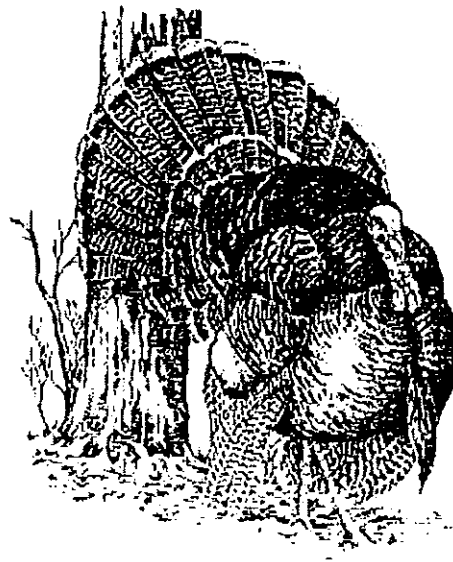


# *Our Thanksgiving Tributes*



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## **A TRIBUTE TO Matt Abraham**

By Seth Abraham.

This is a tribute to my dad, Matt Abraham. I chose to write about him because I wanted to learn more about when he was a kid. Matt is actually an Eagle Scout. I learned a lot about him, and it was very interesting in many ways. I got to learn what it was like without technology back then. I spend a lot of time with my dad, and I learned more than I thought I would. That is why I chose to write about Matt Abraham.

Life today is normal and full of technology. To begin with, for transportation, people drive cars themselves to get around. In addition, students have to listen to a teacher instruct, and students actually write answers on paper using pencils. Video games are interesting because you have to move your fingers to control the game. Kids play a game called hide and go seek tag. You play it by hiding, then when a person finds you they have to tag you before you are it. For family life today we sit down at least 3 times a week and eat dinner together. Then, my family will occasionally eat fast food like Arby's. My favorite type of food is steak with A1. Next, we wear sporty clothes like Under Armour, Nike, etc. Lastly, for entertainment kids would play video games and sports for entertainment like baseball, basketball, and football.

That is life today, but let's talk about life fifty years ago when Matt Abraham was a kid. He didn't have to worry about not being protected; life was safer back then. He could go outside and play with the neighbors without having to worry about getting kidnapped. Next, back then school was different in many ways. You had to respect your teacher more than today. If you didn't, you would go to the principal's office and get paddled. The states thought that it wasn't right to paddle so they made it illegal. Matt didn't have phones back then; he would actually talk to the people around him. Thirdly, he would play a game called kick the can. It is kind of like hide and seek only you would hide and try to kick the can before the other person found you. If you kicked it, you would be safe. When he was in school he wasn't allowed to wear jeans, sweatpants, shorts, or t-shirts. When he was a kid, he would take two slices of bologna and then cut them and put smiley faces out of ketchup on top. When he went to McDonald's he would rip the tops of the ketchup packets and squeeze them into his mouth. He would drink Tang with his meals, which is sort of like Kool-Aid packets. His favorite food was and is meatloaf

and steak. He ate at Ponderosa, and his family really liked steak places. Next, he would have to get up every Saturday to be able to watch cartoons. The local channels were four, six, ten, and thirty-four. When the day was sunny and clear, some of the Cleveland channels would come in. They didn't have remotes, so they would have to get up and change the channels. Also, he remembers the first movie he watched was *Jaws*.

A story that Matt will never forget is the Blizzard of '78. He remembers seeing someone saying there was going to be a snowstorm. He went to bed that night and when he woke up the next morning, his dad woke him up and said there was no school and the power was out. He remembers when he looked outside there was nothing but white. There right in front of him was the worst blizzard he had ever seen! After he saw it, he quickly ran down the stairs and asked his Dad how much snow there was. His dad told him one foot. Matt was so surprised he didn't know what to do. On the bright side there was no school! Later, they had pizza in a wood burner stove. That is a story Matt will never forget.

An American history story Matt Abraham will never forget was when the space shuttle Challenger blew up. He remembers watching the space shuttle launch at his house before school, seeing little sparks start shooting out of the side, and then it blew up. He was sad for the rest of the day and week. People at school were talking about it for weeks. He was very scared, and didn't know what to say. Seven people died on the Challenger including the first teacher into space. The reason the Challenger blew up was, if you watch the tape, there are sparks coming out of the side. The sparks that were coming out were from the fuel tank. It seems that the fuel tank ruptured spilling liquid and hydrogen, so that is what caused the Challenger to blow up. That is a story Matt Abraham will never forget.

Times changed and so did technology, but kids are somewhat alike. Here is why. For example, kids still are mischievous and get into trouble. Another example, kids still play games. Some are different and some are the same as my dad used to play as a kid too. Also, no matter if time goes by, kids will have fun and make mistakes; nothing can ever change that. Lastly, School is different but very much the same. In conclusion, technology has changed, but kids are still the same in many ways.

## A TRIBUTE TO: Beverly Spelman

By: Jane Spelman

This is a tribute to my Grandma Spelman. I chose to write about her because she is always there for me and I wanted to know more about her life, when she was a kid. Was her grandmother as amazing as she is to me? I also picked her because she is a very interesting person, and I wanted everyone to see that. Another reason I picked her is that I always do Veteran essays on my grandpa. I wanted her to know that I'm interested in what happened to her as a kid too.

Life for some kids today is very normal. Their home life is typically having both parents at a home. Kids will probably have a phone, or other device. Kids' schools will probably be modern, or air-conditioned, not all schools will be modern and air-conditioned. Most kids go to public schools. Normally, the school will be a couple floors high. Kids will have a few or a group of friends at school. Kids today mostly play video games on their phones, iPods, Xbox, Wii U, Computer, I-Pad, or other devices. Kid's families today are usually split. Like I said in the beginning, they probably don't see their parents much because their parents work a lot. They might have a few siblings, usually they will. Their older siblings are probably a little bossy, maybe even rude sometimes. Kids today normally wear Under Armor, their sport jerseys from a year or two ago, or maybe from this year. Most girls wear fancy and really expensive shoes. Today, people love pizza and soda.

Years ago, things were a lot different. Everything back then was very simple. For detail about life back then look at the life of a child who lived in that time. There lived a young girl named Beverly. She would walk to school each morning. When she got to school her teacher would be standing in front of the blackboard. They had blackboards then. Not many people have blackboards today in school. Mostly they have Promethean Boards, or they use white boards. Beverly was very shy, so most people thought she was stuck up, that she wasn't talking to them because she thought they were "below her level." When Beverly went to school there were no field trips to go on and no

homework reward movies or games. A game that Beverly would play with her friends back then was Kick the Can. How you play the game is someone would kick the can, then someone else would run up to get the can, while this person getting the can had their back turned, everyone ran and hid. Then the person with the can had to find everyone else. This was a very fun pass time for Beverly and her friends.

For people today this might seem very weird. Beverly didn't have that many clothes. She shared all of her clothes with her sisters as well. Her sisters shared their clothes with Beverly too. This is how they had enough clothes to go to church, parties, and other things. All girls back then did not wear pants or shorts; they wore skirts or dresses. Beverly never went to any sit-down restaurants. Restaurants were too expensive when she was a child. Although, back then if you went to White Castle, you could get one of their famous petite hamburgers for a nickel. So, White Castle was different back then too. Also, even though it was only a nickel a hamburger, White Castle was a rare treat for Beverly. She was 12 years old when she got a black and white television. Shows didn't come on until 3:00 in the afternoon each day. Then shows stopped playing at midnight. A few of Beverly's favorite shows were *Howdy Doody* and *Midwestern Hayride*. *Midwestern Hayride* was a show about cowboys, just like you would picture an old cowboy show.

A story Beverly will never forget happened when she was a young girl. One day, Beverly was walking with her siblings to a big sledding hill. Beverly's siblings all took their turns sledding down the hill and walking back up. Finally, it was Beverly's turn. She slid down a little ways, and was going really fast! When, suddenly! She fell off, and rolled, and rolled, and rolled until she reached the bottom of the hill. Then she stood up at the bottom of the hill, retrieved the sled, and walked with her siblings towards home. The whole way home, her backside hurt horribly! Once, on the way back home, she looked back, and in the snow right behind her was a drop of blood. When she finally got home, she told her family, and they looked at the spot where Beverly said it hurt. Her family then called the doctor. The doctor told her that she had a huge gash on her backside. He then had to give

her stitches. It was one of the most embarrassing and painful things that Beverly can remember happening to her. She still remembers it to this day.

It was a regular day for Beverly; she was at work. She was, well, working. Next, her sister called her, her sister was pregnant at this time. Her sister told her that J.F.K was dead. "He has been assassinated", she said. "He was hit in the back and the bullet exited out his throat. Texas Governor John Connally was wounded as well in the attack." Beverly's sister was having a very hard time talking about the assassination. Here are some other facts of when JFK died. First, the date was November 22, 1963. JFK was riding in a motorcade at the time of the attack. John Fitzgerald Kennedy was riding through Dealey Plaza in downtown Dallas, Texas. It was John F. Kennedy Jr.'s birthday on November 22, 1963, when his dad died. That was not a happy birthday for him. This year on, November 22, 2016, it will have been 53 years since the death of John Fitzgerald Kennedy. So, Beverly's sister told her how JFK died, then, after she had told her all about it, the phone went silent, not silent as in they lost connection, silent as in she stopped talking. Finally, Beverly's sister started talking again. She said that she almost fainted from all of the stress of being pregnant and the assassination.

Times change and technology gets better, and makes life easier, but kids stay the same. For example, kids today and kids back then both like to go sledding. Another example would be that kids still get in trouble when they do things bad, like if a child hurts another child, then that child would get in trouble. The next example is that kids are still unique in their own ways; they have their own style and everything. In conclusion, kids these days are not much different than kids back then.

## A TRIBUTE TO: *Terry Lundquest*

By: Emily Seckel

*This is a tribute to grandma, Terry Lundquest. I chose to interview Terry because I wanted to know more about her life! She hardly ever talks about her, so I decided that this would be a great opportunity to learn more about her! I also chose to write about this person because she is one of the favorite people in my life! A little fun fact about my Grandma Terry and her husband is that they almost named me Lori and my mom Emily!*

*My life just seems so, normal, but I know that it won't in the future. So now, I will describe my present life in hopefully full detail!*

This is some of just daily, normal life. Books are still around; however, they are not very popular! Kids are hardly allowed outside after dark, but why would they even want to go outside after school when children have electronics such as Call of Duty, television shows, and sports like football, soccer, and competitive cheerleading! In school, students use Macs in computer class, have gym and art. Students have human teachers, both men and women! Mechanical pencils are just now a trend, everyone uses them! After school and homework, kids often grow bored rather quickly and need something at their fingertips. So they often go to their gaming systems, such as Xbox and PlayStation, and play games online with their friends. Most to all kids have social media, such as Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. Next comes good old quality family time! Families hardly sit down for dinner, and the result of this- fast food. When families *do* sit down for dinner, they talk about what went on during the day, boring stuff like that. Normally, you might see kids either not eating because their parent/s can't cook, or you see them shoveling food into their faces, so they can skip talking to their families. Parents may ask, "What went on today?" "Get off of that phone of yours and eat!" or they may just complain about their day. There are lots of "trends", but this essay won't get into them



all. Some new clothing includes bubble sneakers, flat bill hats, sporty clothing, and Starbucks, a coffee shop. This is all daily, normal life.

But 60 years ago, things were way, mega different! Around 50 years ago, things were almost laid back and relaxed! There were no electronics, no video games, and no cell phones. The phone was on the wall! If people wanted a private conversation, they would round the corner and talk in the closet. Oh, and families' televisions were in a box! It looked like a piece of furniture! Some television shows and movies that were popular were Frankenstein and I Love Lucy. In households, it would be common to find radios, but very rarely record players. People had no home security. In the morning, you would have to walk to school, for there were no buses! In school, girls couldn't wear pants until the ninth grade! In high school, kids wore loooooong, bell bottom pants. Students cut holes in then sewed patches of fabric under then to make them look snazzy! People wore their hair long and straight hair that was parted in the middle. If people didn't have straight hair, they would straighten their hair with the ironing board! Math methods had fewer steps, and for tech class, you had manual typewriters. For tech class, students used something called shorthand. Shorthand was used for note taking, almost, and it was only used if you were going to type something later. People used this because there were no recording systems. Then after school, kids played baseball and soccer in the streets, or board games such as scrabble, chess, hangman, and charades. There were no handheld games. After play, families went to dinner at places like Burger Chef, a diner. It had hamburgers and cheeseburgers, fish sandwiches, fries, and milkshakes. Some activities that everyone enjoyed and did on the weekend were skating, going out to the movie theatres, and bowling.

A story Terry will never forget happened just because she was in need of a sweet treat. As dusk drew near, 10 year old Terry Ray Lundquest and her friend grew bored as soon as school let out. Terry had 25 cents in her pocket, and she had a brilliant idea. Terry wanted to go to the candy store! But to do that, they would have to walk a couple blocks and cross a busy street in partial light. Although the plan seemed quite dangerous, Terry's friend agreed to the plan. So, they took off to get that red

licorice! Once the little girls got to the candy store, they were shocked and dumbfounded by the amount of candy that they saw! Although there were many candies of many shapes, sizes, and colors, Terry had her mind set on a classic-red licorice. As Terry and her friend walked home, they had realized they had spent all of their money! As the girls went to their own houses, Terry had saw her mother in the doorway. She lied and said that she was at a friend's house, but she was an hour after curfew, and she had crossed a busy street! Also, she had denied that the proof was right on her face. It was the red licorice. Oops! Her secret was out, and she was ready for her punishment. She will always remember this punishment because it was the first time she had ever been spanked. Now little Terry knew not to cross a busy street and not to lie. Although she already knew not to do these things, she had never experienced the consequence.

The day seemed like a normal day to Terry Lundquest, and to some, even most people, but it was a day many people will never forget. This day wasn't normal, not even the slightest. John Fitzgerald 'Jack' Kennedy was the 35th President of the United States from January 1961 to November 1963. But this was an unusual day: JFK was assassinated on this very day. When JFK was shot, people around the world were frantic. *What should we do? Will the United States be an easy target? And will we be safe?* These were some of the most commonly spoken and thought questions of people around the world, including Terry Lundquest. When JFK was assassinated, Terry was only around 3rd grade. They announced this shocking news worldwide including in schools, on the news, and in the newspaper the previous evening. In schools everywhere, children were crying, panicking, and scared as the teachers were trying to settle them down while not panicking themselves! Very soon after the assassination, Lyndon B. Johnson took the place of JFK, but was almost shot 14 hours after he became president! That was the first time that Terry realized that there was actual danger out there, and lots of people with guns! It was quite a change, because people generally didn't hear about these kinds of things. So, overall, things were well again. Now THAT was a day that changed history.

As PlayStation 4 games arrive at front doors, or parents drive them to the newest mall, kids' lives everywhere may seem to have changed a lot during the years, but they still are still very much the same. One reason people's lives are similar is that both played sports such as football, soccer, and baseball. A side note on that is that there are still unique activities of own that interests people and makes them special. For instance, kids both may enjoy sports, board games, writing, and/or reading! Another thing that is the same about folks is that they both enjoy some of the same foods! Some other ways that kids are still the same is that kids these days and back then still enjoy the same foods! Although some foods have been introduced to the present day and not back then, families around the world still enjoy the same foods that they did 50 years ago, such as pizza, soda or pop, hamburgers, and most of all... candy! In conclusion, kids, people, and families everywhere think, act and still have as much in common as they did ten, twenty, or even fifty years ago!

## *A TRIBUTE TO AL BURROUGHS*

*BY: HANNAH MILLS*

*This is a tribute to my great-grandpa Al Burroughs. I chose to write about him because I felt that it would be a great bonding tool. I learned a lot about him that I didn't know. For example I have always seen my great grandpa as a Godly, Christian. I never would have guessed that he was always in a fight or starting it. I must say that being with my great grandpa Burroughs was very memorable because my Maw maw, his daughter, was also there. We did the interview at Carhyle's. We had so much fun!*

Life for kids today is interesting. To begin with, teachers write stuff on a whiteboard or a Promethean board. We look up information in textbooks, on chromebooks, and on Ipads. In Addition, one of the games they play is softball for girls or baseball for boys. You use a bat, ball, glove, helmet, and batting gloves. This is how you play. You hit the ball, run to the bases, and try not to get out by the fielders. Family is very important to everybody. Normally for kids we wear sweatshirt, sweatpants, and tennis shoes. For school there are no uniforms, so that is what we also wear to school. Normally the kids go out to eat, and sometimes we do eat home cooked meals. Most kids normally want to play on an Xbox, watch TV, play on their phones, listen/ play on an Ipod, watch YouTube, sometimes Kids would listen to the radio, and some kids still play on DS'.

But years ago things were different. Al Burroughs as a little boy in the depression had to do so much more. He had to walk one mile to school and back. He was an ornery child was always getting into trouble. He had no trouble telling me what his school did for chastisement. They would either sit out in hall during the lesson or they would get paddled. One of his stories was that he was always getting into fights with other children in his school. They played softball, and basketball. He wore pants just below his knees (knickers) and knee high socks. His favorite food was anything especially sweets. He never went out to eat. He didn't have TV, so he enjoyed listening to the Grand Ol' Opera on his radio. He loved the special family trips every week that they would take. Like on Sunday his

family would drive around in the car, and on Friday they would go into town. His father died when he was nine.

The historic event That Al Burroughs will never forget was when our 35th president John Fitzgerald “Jack” Kennedy was assassinated on November 22, 1963, in Dallas, Texas. JFK was born May 29, 1917. He was the youngest man to be president. His presidency lasted from January 1961- November 1963.

Times change and years pass, but kids basically stay the same.

## TRIBUTE TO: ANITA TIGHE

By Camryn Tighe

This is a tribute to my grandma Anita Tighe. I chose to write about her because we are very close and she does a lot for Cady, Declan, and me.

Life for kids these days are interesting and sometimes bad. To begin with, most children always wear sporty clothes like the brand Under Armor. Also, in school the teachers stand up in class and teach the children, there are school buses and everything else. Next, sadly, some kids are bullied. Now, families are small, at the most, six, and maybe a family pet or two. Next, they have fast food restaurants and sit down restaurants. Finally, not many children play games or ride on their bikes, but playing tag on your bikes was played like this, there are a group of kids, the one in the back is it, if they get passed by that person they are *it*. These are some reasons how life for kids these days is interesting, but sometimes bad.

But many years ago, things were different. First, Anita Tighe had six siblings. She was in a family of seven kids, and she was the fifth. She got mainly hand-me-down clothes, but once a year she got one or two new dresses. Her family was not rich, but they were not poor either. Also, they were the first ones in their neighborhood to get a television, so almost every night there neighbors and some friends came over, and they all watched the few channels they had for a couple of hours for as long as it aired. Later, since they were not poor or rich, they did not go to many restaurants, but when they did they did not go to fancy ones; they usually went to Perkins or a Chinese restaurant. Then, they usually had stew for dinner, and that would last for a day or two, or they would have spaghetti, Anita's favorite. All the dinners that included the whole family were always sit down dinners. Later, at school, every kid went home for lunch, and there were no buses until they got to high school, so she still took the city bus for three years before she went to high school. Then, for entertainment they would go to the movies. It was ten cents for candy, and it was ten cents to get in. Also, they listened to music like, The Beatles, and Four Seasons, and they went roller skating. Finally, when Anita had her first job, her paycheck was a dollar an hour, and there were only a couple of fast food restaurants. The food there was not that expensive, only sixty-nine cents, for six mini sliders.

A story Anita will never forget happened at her great aunt and uncle's house and at church. It all started on Christmas Eve. Every Christmas Eve Anita and her family would go to the Midnight Christmas Eve Ceremony Event. First, Anita would sleep through the whole reception until it was over. Next, her family would go to their great aunt and uncle's house and, since they were not rich or poor, their parents could not buy them Christmas presents, so their aunt and uncle would buy them each a special present. Then, one year Anita got a walking doll that looked like an American Girl Doll, but it was a lot bigger, and when she held its hand, it would walk with her. She was about 5 years old at the time. Finally, they got breakfast; their great aunt would make an Austrian cake that had 12 layers, and their uncle would make homemade sausage. When they got home they all fell asleep immediately.

Anita will never forget John F. Kennedy's assassination. At the time, she was in government class, how ironic, when she found out about his death, and she was devastated. She was a senior in high school, so she was alive for John F. Kennedy's entire presidency and was alive for the first term. Next, J.F.K was assassinated on November, 22, 1963 at 12:30. He was pronounced dead at 1:00. Then, Kennedy was 46 when he died. The saddest part was that his wife Jacqueline very rarely came to political stuff like this one, but she did and so did the governor. They were sitting next to Mr. Kennedy when he was shot in the back of the head. Soon, the vice president took over presidency at 2:39 p.m. that day. Kennedy was not the only one shot, but he was the only one killed. Governor Connally was severely injured. Finally, the reason he was killed was that Kennedy was going for reelection.

Times change and so does technology making life easier, but kids stay the same. They do a lot of the same things. For example, kids have fun, but sometimes they make mistakes, that's how kids learn. Another example is they go to school, and their schools may be different, but kids still go to school right? Also, kids get in trouble when they make mistakes. They have consequences, though sometimes they say something mean and get in trouble, the consequences are different, but they still get in trouble. In conclusion, kids these days are not much different from kids back in the day.

## **A TRIBUTE TO OSCAR MOORE**

BY AVERI MOORE.

THIS IS A TRIBUTE TO MY GRANDPA OSCAR, I CHOSE TO WRITE ABOUT HIM BECAUSE... WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT OSCAR WAS THEY HAD NO MOVIES OR INTERNET LIKE WE HAVE NOW, AND BECAUSE HE IS MY FAVORITE GRANDPA AND JUST STUFF I WANTED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HIM AND BECAUSE I HAD FUN.

Life today is fun. To begin with in school teachers stand at the board and ask questions to help students learn. Sometimes teachers let students play Kahoot on the computers. The buildings at Pleasant is 100 years old without air conditioning, and it is hot. In addition, kids play games and sports. In our family there are 2 dogs, mom, dad, 2 sisters and Averì. The clothes kids wear now are long socks, sporty clothes, and headbands. The food we like to eat is cube steak, pizza, chicken, mac and cheese fries and our favorite place to eat out is buffalo wild wings. Last, is Averì's favorite activity to do is play with her toys, play outside with friends, play Xbox, and favorite TV show is Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, watch Netflix and voodoo too. That's what life is like today.

But 50 years ago everything was different. For Oscar Moore, life as a child was good. There were four brothers, four sisters, his mom, and his dad in his family. He grew up in Harlan Kentucky. Being a kid was carefree. Kids didn't have to worry about name brand clothes or the hottest new toy or electronics. The kids were not spoiled, and they had to work chores to help family and appreciate small things. His mom and dad worked; his mom was a home worker, and his dad was a coal miner and a factory. Oscar's school was fun, and he had to walk to school. There were not many programs or sports for kids to get involved in. Oscar had to do his own homework because his mom didn't know how to read or write because she didn't finish school. The kind of games they played were tether ball, kickball, hide and seek, and basketball. They didn't have phones and computers game systems. Clothes were regular t-shirts and jeans with Sunday dress clothes for church, not fancy and flashy but just basic normal clothes. They ate southern foods including fried potatoes, chicken, pork, corn bread, lots of



beans, and bologna. It was all homemade food, no eating out because they couldn't afford it. What they had for entertainment was no movies. They didn't have TV growing up, no Internet; they used imaginations. They would play outside a lot. *Lone Ranger* was a popular TV show for those who did have TV's. They did not listen to radio much. For entertainment they also had Sunday church.

Oscar will never forget what happened to him when he was 9 years old. They lived up a hill, and there was a creek, so they had to cross the bridge to get home. One day, there was bad weather and a flood broke the bridge. Oscar's mom and dad went to the grocery store. He went to carry groceries back home. Since the bridge was broken, there were two logs from a tree they had to walk across. He slipped and fell carrying apples, hit his face, and broke his nose. Oscar still has trouble smelling to this day.

Oscar will never forget when John F. Kennedy died. Oscar was 9 year old in school when the news was told it over the intercom. It was a scary time for the U. S., and everyone was affected. A police officer was killed in the questioning of the suspect, and then Oswald was shot. Oswald was killed because a man named Ruby was angry with him for killing the president. The assassination of John F. Kennedy was November 22, 1963.

Times change and technology makes life easier, but kids stay the same. For examples, our lives are both fun. Another examples is we both play outside a lot. Also we both make mistakes. In the meantime we both think school is fun and are life is fun. In conclusion, that is the difference between then and now, and the same about us.

## *This Is a Tribute to Bret Bowers*

*By: Lillian Bowers*

*This is a tribute to my grandfather Bret Bowers . I chose to write about my grandfather because he is a very loyal and compassionate person. He is a big inspiration to me. He always has funny stories to talk about, and I enjoy listening to them. That is why I chose to interview my Grandpa Bret.*

Life in 2016 is lots of fun for many reasons. To begin with, even though school students must sit in desks for six hours a day, five days a week and listen to a teacher in front of the class, teachers sometimes use technology for audio books to read. Also, teacher allows students to play study games like Kahoot and Quizlet. Most importantly kids get to meet people and make friends. Some things that children enjoy doing either at lunch or at home are playing on their phones and getting on Snapchat or Instagram. Also kids like to play games like Candy Crush or Color Switch. Some kids enjoy going outside and getting some fresh air, but some don't enjoy that as much. Some popular TV shows are *Haters Back Off*, *Cupcakes Wars*, *Dance Moms*, and *The Walking Dead*.

But life 50 years ago was different. All Bret did was play outside. There was very little TV and no computers. School was very strict, and they could hit you with a paddle or a ruler if you were misbehaving. One game that Bret and his friends enjoyed playing outside was Hide and Seek. They would get all the kids in the neighborhood and play every night. In addition, if you were poor, you would wear jeans, but the people with more money would wear dress clothes or nicer looking clothes. Bret's favorite food was the 10-cent ice cream from the ice cream truck. It was not very common for people to out to eat, even on special occasions. Bret's mom worked at a restaurant, so she would bring home meat loaf for dinner often. When Bret had chances to watch movies he liked to watch the *Wizard of Oz* because it was his favorite movie.

A story Bret remembers happened one day at the Palace Theatre. Every kid in his neighborhood was at the theater to try to win a new bike including him. He was so nervous because he

really wanted to win the bike. The tension mounted because every kid there wanted to win that bike too. Finally, they announced the winner, and Bret had won the new bike. He was so excited, but nervous at the same time. He had his older brother Bill go up on stage with him to get his new bike.

Bret said that he really never followed the news much because he did not have much interest in it. He was only five when the JFK assassination happened, so he doesn't remember much about that day. John F. Kennedy had three brothers and four sisters. He was the 35th president. He also won the Pulitzer Prize in 1957, when he was only 22 years old. John F. Kennedy was shot on November 22, 1963, in Dallas, Texas by Lee Harvey Oswald. It was a very tragic day for many people all across the country. After he was killed the vice president Lyndon Baines Johnson filled in for him.

Times change and technology makes life easier, but kids stay the same. For example, kids have played sports for a long time and enjoy playing them. Some girls enjoy playing sports like football or wrestling even though boys usually play these sports. In the past girls could not play those sports because it was considered unlady-like. Kids will always be kids and do lots of the same fun things that kids do no matter what year it is. There are many other ways that kids are alike and different from 60 years ago.

## *A Tribute to Marty Perriguet*

*By Michael Perriguet*

*I chose my grandma because she is very nice. Thank you, Grandma, for answering so many questions. She let me get to know more about her childhood. Another reason that I chose her is because she lives two hours away, and I don't get to see her very often. Thank you for letting me write this essay.*

Current life is full of technology and here is a bit of thought from an average student's life. First off students like to play sports like football, basketball, baseball, softball-which is pretty much baseball, and tennis. Some of the brands that students like to wear for clothing are Nike and Under-Armour. The most popular shoes are LeBron's, KD, and Kobe's. Some popular major league sports that people watch on T.V. are football, soccer, basketball, baseball, and hockey. People like to eat at restaurants that have Chinese and Mexican food. Right now Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton are running for president. Honestly nobody likes either of them. They say Trumps a snob, and Hillary is a liar that should be in jail.

But 50 years ago things were different. When Marty was a kid, all of the girls wore dresses and all of the boys wore cotton trousers. She also said that when she was a kid she had a "huge" amount of money saved up, a grand total of four dollars. She said that she could get forty tootsie rolls for fifty cents. Marty said that what she and her brother would do for fun was play Tarzan in the barn where you would swing on a rope and let go then go flying into a giant storage area for the hay. If you missed the forty-foot wide twenty foot high pile of hay, you would break your leg. She also said that sometimes she would take a bb gun and go out to where the cows are and shoot them, they would start running around everywhere and run into trees. At meals her family would like to have a Thanksgiving every night. They would normally have turkey, potatoes, corn, and green beans. Marty said that her cousins were city kids, and she would tape a dime on to a Frisbee and say whoever finds the Frisbee first gets the dime and she would throw the Frisbee into a patch of nettles. Her cousins would jump into the nettle

patch and wrestle over the dime. Her cousins would have to go home because if you touch a nettle you get huge burns all over your body. Sometimes she would go hunting with her bb gun and shoot birds. One time when she was hunting, she saw a bird by her nettle barn. She shot, but missed. The bb hit the barn ricocheted and hit her in the leg. It went into her leg and she had to get the bullet removed at the doctor's office.

A story that Marty will never forget is the time that she broke her arm. It all starts out when her cousin and her brother were climbing a thirty-foot tree. Marty didn't want to climb the tree. Then her cousin and her brother started to call her a chicken, so she decided to try. So she climbed all the way up. When she got to the top, a branch broke and she fell. She broke her arm in three different places. She had to go to the hospital and get it replaced, and also had to go through physical therapy later on. Her brother and cousin were hit with sticks with leather on the end six times each. She also had to get stitches when she broke it.

A time Marty will never forget is World War II. She said that when she was a kid she would go to her friend's house, and they were best friends. At the beginning of the war, two of her best friends' dads had to go serve for World War II. He sometimes had to fly planes into the deepest part of the battle, drop bombs, and then just machine gun everyone that he could. He was later injured in the war and had to come home.

Times change and technology gets better, but kids seem to stay the same. For example when Marty was a kid she would go outside and cause trouble; that is what kids are still doing today. My second example is the fact that kids didn't necessarily love school back sixty years ago either, and the students liked to play things and eat things that we like to do and eat today. My final example is that kids still do the same things that they did back then like in Marty's barn when she would swing on a big rope and land in the hay. I think that any kid today would love to do that; it would be very fun.

## A Tribute To Dave Wolf

### By Brandon Mulvaine

This is a tribute to my amazing grandpa Dave Wolf. I chose to write about Dave because he is the best grandpa in the world.

Life today is fun and enjoyable. To begin with, Pleasant's school colors are red and black. Second is that Pleasant is full of fun and enjoyable kids and teachers such as Mrs. Swaney. Pleasant is a division of four schools which means it is not a big school. Also, kids today play games like Monopoly and players have to try and get money and buy different properties. Then, football there is allowed eleven players on the field and the objective is to score a touchdown by running and catching the ball. In addition, family is fun to be around watching movies and working and laughing together make family life enjoyable. Next, kids today like to wear comfortable cloths like Under Armour and Nike shorts, shirts, sweatshirts, and sweatpants which are the best brands. Also, most kids wear brighter colors like yellow and green than darker colors like black and brown. Next, the foods kids mostly enjoy steak, chicken wings, mashed potatoes, chicken strips, pizza, and fries. Most kids' favorite food is pizza and chicken wings and they like to eat at BW3. What kids do for fun today is watch movies, play video games, and play sports. The movies people enjoy the most are comedies and horror movies. Most kids enjoy rap music and hip hop. That is what life is like today.

But years ago things were different for Dave Wolf. Kids had chores to do and weren't allowed to play until they were done. Kids had to mow the yard every Saturday. The kids would like to get together and mess around at the creek and in the woods. There weren't any electronics back then, and kids had to find something to do outside. There also wasn't any AC in cars, and there also weren't any car seats for little kids. Kids had to use their imagination more than kids do today. At school, the teachers gave more discipline by giving students a whack with a paddle, and there were no problems with drugs. For research, Dave had to use encyclopedias. He also went to a one-room school

house. Sometimes the kids would get together and play games like football, baseball, snake, and marble. Snake is where you use marbles to try and hit other people's marbles. Another game is marble where you try to knock other people's marbles out of a circle for keepers. When Dave was in high school, he ran track, and it was on a fine-stone track. There were not any sports for girls, but cheerleading. Dave's clothes didn't have holes in them when they bought them. If Dave tore his clothes he would have to put patches in the clothes. The girls had to wear dresses and skirts, and nobody was allowed to wear shorts. There weren't any Nike or Under Armour brands. The food Dave liked was steak well-done and boiled potatoes, but he rarely got steak. Dave's family never went to a restaurant until McDonald's opened. The TV was white and black. Dave liked Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. His favorite TV show was *The Lone Ranger*, and he liked Rock and Roll music.

A story Dave will never forget is when he climbed a tree and his friend cut it down. Dave and his friend Jim went into the woods looking for a stick big enough to pole vault across the creek. They found a small tree that was small enough at the top that they thought it would work. So Jim told Dave to climb the tree to see if it was strong enough. So Dave did and when he got to the top about 15 feet off the ground, Jim cut the tree down, but luckily Dave landed into a brush pile. Dave was surprised and laughed the whole time as he fell. Then, Jim cut the top off to pole vault across the creek. Dave's other friend Bob wanted to try it first, so he ran, stuck it in the creek, and got halfway, and the pole sunk, and he got all wet. That is the story Dave will never forget.

Dave Wolf will never forget when he was in math class in 9th grade when the principal came on the speaker and told everyone that the president John F. Kennedy has been assassinated. JFK was born May 29, 1917, in Brookline, Massachusetts. He was the second child of Joseph Kennedy, Sr. and Rose Kennedy, who eventually had nine children-JFK's older brother Joe Jr., and his younger siblings Rosemary, Robert, Ted, Eunice, Jean, Patricia, Joseph Jr., and Kathleen. The sports JFK played were tennis, swimming, football, water skiing, sailing, and winter sports. JFK graduated from Harvard in 1940 and after he tried to join the Navy as the United States were entering World War II, but couldn't

because of his health so he ran for president. John F. Kennedy ran against vice president Richard Nixon. John won the election by 100,000 votes. Nixon won more states but Kennedy won the states with more electoral votes. JFK was the youngest man to be elected into 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.

Times change and technology makes life easier, but kids stay the same. For example, kids still play outside like they used too. Another example is that kids still go to school. Also, kids like to have fun with their friends. In conclusion, technology changes every day, but kids still know how to have



## A TRIBUTE TO DIANE HILDRETH

By Melanie Lee

*This is my tribute to my grandma, Diane. I chose to write about Diane because she went through a lot about life's do's and don'ts. I learned that life back in the olden days isn't as different as life in 2016, but we still have some differences. I liked doing this report on my grandma because I got to get bonding time with her and learn about how the world was different with many changes.*

Life in 2016 is quite interesting. Schools are now using more computer teaching tools like Kahoot, Study Jams, IXL, Think Central, etc. Kids clothing is also changing. Children are starting to wear more sporty clothes like Nike and Under Armour. In addition, students are spending more of their precious time indoors with all of the new technology being created, but some students still like going outside to play. Schools have extra after school activities like football, basketball, baseball, and wrestling, but some students don't do school supported activities. Some students like to do dance, competition cheer, and 4-H.

But 70 years ago was different. Classes were extraordinarily smaller than the present 2016 school classes are. In Diane's class, there were only seven girls and fourteen boys, they all said the Lord's Prayer and then would salute to the flag every morning at school. The girls at school had to wear skirts and if it was hot out, they would wear short sleeves but otherwise, they had to wear sweaters. She did some school activities like cheerleading and baton twirling. After school, the children would like to play around. There was not much TV in the 1945's, so they played outside and often Roller Skated. The road was cement, not blacktop, so it was easier to skate on. Every Friday night, the Caledonia bus would pick people up and drive them to go hang out at the roller rink. She played with paper doll babies and her family had a tree house made out of a chicken coop that had a broom that they had attached to it. The kids would jump off the tree with the old broomstick and swing on it! They also played hide-and-go-seek, but counted by five's to one hundred, and they played fox and geese. The way you play fox and geese is a little bit like baseball. You have a baseball field with diamonds and they would play it in the winter. Fox and geese had teams. The

geese ran away from the fox. Also, the children liked jump rope, hopscotch, and kickball. Back in the olden days, people didn't go out to eat a lot, but Diane never went out to eat. Her mother would cook the best food. Diane liked her mother's vegetable soup and fried chicken the best! Diane's school would have parties, like the Mayflower party. With a queen, flagpole, and lots of banners and Christmas parties with church songs and classic Christmas songs like Jingle Bells.

Diane had a horrifying experience when she was a kid. It all started in her family's backyard when her brother dared her to go under the swing. She thought it was just an ordinary dare until her brother started swinging the swing. Back and forth, back and forth, went the swing. Then, a screw off the bottom of the swing sliced her in the head, and she had to be driven to the hospital to have stitches put in her head. Now, she knows not to go under a swing, even if you are dared to.

Diane will never forget when John F. Kennedy got assassinated. It was one of the most depressing of days. She was pregnant with her son, Dan at that time and was visiting her mother at her house because she was very sick. John Fitzgerald Kennedy was assassinated at 12:30 pm on Friday November 22, 1963. His wife, Jackie Kennedy, Texas Governor, John Connally, and John Connally's wife, Nellie Connally at a motorcade, accompanied him. The shooting happened at Dealey Plaza, Texas. The gunman not only shot John F. Kennedy dead, he also shot J.D Tippit dead. The gunman wounded Connally and Tague. The assassinator was Lee Harvey Oswald. John F. Kennedy's last words came out of this conversation: Jackie Kennedy said, "Mr. President, you can't say Dallas doesn't love you." John Kennedy acknowledged by saying, "No, you certainly can't."

Education changes and years pass, but the way kids act and think will never change. For example, activities are still the same because we still like football, cheer, etc. Another example, most people still celebrate holidays the same way people use to do. Also, everyone has had a weird mistake happen in their life that they never will forget. Plus, usually kids have a brother or sister, and you almost always aggravate them in one way or another. This has not ever changed. In the end, we aren't all that different.

## A Tribute to Neil Miller

By Jaiden Perez

This is a tribute to my friend Neil Miller. I chose to write about Neil because he is an amazing person. He's seen many things through his life, and he's been many places. He is a kind person to everyone and nice to everyone that he meets, and he is a great musician.

Life is a normal today although some exciting things happen now and then. School is a nice place where people go to a teacher that stands in front of the room, and gives instructions for them to follow and to learn everything like science, reading, English, social studies, and math. Video games are fun games that are fun to play. People play video games by grabbing a controller and moving two little sticks to play as a figure and many other things. Another game that is fun to play is soccer. People play soccer by running with the ball and kicking it to the other team's net, and then they try to do the same to the other team. Basketball is another fun game. Players run with the ball and make it into the other team's basket to get a point, and the other team tries to do the same. Some families like to play board games, watch movies, and read stories. Some clothes that are nice to wear are sweatpants. They are like jeans, but they are made out of cotton, and t-shirts are out of cotton, and they are cut off at the elbow. Shorts are like pants, but they cut off at the knee. Some foods that are nice are pizza and spaghetti. A food that is really good is soup made of Toscana. A nice restaurant to eat at is Olive Garden. Playing outside is something fun for entertainment. Some movies that are nice are *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*, *Zootopia*, and *Journey to the Mysterious Island*. TV shows that are nice are *Henry Danger*, *SpongeBob*, and *Thunderman*. Music that is enjoyable is classical music.

That is the present, but now this essay will explore the past. Back then the only thing they had was a crystal radio. It worked by getting a crystal and putting it in a holder, and music was broadcast unlike today where people just push buttons, stick a wire into the wall, and boom there is music on a box. In school the teachers were more strict, and students were more self-disciplined than some kids today. Some games that he used to play were marbles, block city, tinker toys, GI Joe action figures, and kick the can. Some clothes that he wore were bell bottoms; they went down and opened up at the

ankle, dressy shoes, jeans, and t-shirts. There was no wearing ripped t-shirts or jeans back then unlike today. Macaroni and cheese was the food they ate since there wasn't as much meat. Because many supplies went to military services, there was not as much butter, so they used margarine; it was like butter, but it's not. It worked by a food color that got pushed, and the food color got released and margarine got pushed, and they got something like butter. His favorite food was macaroni and cheese. His favorite restaurant was New Mods. What he did for entertainment was build kites, and fly the kites that they built. The movie that he watched was *The Thing*. TV that he watched was *The Shadow*, *Lone Ranger*, *I Love Lucy*, *Ed Sullivan*, and *Lawrence Welk*. The music that he listened to was Elvis and Michael Jackson.

A story Neil Miller will never forget happened in the summer. It all started when Neil was playing in the yard, and his neighbor's push mower got stuck in the grass. So Neil went over to help get the lawn mower unstuck from the grass, but the blade of the push mower was still rolling because they had just been cutting the grass. Unfortunately, he put his hand on the spinning wheel blade, and it cut part of his finger off. He went running off to his mother in the kitchen, and quickly put a towel on his finger. They got inside the car and went to the hospital to get stitches on his finger, and to see if the doctors could save the finger. He had to do some therapy rubbing his finger together. He got some feeling back, but not all of the feeling back.

Neil Miller will never forget the JFK Assassination November 22, 1963, in Dallas, Texas. He was in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and he was going to band practice. He was little bit late when he got to the band room, and an announcement came over the radio. Immediately it was quiet when the people on the radio said JFK had been assassinated. It was very sad, and it was the day right before the big Ohio State game. The song that the band was going to play was "I Got a Lot of Livin' to Do." The game was postponed till the next week, and the band played patriotic songs.

It's interesting to compare the past with the present, but the bottom line is that kids stay the same.

## A TRIBUTE TO CAROLINE SUE WILLIAMS

By: Hannah Marvich

*This is a tribute to my grandmother, Caroline Sue Williams. I chose to write about her because she is a great role model, very kind, loving, and fun to be around! I learned about how life long ago was so different from life today. It was very interesting learning about my grandmother when she was a kid!*

Life for kids today is very simple. Most kids go to school, come home, do homework, go to any after school activities, eat family dinners, and by the time that is over, it will be time for bed. At school, students will sit at a desk, and the teacher will stand in front of the class and speak. Then, the students will do their work. When children do have free time, they play games. Some really popular games are hide-and-seek, tag, or playing ball games. Hide-and-seek is when some people hide, and the others go and look for them. Tag is when children run around, and one person chases them, and tries to tap them. Children may also, throw or kick around a ball. Family is also a big part of a kid's life. When a child is little, their mom or dad helps get them ready for the day. They will pick out the kid's outfit and help them brush their hair and teeth. Families go on vacation trips together, and play fun games together. They all watch movies together, eat dinner together, and relax together. Girls today wear jeans, skirts, dresses, sweaters, or t-shirts. Boys wear athletic shorts or khakis, and t-shirts or sweaters. For entertainment, kids watch movies and television shows, play on cell phones, tablets, and video games. So, a child's life today isn't very complicated, but it is fun.

However, years ago things were different. Caroline Sue Williams lived in a quiet, peaceful world. Nobody had to worry about bad things happening. No burglars, kidnappers, or anything bad like that. There was peace. She would go to school and learn. However, everybody walked to school, even in harsh weather. At recess, boys played with marbles and girls played jump rope or jacks. Jacks, is when you throw up a bouncy ball, and grab as many jacks as possible, and then catch the ball in the

other hand. They would jump rope to little songs or poems. They would also play Monopoly, which was similar to today's version. Girls always wore casual dresses that go down below the knees, or skirts and blouses. When children would play, they would jump rope to little songs or sayings and play. Some of Sue's favorite foods were, pizza, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, and coleslaw. They didn't have many restaurants, but they did have places like McDonald's. She enjoyed watching TV, however it was only in black and white, and there was no television remote. Something that she really enjoyed was Elvis Presley movies and music. So, back years ago, things were very different than things are today.

A story that Sue will never forget was one evening, while she was in the sixth grade. She was at home one night, so she took a nap. When she woke up, she looked outside and saw it had snowed. Snow was covering every inch that her eye could see! All the snow made it look light out, even though it was night. Sue thought that she had fell asleep all night and awoke in the morning, so she got dressed and walked to school. By the time she got to school, she realized it was night because there was nobody at the school, and she realized that she got dressed and walked all the way to school in the snowy harsh weather, for nothing. Sue was so embarrassed, so she went home and went to bed.

Sue will never forget when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. It was a little bit after noon, and Sue was in choir, at school in the sixth grade. It was a normal day, November 22, 1963 in Marion, Ohio. Then, the principal announced over the speaker that President Kennedy had been assassinated. Everyone was astonished since bad things like that never happened. Sue was scared, and felt as if she were about to pass out. J.F.K. was riding a motorcade through Dealey Plaza in Downtown Dallas, Texas, when Lee Oswald shot and killed John F. Kennedy. Oswald was not arrested for killing John Kennedy, because in 1963 it was not considered a federal crime. After the assassination, TV networks suspended T.V. for four days. John F. Kennedy's death affected America because, the 1964 presidential election may not have gone the same way, and Lyndon B. Johnson may not have become president. Also if J.F.K. wouldn't had been killed, the nation's civil rights would have changed. If John

Kennedy lived, the debate over the Civil Rights Act wouldn't have occurred during an election year. So, John F. Kennedy's death will be remembered by many.

Times change and technology makes life easier, but kids will always stay the same. For example, food in the 1960s was very similar to foods that many people eat today. Even some restaurants like McDonald's were around at the time. Another example, is that school was similar in the 1960's. There were classrooms, lunchrooms, recesses, speakers, and a principal's office. Also, we do similar activities, like ball games and outdoor activities, such as baseball and football.. In conclusion, there were many similarities and differences from today and a while back, and life will continue to change throughout the years, but we will never forget what life was like in the past.

## **THIS IS A TRIBUTE TO LINDA VARNER**

**By Cadence Varner**

This is a tribute to my nana. I chose her because I never see her a lot. I thought this would be a great idea to get to know her better. So one day I was at my grandma's, my nana's mom, and I asked if she could come over and I could ask her questions, so she came over. I never heard of the things she told me, and I am glad I did this. I LOVE MY NANA.

Life now is a lot different than life back then. At school now kids can't walk home you had to ride a car or bus to school and from. Classes were not very full there only about 25 kids in each class. Playing games outside people play a game called Spike ball it's like volley kids have a ball and spike it into a small trampoline and hit the ball back and forth with a partner. In families people normally have 4 people the youngest is supposed the most spoiled but it is normally not true the youngest one normally the most spoiled but it sometimes wasn't like that. A lot of people went on vacation. Now days people wear sporty clothes and a lot on tennis shoes. A ton of people go out to eat and some sit down and eat at home. For entertainment going outside is fun. A lot of people favorite movies are action movies. The latest music and hip hop.

Life was different 50 years ago for Linda Varner. Life was slow people didn't go a lot of places, people didn't go out and eat often, and play a lot of games and there was barely any technology. The first McDonalds came when she was a teenager. Classrooms were large and there were about 40 kids in a classroom. There was no air conditioning in the summer in the winter there was no heat. So sometimes they would wear gloves and jackets in classes. They would barely ever get in trouble and if they did it would be because of chewing gum. In High school if you got in trouble it would normally be because of smoking. Smoking was a big then back then in high school. Many of people play fun games back then. Some girls play a lot of jump rope, and play balls and jacks. The boys would play marbles for keeps and would use their shoe to make a circle for the marble game. They also played ball



like football, basketball, and baseball. In the winter when it snowed someone would make a circle and played fox and geese. They also play (Color Egg) In color egg someone would be a big bad wolf and a mother and would give kids a color egg then the wolf would come over and ask can I have a red egg or a different color and if that was your color kids had to run and try to get back home before they got caught by the big bad wolf. Back then kids wore formal things to school. Everyone would wear something nice unless you were poor. Girls were not aloud to wear pants and boys are not aloud to wear shorts. The girls wore skirts and the boys wore suspenders or belts. Back then people normally ate at home a lot of people had a garden so they would eat from there and farm animals like chickens and pigs. All so a lot potatoes and gravy things from the garden and hamburgers bacon and other meats. Her favorite food was TV dinners and they were on metal plates and had to be fixed in an oven. The main reason people didn't go out and eat was because there weren't a lot of places to eat. A little hot dog stand on the North Main street and a doughnut shop was all she ate out at Popping popcorn making fudged and playing cards joker and go fish is what she would do with friends and family. Her favorite movies would be old Disney movies. The TV shows she likes where westerns. Her favorite music back then was western music and scary music.

One time Linda got a dog that was supposed to be a small dog, but it got as big as a boxer. It was a sweet thing and would always get out of the fence and run, but it always came back. So they put him, the dog Skipp, in the chicken coop. It was nice, but that's was so he wouldn't get out. Then one time her uncle brought a dog from the carnival that was chew up and was a scrappy dog that was always getting in a fight, and her cousin David would always let out the dog when he shouldn't, but he still did. He happened to do that when that scrappy dog was there. Skipp didn't want to fight, but the little dog did, and people yelling, "Who let the dog out?" Linda knew who did it, so she charged at David. Then her mom got in the way, her mom is about the same size as she. She lifted her mom off the ground and was still chasing David. Then the dogs stop fighting, and Linda took the Skipp back to the chicken coop and started crying. Then her brother came over and said, "It's ok."

And Linda said, “ Did I look dumb?

And her brother giggled and said, “No of course not.”

The most amazing event she remembers is when she was a kid it was called Sputnik and it was a satellite that you could see for Earth when it was in orbit. It was the first satellite in orbit for the US and everybody thought that it was going to be really big but when you stood next to it was like a medium sized beach ball. So she was waiting in the cold at night. Then everyone says there it is and she looks up and said where because it was so small. The man said right there and she saw a red dot and that's it she thought it was going to be big kind of like a UFO. She stood out in the cold for that. She was hoping for something more than that so she was sad. That day she knew that the US would only go forward from there. And today we have it. We have more than one satellite in orbit.

Times have changed back then to now. Technology has made life easier but one thing has never change, which are the kids. Here is one reason why kids back then and now are the same. We have always been getting in trouble every in the world has gotten in trouble before. That's just one example. Here's another kids have always played games either on a piece of technology or outside. My third reason is kids still get hurt many kids go full hard on everything and still have some stupid ideas. I have hurt myself a lot before. That is why kids have never changed from now and back then.

## A TRIBUTE TO TIM MCGUIRE

By AUDREY JAMES

*This is a tribute to my Grandpa McGuire. I chose to write about my Grandpa McGuire because I wanted to know more about my grandpa and what he did when he was my age. He is funny and a big part of my life.*

Here are some examples about what life is like in 2016. To begin with, in school children watch teachers write on a white board with a dry erase marker. Next, children play active games like softball, baseball and basketball. Then, families are unique because families are starting to travel more and they get to see new things. In addition, people wear what expresses, them like active clothes like running shorts, sweatpants, and sweatshirts, or fancy clothes like jeans, fancy shirts, and dresses. Next, most families on the go would get fast food and some families when not on the go would make their own food like chicken. In addition, children entertain themselves with movies like kid, animal, and comedy movies. Another way children entertain themselves with games like *Pineapple Pen* and *Color Switch*. Usually, 6th graders like to watch cooking shows like *Cupcake Wars* and *Copped*. Finally Children liked all kinds of music like pop and rap.

But 40 years ago, life was richer and slower than today. "It was built upon personal relationships that were the fabric of your life," said Tim McGuire. It was filled with fun and hard work. Nothing was electronic and most things weren't electrical. To began with, students knew they had to work hard, and they were serious about school. Recess was the students' reward. Next, at school children would play softball, basketball, and tetherball. At home, outdoors, they would usually make up games like kick the can, hide and seek, war, and baseball. They would make up their own rules based on how many people were playing. Indoors, people would usually play cards or board games like Risk and Parcheesi. Then, children never wore shorts or jeans to school. Those were saved for playing at home. Children had a set of clothes for each day of the week. School had rules of what

clothes couldn't look like: no holes, not too tight, or not too short. In addition, people ate regular food back then like meat and potatoes. They ate very few salads. Tim McGuire likes almost everything but he loves fried chicken. Tim's grandma would make him butterscotch pie for every holiday. As a family, they never really ate at restaurants, but as teenagers they would go to a pizza shop or McDonald's. Also, mostly people entertained themselves by playing games or making up stories. They rarely went to the movies. This was before VCRs or CDs were invented.

A story Tim will never forget happened when he went to a Cincinnati Reds baseball game. Tim was in the second grade and his family and his grandma went to Crosley Field to see the Reds play the Dodgers. It was 105 degrees! In the bottom of the 9th, the Dodgers were winning by 3 runs. There was 1 out, and some guy with a trumpet kept playing "Charge!" The Dodgers intentionally walked the bases full to get a double play. However, a young player named Frank Robinson came up to the plate. He hit the ball, and it was a grand slam! The Reds won! Tim and his brother knew right then they would never see a more exciting game. They cheered like maniacs.

Tim McGuire will never forget John F. Kennedy's assassination. He was walking back from a nearby church where they were having religious education when he heard the news. He was shocked and kept thinking it was a dream and it is not true. John F. Kennedy's full name is John Fitzgerald Kennedy, but people called him "Jack". He was born on May 29, 1917. The 35th president, John F. Kennedy was assassinated at 12:30 P.M. on Friday, November 22, 1963, at The Dealey Plaza, in Dallas, Texas. The person who killed JFK was Lee Harvey Oswald. JFK wasn't the only person who was shot by Oswald that day, he also shot a Dallas police officer named, J.D. Tippit. Later that day a man named Jack Ruby shot and killed Mr. Oswald. The whole country was upset and sad because everybody loved president Kennedy.

Times change and technology makes life easier, but kids stay the same. For example kids have always enjoyed and will continue if they love to play, some sports are that kids play softball, basketball, track, and football. Another reason why kids stay the same is that kids still hang out and

study together. Also kids have went to school for a long time. Even though school has been going for a long time it has changed a lot. One example that has changed since school is people have different classrooms not all in the same room. Also kids do different thing 60 years ago. You could get a job at a younger age 60 years ago. Also, prices are higher than they once were. People didn't have to worry about kidnapping, most people could walk to school 60 years ago, but know most people can't. For entertainment some people would go outside and play games with family or friends.

## *A Tribute to Naomi Beckel*

*By Makenna Ambrose*

*This is a tribute to my grandma, Naomi Beckel. I chose my grandma because she is very special to me. I look up to her very much. I enjoyed learning so much about what she went through as a kid, and how it had changed her life today. Though her life as a kid could be hard, she pushed through it, and became the wonderful person that I am proud to call my grandma!*

Life for children in 2016 is great! Here are examples of this people in this generation's lives and things that are in it! First, is that people still drive their own cars and buy gas for them. Secondly, is that most people have cell phones that they take mostly everywhere. An example of a cell phone would be the iPhone 7. Next, is that most children wear a t-shirt and jeans to school and around their house. Also, schools often only teach health, reading, history, science, math, and English classes. Another thing, is that most families often eat a meal together at the dinner table at the end of the day. Families usually eat things like spaghetti. The next difference, is what our generation does to entertainment themselves. Most kids watch TV, play on their phones, jump on the trampoline, or play games of softball, basketball, football, etc. Finally, the last example is that most kids play games on X Boxes, phones, or iPads, so basically video games. Those were some examples of children's lives in this generation!

Life for children in the early 1900's was a lot different. In 1937 Naomi Beckel was born. After she had grown up a little bit, she learned that World War II was going on. She has seen many wars in her lifetime such as, The Korean War and all others since then. Do to World War II happening, they had to do something called "air raids". That is when people had to turn off all of the lights and hide so their house wouldn't be targeted and bombed. Another way, Naomi's life is different is because of the telephones. Not every household got their own line. One family's house would share what was called a "party line" with their neighbors. The downfall of the party line is that her siblings, parents, grandparents, and her neighbors could pick up a different telephone and could hear their conversations from the other end of the line. Schooling in the early 1900's is a difference compared to 2016 also. For example, there were no machines to write on, like

Promethean Boards. If she were to write on something it would be on one of two things. 1) On a chalkboard with chalk. 2) On a piece of paper with a pencil or pen. Another way, schooling is different is because she had to walk to school everyday because buses were not available like they are today. When she got school every morning she was taught verses in the Bible. Finally, there was NO chewing gum. If anyone got caught chewing gum, they had to stick it on their nose as punishment. Another, difference is the game that she had to play with family members and friends. Children played games such as marbles, and a card game called Euchre. Marbles is when they would pick a shooter marble that is bigger than all of the other marbles. Children played for something they liked to call keeps. That means that if they shoot it they keep it. The other game is a card game called Euchre. Kids would set up a full deck of cards with four people at the table, on the ground, anywhere with a flat surface really. If they won something called a "hand" they would get a point. First one to ten points wins the game! The clothes that the children wore are also a difference. Their coats were made out of wool and weren't washable! The next difference is the food they ate and how it was made. Most families ate things such as spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, chicken, etc. If the cook, or parent made these foods, they would have to make homemade sauces, milk the cow to make cheese, catch, then harvest the chicken! The final difference is the entertainment. Children would get a handful of money from their parents, then go to every movie theatre in town. The most famous artists were people like Frank Sinatra. Those were examples of what Naomi Beckel's life was like!

A story that Naomi Beckel will never forget happened around Christmas time. It all started when her mother had gone Christmas shopping. Naomi and her sister (Ruth) had found out, so the next day while their mother was at work, the girls had went into their mother's closet and peeked at their Christmas presents. They had seen dolls, so they started playing with them. The first doll was blonde and had a pink dress. The second doll was a brunette with a blue dress. Naomi and Ruth thought the dolls would look better if the dresses were switched around. Now, the first doll was blonde with a blue dress, and the second doll was a brunette with a pink dress. Later that night, their mother was home from work. Their mother went upstairs to see the Christmas presents, saw the dolls, and immediately knew what had happened. Naomi and Ruth could tell that their mother had found out, so they were afraid they were going to get into a lot of trouble. But

instead of being mad, their mother thought it was hysterical! So, on the day of Christmas, Naomi and Ruth were very excited to play with their dolls.

Naomi will never forget World War II. She was in Lorain, Ohio, and frightened. The war started in 1939, but she could only remember back to 1941, since she was so young. The reason she could remember back to that exact year is because of the attack on Pearl Harbor happened that year, and caught many people by surprise. Some things that children and adults had to do included something called air raids. Naomi had a lot of these when she was a kid. Like I told you in an earlier paragraph, air raids are when children or adults had to turn off all of the lights, so they wouldn't get targeted and bombed. Sometimes while sitting in school, she would hear loud whistle and be evacuated from school! All of the children would have to go home to their mothers or fathers. When they got home, everybody would hide under their beds. Many children were even evacuated from their homes and taken from their families! In fact, it happened way more than once or twice. It happened many times! She was very tough through many of the hardships happening in her everyday life. For example, she was not allowed as many shoes a year because the soldiers needed the leather more than families did. The other example is the same, but this time with sugar instead of leather. The soldiers needed sugar, maybe for their energy stamina. That was what Naomi's life was like during the historical event, World War II.

Times change and technology makes life easier, but kids stay the same. For example, the food is the same today as it was when Naomi was a kid. When she was a kid she used to eat macaroni, spaghetti, and chicken. Many kids today, including myself, eat those meals also. Another example is the trouble she got into when she was an eleven year old, girl like me. She peeked at her Christmas presents just like every other little kid in America that gets presents on Christmas. Also, the fun that entertained them throughout the day is also the same in some kinds of ways. She would go to movies and maybe even listen to music. Kids today do that too! In conclusion, kids back then and kids today may seem like they have totally different lives, and children will change over time, but somehow their lives will always stay the same!



## A TRIBUTE TO PAMMY OLT

By: Lexi Olt

This is a tribute to my grandma Pammy. I chose to write about Pammy because she always comes to my softball and basketball games at least one time a season. I also picked Pammy because she is so funny and always tells jokes. One other thing about Pammy is that she always supports me in whatever I do in life. I learned in this essay that Pammy had a pony and I never thought she liked animals.

Life in 2016 was fun and sometimes not so fun. Sometimes kids had to do the dishes, do the laundry, and take care of their dogs. However, kids get to go on vacations and trips with their family. School punishment in 2016 includes if someone does something bad he or she get a lunch detention or sees the principle. Also, the teacher stands in front of the classroom, writes on the whiteboard, and teaches a lesson or just talks. Some games that kids like to play are pig and horse, which are basketball games. Someone could play pig or horse by having a group of two or more people. Then, someone would shoot a shot at the basket and if it went in the person behind that person would have to go. But, if the person made it you don't get a letter "p" or "h". But if that person didn't make it that person would get an "h" or "p" and you keep doing the same thing. Playing games with your family is playing basketball, volleyball, softball, football, baking/cooking, and going out to dinner with the whole family on the weekend. The clothes that kids wear are Uggs (boots), holey jeans, Nike and Under Armour clothes. Also, kids like to eat mac'n cheese, hot dogs, and green peppers. Some kids favorite food is mac'n cheese. In addition, some kids favorite kinds of restaurants are Mexican and b-dubs. Kids also listen to music (pop, rap). Kids like watching HGTV and food network too. Some children also love to watch comedy movies with her family.

But, 75 years ago were different. For one thing, it felt like summer went on forever. Pammy walked to school because there were no buses. Also there was no bullying, and there weren't any

drugs. You didn't mess around in school, and you would have to pay attention in class. If you didn't, you would get paddled, or they would punish you. If you got in trouble at school you got in more trouble at home. Also, Pammy was once "campused" for six weeks, which meant she had to come home straight from school and could not call her friends or hangout with them. Pammy also didn't have TV when she was younger so they would play music. In addition, girl's only played half court basketball. Pammy played volleyball and she would never hit the ball because she didn't want to break her nails. Pammy also played jump rope with her friends. The skirts came down to mid calf; Pammy also wore cardigan sweaters on backwards. Pammy also wore a silk scarf on her neck, and saddle shoes. Pammy's favorite thing to eat was stuffed pork chops and flank steak. In addition, Pammy's favorite place to eat was the country club and Porky's. She had barbecue beef, foot long with everything and an orange soda. Pammy went to two dances a week at the park on Tuesday and Thursday. Also Pammy Rode bikes everywhere. Pammy got a TV and her family would watch western movies and the fifties music (rock.) She danced every moment she could too. She went to the soda fountain shop and got a cherry soda. She also had a lot of slumber parties.

A story Pammy will never forget happened when she was eight years old. When Pammy's dad bought her a pony named Pepper and a pony cart; she would ride in it through the alleys of downtown. Then one day, Pepper made a mess in the yard, and because they lived in the city, they didn't have a big enough yard for her anymore. Pepper had to go to a farm because the grander could not keep the yard pretty. Finally, her dad bought a red stallion and they would ride the horses every Sunday for a couple of hours then they would go home.

Pammy will never forget the JFK assassination. Pammy was in her house with her and her two sons and daughter stayed at their house and watched TV on their couch for three days. November 22, 1963 was when the 35th John F. Kennedy was assassinated as he rode in a motorcar through Dealey Plaza in downtown Dallas, Texas. Also, his wife the first lady Jacqueline Kennedy, the Texas governor John Connally, and John F. Kennedy were going for a 10 mile motor car throw the streets of

downtown Texas. As their vehicle was passing Texas School Book Depository Building at 12:30 p.m., Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly fired three shots from the sixth floor, fatally wounding President Kennedy and seriously injuring Governor Connally. Kennedy was pronounced dead 30 minutes later at Dallas' Parkland hospital. In addition, He was only 46 years old.

Times change and technology makes life easier, but kids stay the same. For example, sometimes I don't watch TV I just go up to my bedroom and listen to music and Pammy would also listen to music because she didn't have a TV when she was younger. Another example was that there were the same kind of sports like basketball, softball, volleyball, and football are still all played from the 1900s to 2016. Also, the restaurants were pretty much the same as the way they were. Except the way they decorated back in the 1900s was way different then from today.

Those were some examples to prove that times change and technology makes life easier, but kids stay the same.

## A TRIBUTE TO MARILYN SAXTON

By: Trinity Prater

This is a tribute to my friend's grandmother Marilyn Saxton. I chose Marilyn because every time I go to my friend's house she is very kind. She is kind of old-fashion so I thought it would be great experience to interview her. I learned a lot of interesting things from the information that she gave me about her life.

Life today is very interesting. To begin with, in school students have teachers who stand in front of the class and teach students stuff they need to know. Second, in the stores some things are cheap and some things are expensive. It just depends on what brand it is, or what it is. Third, children are on their phone a lot. Kids are usually on social media or playing games. In addition, kids play school sports, like softball/baseball, basketball, or soccer. Also, Children wear clothes like Nike, Under Armour, and Adidas for their shirts, pants, and shoes. Last, Some people like to eat at home with their family, eat at a fast food place, or a restaurant. This is what life is like in 2016.

But years ago things were different. Marilyn Saxton had a different life. There wasn't any TV, there wasn't any running water, and had an outside toilet. Also, even though people worked hard, people got paid a very low amount of money. Things were lower prices. Bread was only ten cents a loaf, and gas was only twenty-five cents a gallon. Another thing is in school children had a wooden desk, and children would have to lift the top of the desk up to put their supplies in it. On the back of the desk there was a little slot where children could put their pen and pencils in there. Also, on the back of the desk was a little round hole to put the ink in. So children would dip their pens in the ink and write. Years ago for glue replacement children and teachers used sticky paste. In addition, teachers would write on a chalkboard with chalk and then erase it with an eraser. Years ago, children played jump rope,

hopscotch, baseball, old maid (a card game) and authors. In addition, Authors is played by having pictures of different authors. Then the other people that are playing the game have to guess the author's name and what books the author had written. Also, Marilyn Saxton had her aunt make her clothes. The clothes were made out of feed sacks. A feed sack is what animal food came in. Her Aunt would make them when all of the food was gone out of the sack. Then, wash and dry it. Next, you would cut them up and stitch them together. In addition, girls wore dresses, and boys wore pants and a shirt. Also, children had to wear shoes that tied. Marilyn Saxton had three good meals a day, for breakfast she had eggs, toast, bacon, and milk. For lunch she had a baloney sandwich, vegetables, and fruit. Last, for dinner she had fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables. For dessert her favorite was cake and Jell-O. In addition, she mainly ate at home because she didn't have the money to go and eat somewhere. The entertainment was the radio, and sometimes went to visit other relatives. Also, Marilyn Saxton went on a trip to the Smoky Mountains. Her family would sleep in the car. On their way there they saw a mother black bear and two babies. She and her family also had to pack their own food. Then stop at a rest stop to eat because they did not have enough money to go and eat somewhere. That is how Marilyn Saxton's life was in 1940.

A story Marilyn Saxton will never forget happened when Marilyn and her family were on their way to Tennessee. Meanwhile when Marilyn and her family started driving to Tennessee they all got very anxious to get to Tennessee. Then, when they are almost to Tennessee they see a family of black bears cross the road. After the black bears cross the road the black bears look back at Marilyn and her family. Marilyn and her family loved the wonderful sight. Afterwards, the family was very excited for the rest of their vacation.

The bombing of Pearl Harbor was something Marilyn Saxton will never forget. She was at the hospital because she was in labor. When the bombing of Pearl Harbor was happening Marilyn felt so bad for the people that were in it. It happened on December 7, 1941 and lasted for about 110 minutes, from 7:55 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. In addition, a total of 2,335 US servicemen were killed and 1,143 were wounded. Also the attack outraged Americans that the US abandoned its policy of isolationism and declared war on Japan. Then, the next day the United States was officially brought into World War II. Marilyn was frightened by what had happened. She and everybody else didn't know what would happen next to the world.

Times change and technology makes life easier, but kids stay the same. For example, kids in the 1940s would play baseball, and kids play baseball today too. Another example is that kids and their families went on vacation in the 1940s and so do kids today. Also, kids went to school just like children today. In conclusion, kids have stayed the same since 1940 to today.

## *A Tribute To Angelina Huffman*

*By Caitlin Hope Campo*

*I have written this story as a tribute to Angelina Huffman because she has told me a lot of really amazing things that she has gotten to do in her life, and I wanted to learn a bit more about her. Thank you for reading this interview, and I hope that you will enjoy it.*

Life today is pretty awesome. To begin with, the world has cars, computers, phones, and more. In addition, everybody has to go to school. School is really, really important. Today, school has computers, school buses, air conditioning, and separate classrooms with teachers. Students usually have classes like math, social studies, science, reading, and English. There is also preschool and kindergarten too. Games like Monopoly, Apples to Apples, Life, and Trouble are very popular today. There are also a lot of really fun outdoor games too like kickball, basketball, tag, jump rope, and even pretend games too! The next big thing about life today is family. Families are supposed to love and care for people but, sometimes there are families that get separated from each other or pass away. There are also a lot of different types of food today too! Some of the popular types of food today are things like sandwiches, macaroni & cheese, subs, and of course desserts too like ice cream and cake! There are also a lot of different kinds of restaurants today also. Some of the popular restaurants today are places like McDonalds, Arby's, Wendy's, and Starbucks. These days there are a ton of different clothes to choose from. Some of the really popular clothes that people wear today are things like sweatpants, t-shirts, capris, and a lot of tank-tops too. Last, 2016 has a ton of fun things to do for entertainment. Today going to the movies, playing outside, and watching TV are very entertaining. People like Taylor Swift, Meghan Trainor, and Katy Perry are very popular singers today also. Movies like superheroes, mystery movies, and fantasy movies are very popular today too.

But life was a lot different in the 1960's. This is Angelina Huffman's story about her life when she was little. When Angelina was a child, there were no colored pictures or colored television, there was no air conditioning in her house or at school, there were no computers, and there were no cell phones until she was about 16 years old! Angelina went to a catholic school when she was little. Students were not allowed to eat their lunches at school and had to walk back home every day to eat! Students could only ride a school bus back home for lunch if they lived over 1 mile away and school went from about 8:00 to 3:30 every day. When Angelina was in 6th grade there was only one computer in the whole entire school that was only used by the staff! The computer was about 12 feet wide and 10 feet long! Some of Angelina's classes were science, math, gym, music, art, grammar, and language arts. In 6th, 7th, and 8th grade all of the girls had health class for half of the school year, sewing for one quarter of the year, and cooking for the last quarter of the year. All of the boys had health for half of the year, woodshop for one quarter, and mechanics for the last quarter of the year. Angelina played outside a lot with all of her friends around her neighborhood. Her friends would usually play games like kickball, softball-baseball, and football, freeze tag- tag, and pickle in the middle, which was pretty, much monkey in the middle. Angelina played a lot of Monopoly, Trouble, Battleship, and crazy 8's cards. When Angelina was little, people actually wore a lot of the same clothes that people wear today! Angelina wore a lot of jeans, tie-dyed shirts, and her favorites were her purple bell-bottoms, which are a type of pants. But most of the time she had to wear her uniform for school. Angelina did not go to many restaurants when she was little. She usually only went to restaurants when her family was celebrating something. When she was little, her favorite restaurant was a place called Mum's. It was an old truck stop that had a huge variety of foods in food trucks that were from all sorts of different countries. She would only go to McDonalds about twice a year and there was a pizza place called Livazzo's Pizzeria that she went to about once a year! Last, Angelina listened to a lot of the Mama's and the Papa's, Bread, and Jim Croce. Some of Angelina's favorite TV shows were Dragnet, Carol Burnett, Andy Williams, and the Partridge Family. Angelina's favorite movie was also probably *Herbie the Love Bug*.



This is a story that Angelina will never forget. On Christmas Eve in 1973, Angelina's gas furnace broke down. That night, everybody had to sleep in the living room together with every single one of their blankets wrapped around them. But Angelina and the other kids were scared that Santa Clause would not come because their Christmas tree was in the living room with everyone and it would make it too hard for him to put the presents under the Christmas tree. That day, Angelina's grandpa had to move the whole entire Christmas tree down the stairs and put it into the basement! Then everyone was happy because grandpa saved the day! On Christmas morning, everyone was excited and ran down the stairs to see the Christmas tree but then, everybody stopped and smelled something so strong that it was just disgusting! A bottle of perfume shattered downstairs which was a gift for their Mom! Ever since Angelina lived there, you could always smell that perfume. Even though it was kind of a bad situation though, everyone still had an awesome Christmas that will never be forgotten.

This is one more story that Angelina will never forget in her whole life. In 1968, Angelina, her Mom and her little sister were driving back from New York while listening to the radio. Angelina's Mom started to hear crying on the radio and turned up the volume. Everyone in the car was silent, and the car was pulled over on the side of the road. Then the news director started to talk. The man announced that Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. Everyone in the car started crying. Unfortunately, Angelina's Aunt was half black and she had high hopes for her. Ever since that day, life has never been the same.

These are some of the similarities between today and the 1960's. Even though it doesn't seem like it sometimes, today is actually a lot similar compared to the 1960's was. Today, a lot of the same the same clothes are being sold in stores that were worn back then too! A lot of kids also watch some of the same TV shows also! In addition, people eat a lot of the same foods that were eaten in the 1960's too. So even though it can be hard to believe sometimes, life is still very similar compared to what it was like back then too.

## A Tribute to David Beavers

By Ian Beavers

This is a tribute to my grandfather David Beavers. I chose to write about him because he can always tell a story about something that someone says. This is why I love him as my only living grandfather. I also love him because he is a history fan, like me. And last, but not least, he is someone to look up to.

Life today is normal. Students have eight periods. Teachers give us plenty of chances to get good grades. Children play online games like Minecraft. Minecraft is a game where players collect rare items and try to survive. Some families go to church, some families don't like children, and some families spend time together. People's clothing varies with the weather. For colder weather people want something warmer, long sleeves. For warmer weather people will need something that will keep them cooler. People go out a lot, to places like McDonald's and Wendy's. Very rarely do people have home-cooked meal. Today children watch movies, TV, and play games to occupy their time.

But sixty years ago things were different. David Beavers grew up on a farm. Back then there were no cabs or air conditioning units on tractors. David's family got a TV when he was ten. It had a seven inch screen and only three channels. There were no shopping malls. There were no fast food restaurants. There were no freeways. His mom made all his clothes. In school there were no computers, calculators, smartboards photocopy machines, or cellphones. There were slate blackboards, mimeograph machines, and ditto machines. There were two grade levels in each classroom, and thirty to forty students in a classroom. There were no video games so they mostly played board games like Monopoly. David and his friends would play school. This is how to play school. One kid would be the teacher while the others were students. All of the kids would sit on the first step while the *teacher* would hide a button in the hand of one of the students. The students would take turns to try to figure out which hand the button was in. If the player got it right, she would advance to the next step. That kept going until someone got to the top of the stairs. Then that person would become the teacher, and so on. Boys and girls weren't allowed to wear jeans. Girls had to wear dresses. Clothes back then were made of feed sacks. The feed sacks had flowers for the girls. The mom would always make the kids clothing. The Great Depression was the cause of that. Kids would also have one pair of shoes per year. Children did not wear tennis shoes. David had a pair of White

Bucks. Those were shoes that you had to powder to keep them white. David had no favorite restaurants. He only went out once in eighth grade, and he went to a night club in Washington D.C. David and his family listened to radio a lot. He liked to watch old western and listen to country music.

David will never forget January 1947 during a snowstorm. David was two and a half and his sister was two weeks old and home with pneumonia. His two older sisters were in school. His Aunt and Uncle were visiting. He lived in a farmhouse with a summer kitchen. A summer kitchen is an area behind a house with a little walkway. His mother was doing the laundry in the summer kitchen. There were no hot water tanks, so she had to boil the water on a wood burning stove to make it boil. There was a cabinet full of papers above the stove. The papers that would help start the fire fell into the stove and caught the rest of the place on fire. David was in the living room playing with his Christmas toys. Suddenly everybody saw smoke coming out of the kitchen. By the time everybody got there the kitchen was in flames. His dad had called the fire department. His mom came and picked up David, his sister, clothes, and the dog. His mom dropped the dog, but it followed them out. His mom finally put them all in the car. His mom asked him if he could see his father. He couldn't see through the thick smoke, so naturally he panicked. His dad and uncle couldn't save everything. By the time the fire department got to their house it had burned down. So his family had to live with his aunt and uncle in very small house with one room. David had no toys. At last his dad and uncle fixed up an old barn and that was what they lived in.

David will never forget the day that JFK the 35th president of the United States America was assassinated. It was on November 22, 1963, when he was a sophomore in college. He had just gotten out of his American Government class. He saw students listening to their car radios. When he asked them what they were doing and what was going on, they said that the president John Fitzgerald Kennedy had been assassinated. So he ran to his dorm which had one of the few TV's on campus. When Walter Cronkite came on and said JFK was dead. He was sad and afraid that the Russians, also known as the Soviet Union, would attack the U.S.A.

Even though times and situations change, kids are still basically the same in what they do and what they want.

## A TRIBUTE TO JOANN FRAZIER

By: Maddie Aurigemma

*This is a tribute to my Grandma Frazier. I chose to interview my grandma because I wanted to learn more about her. I learned that my grandma's dad is a Veteran. I enjoyed interviewing her and I am glad I took this chance to learn more about her.*

Here are some things about life in 2016. To begin with, at school children have to sit at a desk and listen to the teacher talk. Teachers write on a whiteboard with dry-erase markers. Next, the clothes children usually wear are jeans and a t-shirt. Also, some popular games played are Pineapple Pen and White Tiles. In addition, some popular TV shows are *Cupcake Wars* and *Chopped*. In conclusion, when children are bored they will hang out with friends or play video games. During the summer children go swimming with friends or family at a pool. During the winter children go sledding or play in the snow. In the fall some children today like to play outside because the weather is usually nice and sunny.

But 70 years ago life was different. To begin with, Joann played games like dominos, jacks, and checkers. Her favorite game to play with her friends and family was Monopoly. When she wasn't playing games, doing chores, or with friends she would read lots of book. Also, she had more chores to do than most children do today. Next, some foods that were commonly eaten at Joann's house when she was a little kid were potatoes, beef and gravy, and spaghetti. Not many people went out to eat very often, including Joann and her family. In addition, Joann didn't get a TV until she was a freshman in high school. Even after she got a TV, she still enjoyed reading books more than watching TV. There were movie theaters, but Joann and her family barely went to see movies anyway. Joann's family had a telephone, but it hung on the wall and was attached to the wall, and there was a ten-minute limit to all calls that anyone made on it.

Joann Frazier will never forget when she took a little dump truck ride. It all started when Joann and five of her friends thought it was a good idea to ride in the back of a dump truck. They were riding in it to get to a picnic faster. Each of them was to bring one food item for the picnic. One of Joann's friends brought a delicious homemade cake for the picnic, but sadly before they even got off of the dump truck, a girl stepped on it and it was ruined. They all had to eat lunch without a dessert. They were all disappointed when she stepped in the cake because they were all looking forward to eating it. After the picnic they were all happy about how the picnic had turned out. They all had a blast and it was a memorable day for all of them.

A historic event that Joann remembers from her childhood is WWII. She was about four-and-a-half when the war started. What Joann remembers most about WWII was that her father was in the Army, and he fought in the war. Joann said that lots of things had changed when the war started. First, she didn't get to see her dad because he was fighting for her country. Then, people stashed lots of food and water just in case a disaster were to happen near to their home. People handed out flour, water, and different kinds of foods that wouldn't spoil quickly. Children had to do drills in school like "duck and cover drills" just in case of an attack near the school. Joann could not remember much more about this event.

Times change and technology make life easier, but kids stay the same. For example, kids have always enjoyed playing sports and will continue to love them for a very long time. Another example about why kids stay the same is that they have friends that they hang out with when they are bored. Also, kids had to go to school a long time ago, and they still do today. Even though kids went to school a long time ago, school has changed so much since it has started. Kids do different things than kids did 60 years ago. You could get a job at a younger age 60 years ago. The prices of things at the store were a lot cheaper than they are now. Also, gas prices have increased so much in the last 60 years, too. Children sometimes go outside for entertainment and to hang out and play games with friends. In conclusion, kids will always be kids.

## A TRIBUTE TO MARCIA KIMBALL

Kalyn Kimball

*This is a tribute to my Grandma Kimball. I chose to write about Grandma Kimball because I always have asked her about her childhood, and wanted to know what it was like when she was a kid. I learned that she loved horses, and loved all of the animals on the farm, which we still have, and I also love to ride the four wheelers and play with the animals. I learned that, like me, my grandma loved adventures, and did not like to just sit around. She liked to be out and about playing outside, or climbing a tree. I learned that kids had a lot more free time, from the result of not very many extra-curricular activities. Kids had more sit down dinners, and family time was crucial. My grandma is a very fun and exciting person, and I'm glad I got to interview her and learn more about her.*

Life in 2016 is very genial. Kids like to do things like play outside and participate in organized sports like football, baseball, archery, cheerleading and competitive cheer, volleyball, and basketball. Schools use a lot of technology to teach and review things with kids. For example, teachers and students use review games like Kahoot, digital lessons on Think Central for science, and Google Docs to work on projects and see assignments. In addition, teachers are nice, and teach students very well. Besides school, kids often have very busy lives; having to juggle homework, school, extracurricular activities, and sleep. Also, today it is very rare that students have sit-down dinners. Sometimes the only time kids have a nice family dinner is Friday Night Pizza, but that's even rare.

But things were a little different 60 years ago. At schools in the past, they used things like Ditto machines instead of the copiers that schools use today. Ditto machines can be described by one word...purple! Ditto machines used only purple ink; it took a lot of hard labor to copy one paper. Therefore, they did not copy paper a lot. Another thing that was different about school is they took only one state test a year that lasted four days, instead of different ones that lasted one day. Another

thing that is a BIG difference is that schools did not use any technology at all because it was not invented yet. The schools did grade books by hand, report cards, pretty much everything that people use nowadays at school! Besides school, there were a lot of other things that were different too! For example, kids had a lot more chores to do, and these chores were NOT optional. Also, kids didn't have any electronics to play with, so they would play games outside a lot like baseball and football; until they got hurt! Since back then they didn't have many "fast food" restaurants, families often had "sit down" dinners. Kids also interacted a lot more than they do now, from the result of no iPhones! People can't live without them these days. So that's what life was like from 1950 to about 1978. When Marcia became an adult.

A story that Marcia will never forget happened all because of a giant snowstorm. It all started when Marcia woke up to a sea of beautiful white one morning. She thought there must have been a snowstorm. But before she could play in the snow, she had to feed the animals. She wanted to get it over with, so she trudged out of bed, got dressed, and headed out the door for the barn. She tried to get through the snow, but found she couldn't get through! It was so windy outside that it was creating snowdrifts up to her waist! She went inside to get her father, and he thought of a solution. They couldn't just leave the animals and not feed them! Their water would be frozen, and food would be gone! So they got their big, heavy coats, and Marcia's dad got buckets. They used the buckets to shovel through the snow, and they finally made it to the barn! They fed the animals, gave them water, but with hard work comes fun! Marcia's dad took buckets of water, splashed them on the snow paths, and the next day, Marcia and her brothers climbed through icy tunnels! In this story, Marcia learned that with hard work, comes fun. She also learned how to think of clever solutions.

Marcia will never forget when Neil A. Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon. She had always wanted to fly as a kid, so someone actually going to the moon was pretty amazing. It was on her 19th birthday, July 21, 1969 when she was standing on the steps to the basement watching Neil Armstrong take his first steps on the moon and saying, "One small step for man, one giant leap for

mankind." This affected America greatly. Today, many unmanned aircrafts fly to different planets, and also go to the moon. Marcia remembers this vividly, and will never forget that day.

Times change and technology makes life easier, but kids stay the same. For example, back in the 1960's kids loved to play outside. Kids don't play outside as much as they used to, from the result of video games like Pen Pineapple Apple Pen, but some kids still enjoy playing outside. Though it may not be the same, kids still go to school, and are educated every week day. Kids are, and will always be, adventurers at heart and amazing.



## **A TRIBUTE TO SHERRY MORRISON**

**BY ABIGAIL PERRY**

THIS IS A TRIBUTE TO MY GRANDMA SHERRY. I CHOSE TO WRITE ABOUT MY GRANDMA BECAUSE I NEVER KNEW SHE WAS ALIVE DURING THE JFK ASSASSINATION, AND THE SPECIAL THING IS BECAUSE I WANTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HER. I HAD A GREAT TIME!

Life for kids these days can be easy and hard. To begin with, life can be hard if people are poor and don't have enough money to buy a house, but it can be easy because maybe they are rich and can afford lots of nice stuff. Life today is filled with video games, computers, and phones. School is boring and hard. It can be hard because some of the homework is really hard. Kids these days like to play hide and go seek to scare friends and maybe even get a scream out of them. The clothes kids wear are nice. Kids wear stuff like Nike, Under Armour, and they wear all kinds of nice stuff. The foods kids eat are pizza, mashed potatoes, candy, and just a bunch of junk food. Kids these days like to play Minecraft, draw, watch TV, watch YouTube, and listen to music.

Sherry Morrison said her life was a lot simpler than today. There were no computers no phones, and she went outside and rode bikes all the time. They would hike through their property, and dump hunt to find things to sell in flea markets. Sometimes they used to swing on vines and play in the creek. At school, they didn't switch classes, and they had a creek on the playground that they'd go play in. They also had a merry go round. They used to play acorn battles, and they also had a tree fort and a glider. They used the glider to hide behind, and then they'd throw acorns. They'd play on the tree limbs by bouncing up and down. They wore hippy clothes with huge elephant bell bottoms that came lower down their waist, and they wore headbands with peace signs on them. They also wore baby doll dresses with patent leather shoes. Sherry liked mashed potatoes, and they liked to go to Jerry's drive in. They also went to A&W. They ate home cooked meals, too. She liked the Beatles, Rolling Stones, and the Herman Hermits.

Sherry Morrison will never forget a time she went sledding. She went to a friend's house and they always went sledding. There was this hill, and she went down the hill. The problem was there was a road at the end of the hill, and there was a car coming. So she jumped off the sled, and the sled went under car not getting hit!

Sherry Morrison was alive when JFK was assassinated. She was at home watching TV, and she saw when he got shot in his car. She said it was scary and sad, and she felt sorry for his wife Jackie who was in the car with him sitting right next to him.

Times change and technology makes life easier, but kids stay the same. For example back then kids would go outside, and today lots of kids still do go outside. Another example is families went on vacation. Also, kids went to school. In conclusion kids stayed the same.