grilled cheese and tomato soup.

When Randy was five years old, he and his friends were playing in the field in the back of his dad's farm truck. His dad and grandpa were driving tractors in the field. While his dad was planting wheat, his grandpa was disking. It was very cold outside because it was late in the fall. Dad came to the truck to back it up to the drill and fill it. He and his friend were in the back of the truck, so his Dad told the boys to sit down, he was going to back up, and he did not want them to jump out. Of course,

they didn't listen, so they jumped out. They made it okay, except Randy forgot one of his gloves in the back of the truck. He ran back at the same time his dad was backing up the truck. His dad had run over him! When his dad saw him lying in front of the truck, he picked up Randy and drove to the house to get his mom. Then they all went to the hospital. Randy had many stitches, and his spleen was bleeding.

The biggest event that Randy was inspired by was the first landing on the moon by Neil Armstrong. Space flight and the universe had always intrigued him. Randy is still interested in all space-related articles and television shows. Randy was thirteen years old when the first man landed on the moon. He had a friend stay over all night to watch it on TV with him. "It was awesome."

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By, Ethan Bentley

I picked this person because I know Martin well. He was born in 1956. Martin is going to turn 59 this year. Martin is my grandpa, and he is special because we both love each other. My name is Brian, and I am twelve years old. I was born in 2003, February 25, and I love to play sports and other fun stuff.

Kids today have it made with all of the fancy stuff they have. First I'm going to start with computers. They can help search things such as your school work and sports stats. Another thing that we have the convenience of is a TV which helps by showing the news whenever we need it, and we can also have fast entertainment. Also, the Internet today helps you keep in contact with friends, and Internet gaming is something people like today. Next, school is a lot cooler now than back then. Schools have changed with classes such as gym and computer, and you also get to go on field trips. In addition, clothes today are more comfortable and warmer. Shorts are cooler than they used to be and socks are more shorter than the back then. Finally, food today is great. Kids can eat whatever they want such as pizza all the time, and they can grab fast food, like Wendy's whenever they want. It is also easier to eat at home with easy microwavable meals. These things are now common today, but 47 years ago things were a lot different.

Life was different for Martin, very different from food to clothing to how they had fun. Life was a lot less expensive than it is now, and gas was around fifty cents a gallon unlike now when it is more expensive. Also, school for Martin was not cool because the teachers were allowed to whip you. Then games he played were like ours today like football and baseball, and they were played the same. Then Martin's clothes were weird because Martin wore plaids. For Martin's meals, he had to use canned milk to make meal, McDonald's was his favorite restaurant, and his favorite food was fried taters and pork and beans. His favorite tv show was *Tom and Jerry*.

Martin's story is cool. When Martin was a little boy, he was playing tag on the roof with his brothers. Then his brother tagged him too hard and made him fall. When he fell, he broke his arm. His mom and dad took him to the hospital. When they got home, his mom and dad grounded them all from playing on the roof.

Martin will never forget the Vietnam War. Martin was having a normal day until Martin came home from school and turned on TV to watch the news. As he watched the news, he became frustrated. The Vietnam War started November 1954 ended in 1975. Vietnam war was the longest war in American history. 2,500,000 soldiers survived the war. 2,500 were missing in action. The cost of the war was \$900 billion. The war was very long.

Even though years pass and things changed, kids stay the same. For example there are still bullies today, we still like food, like to play, like to play games, and still get in trouble a lot. Also, when you go to diners, they serve you just like the old days . Also, when you do something bad, you get in trouble just like the old days. In the old days you played board games, but today we play video games. Years pass, but kids stay basically the same.

This is my tribute to Ron Sherman. I choose this person because he's my uncle.

About the author: I'm Ty Hopkins. I like Doritos, and I like mountain dew. I also like playing my Xbox 360 when I'm bored. I like Ron because at the house, there might be some repairs and he fixes stuff. That is my tribute to Ron Sherman.

Kids today have it made. Technology is awesome with cellphones, computers, and gaming stations are cool. They help you if you're bored. Food today is cool because of all the different tastes and spices, like Buffalo Wild Wings where people can pick the spiciest sauces. In addition, school is a lot easier today because students can use computers and a Promethean Board. Also, the clothing today looks cool, and it has more color. These are the things are common today, but back then was a lot different.

Ron Sherman, born on April 2, 1946 in Columbus. Life was different than today because he didn't have computers, cellphones, or a TV, but he did have basketball, baseball, he fished and went swimming, and he just invented games. In school, we had a teacher all day long, till 7th grade then he switched classes. He liked sports a lot especially gym. They played basketball, kickball, and sadly, no football. Next, they wore t-shirts, sneakers, and jeans. All meals were homemade, or they went to McDonalds. It was the only restaurant they went to, but his favorite foods were spaghetti and mac and cheese. He played outdoors with his friends a lot, he went to the pool, enjoyed ice skating, and watched TV in the evenings.

Ron will never forget the day he went ice skating, but the ice was not thick enough. So, his friend was on the side of the ice that it was not thick enough so his friend fell in.. They remembered how to get a person out of the cold, frosty water. So they made a human chain and got him out. They never told our parents what happened that day until high school. Their parents were mad when they finally found out.

Ron remembers the Vietnam War, The Vietnam War caused so many problems in the United States, it evolved the ways of life styles and Ron's too. There was more chaos, and it affected his life too. Also, the usage of drugs was rising up. People were treating people different ways, and it's still a problem today. At this time, the race riots were a thing to gain the black people's respect. Ron was in the military in Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Even though years have passed, kids stay basically the same. How are kids are the same? First, they still like cool clothes. Also, kids get bullied and today, kids get cyber bullied, k. Next, all kids enjoy the food they eat, and kids still like food. Sometimes kids like to go outside and play outdoor stuff, and kids still like to play board games, such as Connect Four, and other games. That's the things kids still have in common.

This is my tribute to Barb Gilland, my grandma. I chose her because she cares for me when I go to her house. I'm Mason. I'm 11 years old and in the 6th grade. I liked when I was doing the interview because when I heard the stories, they were amazing to hear them, and listening to them was fun to hear. As I was going through the interview, I was talking to her, talking about the clothes they wear, what they eat, and what they did for fun as a child.

Years ago, kids didn't have what we have today. First, technology wasn't as advanced as what we have right now like cell phones, gaming systems, and color TV. Second schools we are in right now have more grades, more rooms, and no more PADDLES! Third clothes are way different today because we have tennis shoes, nice clothes, and more variety of pants. Last but not least, FOOD! It is so good. We have faster fast food like KFC, McDonalds, and Wendys. That what it is like today.

Life was different for Barb Gilland. First, life was different in school with only one room. Sixth grade until tenth grade were all one school, and if they were bad their teachers used the paddle for punishment. Second, games she played included tag, dodgeball, Red Rover, jump rope, kickball, and last kick the can. Third, the clothes she liked to wear were long skirts, jeans, mostly home sewn blouses and skirts, and saddle shoes. Clothes were not tight like what it is like today. Fourth, food included: soup beans, cornbread, eggs and biscuits, corn fritters, biscuits and gravy, blackberry dumplings, and chocolate cake with caramel frosting. Finally, for entertainment she enjoyed the drive-in theater, listening to the radio, and going to church, "That was our entertainment," she said.

This was Barb's most embarrassing story. "My brothers took me out to the middle of the lake, and they made me swim all the way back to the surface." Then she started to drown, and her dad had to help her onto the boat and brought her back up to the surface.

Barb Gilland remembers WW II. When it happened, her brothers were in the army, and she worried sick about them. It was just a nice hot day on the water, then five hours later they were attacked by the Japanese. World War II had begun. It all started as Poland was invaded by Germany, and then Pearl Harbor happened in the coast of Hawaii when the Japanese attacked by them, and America entered World War 2. The German leader Hitler was winning the war and America was losing the war. Then the Battle of D Day happened on June 6, 1944. Then on 1945 on the battle that will never be forgotten was called the Battle of Bulge. Americans will always remember the brave men and women who sacrificed themselves in WW II. Fifty million men and women served in World War II, and many lives were lost because they were defending their country.

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That is my tribute of Donna Kay Morgan's life. I chose to interview her because she is just like me. She's not really my grandma, but I treat her like she is. She is the only person that I have to be my grandma. We are both from the same place. She was born in 1969 in Kentucky, so she was from the south. She is 54 years old, and she has two brothers and one sister. She had a mother, but she has passed away, and she had to take care of her brothers and sister and her dad because her father was so sad that her mother had passed away. He couldn't do anything. Donna had to take care of her father and her brothers and sister.

Kids today have it made. To begin with, technology makes life better with colorful TV's with hundreds of station and clear pictures. The next thing that is different than back then is that cell phones help friend and family talk to each other far away. Another resource that makes life better is Internet. Now people have websites such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Also, school is way different from long ago because there are no more punishment such as being paddled (being hit with a paddle). Also, kids today don't have to share classes with kids that are older, and kids get to go on field trips a lot. In addition, the clothing now is so cool, wearing colorful socks, and beautiful earrings, and more comfortable clothing to go to school and to play outside in. Finally, kids get to eat Fast food a lot, such as Taco Bell, Wendy's, and KFC.

Life was "funny, different, and awesome" for Donna Kay Morgan. Life was easier, it was carefree, even though a war was going on (Vietnam). They had no cell phones, computers. If they were lucky, they had a black and white TV, but almost everyone had a radio. Every kid on the block knew that when the street lights came on,

they had to get back home. Every Sunday morning they would go to church. In addition, school was a lot stricter, classrooms were a lot smaller, and kids were there to learn not mess around. Most of the kids she knew graduated. Donna played some simple, yet fun games like tag, freeze tag, jump rope, jacks, and different card games such as Go Fish and Old Maid, and they would also have Treasure Hunts. The clothes that Donna wore were called culottes, which are long skirts that are divided in two like shorts, plaid button up shirts, and saddle shoes which were white leather shoes with a black middle, and they wore them with white ankle socks. Donna said that she has seen a lot of the clothing that they wore coming back. When she ate breakfast, she would eat bacon, eggs, sausage, and gravy. On the weekends she got cereal, Cornflakes. Donna was from the South so they grew a lot of their own food. For supper, her favorites were roasts, pork chops, green beans, steaks, ribs, soup beans, pot roast, and chicken. For sides, they ate bread or biscuits. As a child, Donna did lots of fun activities. They would listen to the radio or old records, or sit around listening to stories of the old times. When they finally got a white and black TV, they would watch something on the TV if they'd liked it. If it was a sunny day, they would go outside and play red rover, tag, or hide and seek .

The day Donna's mother passed away she was at school. The office had called her along with her brother and sister to the office. She knew it was bad since she was in the middle of a quiz and Mrs. Akers, her teacher, told her to put her pencil and paper away. Donna remembered her Uncle John picked them up and took them home. He was very quiet. Everyone was very quiet and was just staring at them like they did

something wrong. Donna said it was the longest day ever. Everyone would talk so that the children couldn't hear. Her dad wasn't home. Donna and her siblings couldn't tell why everyone else was there, and her dad was nowhere to be found. Finally after all the whispering, Uncle John set all of them down on the couch and told them the devastating news. Their mother had succumbed to cancer, and her father refused to leave her side. That year was the worst year of their lives. That year made them grow up faster than any child should have to. Donna believes that children shouldn't have to care for their other siblings and parents. Yet, Donna had to. Luckily she is able to look at it positively, she's a hard worker and a very caring person because of what happened.

Donna Kay will never forget this historic event. She was in school one day, and someone called on the intercom and had the teacher turn on the TV that was used for special announcements. The TV was turned on, and there was the news on the screen. John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the 35th president had been shot. John Fitzgerald Kennedy was shot when he was riding in a car, but many details were still unknown. Most of the students were too young to understand, but they knew something really bad must have happened since every teacher, faculty member, principal, assistant principal, and any other adult in the school broke down in tears. Donna said that a few of the adults had to go home because they were so upset. After a little while later, they got horrible news that the president was dead. Even more people had to go home then. It made her feel horrible to see so many people sad. Donna said the whole world was turned upside down from one man's actions. Even her parents were solemn after she went home. For

days everyone was glued to either the TV or radio. Donna said it was truly one of the saddest days in history.

Even though many years have gone by, kids are still a lot alike. Kids still play outside games such as, Red Rover, tag, hide and go seek, freeze tag, and have treasure hunts. All kids get in trouble and fight with siblings and others at school. Kids still have to dress cool to make sure they're one of the cool kids. They all enjoy listening to music. Kids all have to have good food in them such as burgers, tacos, and more. Kids today still have to go to school like everyone else. Kids today sometimes have some of the same problems and troubles, but they all turn out just fine.

This is my tribute to Kathy Gorenflo, my grandmother. I choose to interview grandmother because I love her. She makes me cookies all the time, and I stay with her some times.

Kids today have it made. To begin with, technology is so much better with color TV with hundreds of channels, computers that let you google information at your fingertips, and cellphones that help connect with family and friends no matter how far away they are. In addition, education is harder, but there are more tools to help such as computers with spell check, more field trips, and the best thing is no paddling. Also, clothing is so cool today. Kids can wear comfy clothes such as: shorts, sweatpants, t-shirts, and tennis shoes. Finally, food today is great, kids eat pizza all the time, and they can grab fast food from restaurants.

Life was different for Kathy Gorenflo. Life back then when she was a child was a lot quieter, more serene and peaceful. School when she was a child was actually a place to expand your abilities, to use your brain to figure out math problems, learn to read and write using your head not a calculator or computer to do your thinking for you. They played basic backyard baseball, football, kickball, basketball, hide & seek, tag, statue, badminton, volleyball, and croquet. The clothes looked like the clothes that we wear now only then they fitted properly. School lunches were real food, meat, potatoes, veggies, milk, and bread with butter. Then on Sunday they would have fried chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, gravy, and apple pie at her grandmother's. Her favorite meal was cube steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, and succotash. Kathy would like to walk downtown to do some shopping at the 5 and 10 cent store. Then she would grab a quick lunch at Murphy's or Kresge's. She would also take in a movie at the Ohio Theatre or Palace on Saturday's. Kathy enjoyed to watching TV shows like *Flipper*,

Andy Griffith, *Bonanza*, and *Gunsmoke*. The music she would listen to is by the artists Elvis, Beatles, and she loved bluegrass.

A story Kathy will never forget happened when she was about 12 years old. Her nephew, another friend Tim, and she decided to entertain themselves with fire crackers. There happened to be one of those neighbors across from her that was as Kathy called it "the crab apple in our barrel." (That means he was the grumpy guy down the street.) After dark, Kathy and the other three kids made their way around to the back of her kitchen window and lit the firecrackers. They took off running through the backyards to make their escape. Her nephew and she knew where the clotheslines were in their neighborhood, but her accomplice, Tim, didn't. They ducked under the clothesline, but Tim didn't. The next thing they knew, Tim was lying flat on his back! The clothesline had caught him across his forehead, and sent him sprawling. He jumped back to his feet, and the three continued to run as Tim was trying to tell them what had happened. But, alas, Time was a stutterer, and when he was excited, he would stutter even worse, so as he was saying, "Dddddddd, yooooooooou.." Kathy and her friend just said, "Yeah, Tim, we know!"

Kathy remembers sitting in class at school when the principal came over the P.A. system announcing that President Kennedy had been shot, and killed everyone got really quiet, Then the teacher started crying, and then everyone was crying, so school was dismissed. After that, they all went home where they watched the saddening events of the day on TV. Although she was only five years old at the time, it broke her heart that someone actually shot and killed the president.

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This is my tribute to my Great grandma. Mildred McCoy is my great grandma. I chose to interview my great grandma because she has interesting stories like the great depression.

Kids today have it made. Things we consider common today were not around 70 years ago. To begin with, technology is so much better with color TV and more channels. Also, computers can let you google information at your fingertips, and cellphones can help you keep in touch with family and friends. Computers can tell you the weather, the time, and the date. In addition, food today is nothing like back in the 20th century. Our food is better, and we go to the diner often and to fast food restaurants. In addition, our schools today are a lot different today than 70's years ago. There are bathrooms in the school, and we have online tests.

Life was different for Mildred Littleton. Mildred Littleton McCoy was born October 22, 1926. She said she was born into a poor family. She was six years old when the Great Depression started. She said she didn't get any education because the family was so poor. She remembers having no food for a day because her dad made very little money. She remembers not getting a car because they were too expensive. She doesn't really understand what happened, or why it did happen. Another way life was different was because she had no phones or touch screen devices. Also, schools were different because she never rode the bus, and they didn't have online tests. At recess and for play, kids had things to play like tag, hide-and- seek, and board games. Next, meals were different from today, and her favorite food was whatever mom cooked, but she liked green beans the most. Finally, the music, movies, and TV she enjoyed included a record disc, but she doesn't remember what the music was.

Mildred remembers when she got her new bike in 1960. It was blue and pink, and she rode a lot but on training wheels. When her mother made her take the training wheels off she didn't know how to ride. When she finally did learn how to ride it, her brother pushed her into the

ditch accidentally as he cut her off on his bike when they were riding together on the road. When she went home, she didn't stop crying. Her mother said if you don't stop crying you will go to the doctor. That night she didn't stop crying at the dinner table, so her mom slammed her plate down and started to take her to the doctor. That is when the doctor found out her arm was fractured.

An historic event Mildred will never forget is 9/11. When 9/11 happened, she didn't know what happened until her daughter called her and said turn on the TV. She was not too happy because America was under attack again. But this time it was on buildings, and they had better weapons. She only been alive during two wars, but then again 9/11. She remembers having to go on lockdown where no planes were allowed in the sky. She remembers having all the TV channels going off to the news. That is my Mildred's history she remembers.

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