



# *Thanksgiving Tributes*

*By English Period 2*

## A Tribute To Norma Winders

By: Baileigh Moore

Kids today have it a lot easier than kids did years ago. Technology has made life much different. Kids today have grown up with microwave, washers; dryers cell phones, laptops, TV's, vehicles, video games and much more. The chores today's kids have are nothing hard like back then. Most of us get an allowance for our chores. We have many fun activities we can do, like sports in school, amusement parks, and the skating rink. Kids today have to be more aware of dangers in the world, like drugs or kidnapping.

Eighty years ago, Norma Winders had a much different life. There were no video games or cell phones. They would have to play hide n seek or baseball for fun. They would only have a radio to listen to music. Not like kids today that have music or iPods. The world was a lot different 76 years ago. Norma Winders was born October, 27, 1930 in North Carolina. Back then life was hard. To begin with, School was a lot different. No computers to use during school. Elementary was 1-7 grade. High school was 8-12 grade. They didn't have a kindergarten. They had to walk to school or they could take the bus. Parents didn't take them to school because a lot of them didn't have cars. Her bus driver was a 16-year-old student. They didn't have computers to help with their work. The clothing was different from today too. They were handmade, not store bought. The women and girls only wore dresses. They were plain with no design. Men wore bib jeans overalls or pants. Norma only had two dresses that she would rotate wearing each day. In addition food was homemade. They raised their own animals for meat. They would have to slaughter and clean their food to eat it. They had no restaurants. Next kids have to make their

own entertainment [music, games]. They played Hide n Seek and baseball. There were no school activities. Grandma Winders listened to music on the radio they had no I-pods or CDS. There was no television. On Saturdays you could go to the theater and watch 1 movie. And reading the bible was an activity also.

A story Norma will never forget happened one summer. Norma remembered making cream, which is butter. She was the only one who had the chore of beating the cream. One day she was putting it off and playing around hesitating, because she hated the job. Her mom yelled "NORMA ALLEN YOU BETTER BEAT THAT BUTTER NOW!" So she sat down in rocking chair with the jar and began singing. She only remembered looking down and the jar broke in her hands. The glass had cut her leg and there was blood everywhere. She was scared to tell her mom. She didn't want whooped with a switch. Her sister saw the glass break and told her mom. She had to get stiches from doctor. They numbed her leg, so it was painful. That was the last time she ever had to turn butter as cream.

Norma will never forget WWII. The World War 2 began in 1939. The World War 2 ended in May 1945. The WWII was the most Widespread war in history. The war in Europe ended with an Invasion of Germany by the Western Allies and the Soviet Union culminating in the capture of Berlin by Soviet and Polish Troops in the subsequence German in conditional surrender on 8 May 1945. The world war 2 altered the political alignment and social structure if the world. The World War 2 memorial opened to the public on April 29<sup>th</sup> 2004 and was dedicated one month later on May 29<sup>th</sup>. It is located on 7<sup>th</sup> street, between Constitution and Independence Avenues, and is flanked by the Washington Monument to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west.

Kids remain the same, First all kids like to play outside and have fun whether red rover or X-Box, also getting a good education. Kids are the same because we have chores and some of the chores are doing the dishes, cleaning your room, doing laundry, mowing the yard and more. All kids like going to school. The same clothing girls wear are sometime dresses, skirts, blouses . Food was the same, we had potatoes, corn, vegetables, fruits, pickled cabbage and pickled eggs and a lot more we had. Girls and sometime boys wear hair -bows in their hair. They wore their hair in pigtails or braided. Sometime girls wore makeup to school.

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## Tribute to Karen Kaye Armstrong

By Aubriana Mollett

Things are different for kids today than they were 63 years ago. To begin with, school has been made a lot easier with computers, making information available at your fingertips. Also teachers share assignments online, and word processing with spellcheck makes your paper look great. Also today we have iPhones and iPods, tablets, and computers.

Karen Kaye Armstrong was born on October 2, 1951. Back then life was harder. To begin with school was stricter. She wore baggy pants a plain white cotton blouse and black and white saddle shoes. Her winter coat was always long and wool. Karen played red rover when she was little. Red rover was you had an even number of kids on two teams. They made a straight line on the opposite side of the yard and held hands. One team would call, "Red rover, red rover, let Aubri come over!" so the child would run as fast and as hard as they can and try to break the other teams hand line.

Karen Kaye Armstrong ate lots of fresh fruits and veggies. Her meals had milk, meat, and potatoes, but her favorite food was grapes. She didn't go to restaurants when she was little, but sometimes her dad bought them McDonalds hamburgers and fries, which was a special treat.

When Karen was little she played with her school friends and 7-sibling. She also listened to music on the record player. She played with her neighborhood friends until

dark in summer. She loved to watch Captain Kangaroo, The Addams Family, and Batman. She listened to the 4 Seasons and the Beach Boys were her favorite group.

911 was unbelievable because she was in Tampa FL when it happened. She was working for GTE. On the news they said a plane crashed into the World Trade Center! Then the second World Trade Center. Both buildings were on fire. The New York City Police and EMTs came to help put the fire out and save lives. Most of the people got out of the general area but thousands of lives were lost in the TWIN TOWERS, including fireman, and EMTs. Everyday people who went to the towers to assist the twin tower employees! She saw this live on her TV in Tampa, because it her day off. She saw the 1st news bulletin on the Today Show when no one was sure what was going on. Then she saw the 2nd news bulletin to show the jet hit into the 2nd twin tower, she knew the 1st plane was not a mistake. She was in NYC 2 years after 9-11 and stood very close to where the twin towers stood. Her mind took her back to the morning of the attack on America. As she looked at the HUGE hole in the ground and the burnt and charred building around GROUND ZERO, she knew she was standing in hallowed ground. Tears came to her eyes.... She prayed for all those who lost their lives and asked God to bless the families left behind.

## A Tribute to: Tammie Sharder

By: Kaitlyn Clark

A lot of things are different from back then and a lot of things have changed. Now we have a stove, a microwave, a fridge and a freezer to cook and store our food. Most people go to the grocery store to buy their food. Companies work with farmers to provide goods to the stores. If you don't want to cook at home, you can go out to eat. Today we have all kinds of restaurants, like Applebee's, Olive Garden, Five Guys, McDonald's, Wendy's, and Taco Bell. They make food from different countries that make different foods. Now we have sports to play and get us active! Now days we have a lot to choose from!

In 1960 Tammie Sharder was born. Back then there were some things different for example they didn't have as many clothes and they didn't have booty shorts. They had saddle shoes they had bell-bottoms, they had knee high socks , they had straight legs they didn't have swimming trunks. They didn't have a lot of shopping places and didn't have a lot of fast foods like we do today. Back then there were no malls for them to shop "they just had little stores to the side like they would sell vegetables, fruits. Back then they had some games called Hop Scotch, Monkey In The Middle, Four Square, Pixie sticks, Shuffle Board, Red light Green Light, Those are some games that they have! Those are some things that were back then.

A childhood memory Tammie will never forget happened when she nine years old. she was walking down a alley after school. She was heading home and she had to use the restroom really bad. She was about to poop her pants and no one was walking with her. She

was wearing white jeans and a white shirt, and she was running as fast as she could run but she didn't make it so she pooped her pants!

A story Tammie will never forget she was on vacation. She was sitting on the couch with her mom and dad and her sisters. The breaking news came on and they didn't know what to do she just sat on the couch. She was really nervous , and she didn't know what was going to happen. The news was talking about what happened for 9/11 Tammie was so upset Tammie was crying because she didn't know what to do. When she found out she was crying she didn't know what to do she thought that her whole vacation was ruined.

Kids today and back then are alike. To begin with, we all have different clothes but they didn't have iPhone's not even a phone, they also didn't have technology next they didn't even have ankle socks , and they didn't have as much clothing as we do today they didn't have as many stores as we do today, and they didn't do a lot of stuff like we do today We do roller-skating, sky zone and all kinds of fun stuff , back then they had to make up their own games.

## A Tribute to Janet Ranck Musser

By Annika Musser

Things are different for kids today than they were sixty years ago. To begin with, for entertainment today kids can play games on their phones or use technology. Also, today girls can play volleyball, softball, basketball, and dance; those are most of the things sporty girls like to do. Next, if kids are artistic they will probably draw, and like to make cartoons. When they play outside, they have slides, nicer swings, swimming pools, and playground sets to put in their backyard. In addition, clothes today are much nicer clothes than back then. Kids wear different outfits everyday, and most have clean clothes to wear. Girls wear ribbons, hair bows, and headbands in their hair, and they usually have their hair down, braided, or curled, It all depends on what kind of hair they have or the way they like their hair to look like. Some kids wear make-up today, but some don't, and kids have different brands of clothes. School today is sometimes good and sometimes bad. Some kids get in trouble a lot or sometimes kids just get in trouble sometimes, but some kids never get in-trouble and have or get really good grades. Our teachers are nice although some can be strict or some can be really nice, and some let us do things that other teachers might not let us. In middle school kids don't have recess except for every two weeks on Friday. For recess, kids can either have sports, movie, art, and board games. The school bus comes at 6:30 sharp every morning, and students get to school around 7:12 to 7:15. Lunch is at 10:50, and kids do not have to say a prayer before they eat. Finally, life today is hard and easy. Many kids have all their days booked up for every week with activities such as: competitive cheerleading in Columbus, going to the gym to workout with a trainer, softball, and tap and acro. Some weekends there are softball tournaments, and of course on Sundays there are choir performance, church, and religion class.

Janet Ranck Musser was seven years old sixty years ago. Back then life was harder. To begin with, school was stricter. There were nine kids in her first grade class, and in second grade there were ten. In sixth grade she got to put the flag up and down everyday. For recess she would play softball, baseball, girls jump rope a lot, and run in foot races. In high school she would ride the bus for 45 minutes. Their clothing was girls- skirts, blouses had to be under the knees, and high top sneakers. Boys- suspenders, overalls-no rivets, boots, high top sneakers. For the hair you wore no ribbons. Put hair in pigtails- braided. Cut hair like a boys hairstyle, short. Kids did not wear make-up. In addition food was more homemade. Her favorite foods were potlucks, potato salad, pickled eggs, and pickled cabbage. Her family ate dinner at a restaurant once a month. Next kids used to have to make their own entertainment like play cards with the family Jack's. On TV she would watch Ed Sullivan, The Beatles, and Elvis Presley. Always would watch Mosses, 3 coins in a Fountain, and Exodus. And when she would go to the Grange they listened to Periodic music.

Janet used to live in Pennsylvania on a farm with her mom and dad and her two brothers David and Chris. Remembering back to her childhood, this is a story that many will never forget. It was a rainy horrible day in Pennsylvania. A bad lightning storm struck a barn and the barn burned down. All of the cows burnt to death and most of them died. Janet can still remember the cows screaming and smell of their burning hides. Brigade of people (neighbors) brought buckets and took turns pumping the pump for water to put on the fire. Not even a week later neighbors got together no matter what religion the men had a barn raising. Everyone had to bring a dish of potluck mostly for the men, but some for the women and children. Her best memories are when the barn burned down and at the end when they built a barn.

An historic event Janet will never forget was the Vietnam War. It was an ugly, barbaric war. They called us baby murders. This happened when she was graduating high school. The war was in the jungle so there could be a lot of traps and weapons being hidden. The Vietnam War started in 1955 November 1st and ended April 30, 1975. It was located in South Vietnam, North Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos. The results of the war are, North Vietnamese -victory, withdrawal of American led forces. Communist governments take power in South Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. South Vietnam annexed by North Vietnam. In the United States 58,220 people died and 303,644 people were wounded. They called the Vietnam War “ War Against the Americans to save the Nation.”

Technology might be different, fashions come and go, but kids stay the same. For example, all kids love to eat food. Years ago it was homemade food like hamburgers, potlucks, potato salad, pickled eggs, and pickled cabbage, but today kids love chips, hot dogs, and French fries. In addition, fashion (clothes) and style, but all kids want to look cool weather they're wearing skirts or shorts. Also you have to go to school. Years ago kids had to go to school too. Today we wear shorts and tee shirts with ten-shoes. Years ago kids wore skirts and blouses and they had to be under the knees with high-top sneakers. Girls and sometimes boys wear our hair with ribbons; bows and any other accessories kids wear today. Today our hair styles can be cool and casual or some can be weird to some people, it is just what you like to have your in such as braids, ponytails, and even sometimes just down. Back then kids wore their hair in pigtails-braided; you could not aloud to have bows, ribbons, or accessories in you hair. Some kids wear makeup to school. Years ago kids did not wear make-up. Kids today have a lot more things to do when they're outside or inside, like play with more advanced toys than there were 60 years ago or even just playing games that you made at. Years ago kids would play run races, marry-go-

round, and monkey bars. Fashions today are like casual, classy, nerdy, and hip even though every kid doesn't have the same style kids are still the same. Years ago you didn't really have styles; you wore what everyone else wore.



## **A Tribute to Janice Slicker**

**By Amber Moore**

**This story is about my Grandma, Janice Slicker.**

Things are different for kids today than many years ago. To begin with, for entertainment kids can listen to music, dance, play on electronics, or play some cool games. There are also phones for kids who are about 12 years and older too. There is cool music like Rock and Roll music, Rap music, and so on. Older kids make up awesome moves just for entertainment. Video games is what most of the kids play on. Kids do have a lot of fun on electronics. When kids have homework, they can look up information whenever they need to. For an example, when the teacher signed an assignment online, kids can do the homework online. Computers are the best things to look up information whenever they want to or when they need to, as long they don't look up information on the website called the Wikipedia. Another example, about foods, there was homemade food today, but most of the time people will go out to a restaurant to eat delicious foods they love.

But years ago, almost everything things was different. Janice Slicker was born on January 3, 1951. Years ago, life was harder. To begin with, school was different than what it is today. She went to a Catholic School; she had to learn the whole bible. The clothes Janice wore were very plain looking; it reminded people of the clothes from the TV show Little House on the Prairie. The games she played was Box Hockey. There was a square wooden box, and you had to try to hit the puck through the hole. She also played Ring Around the Rosy. She made up her own Trivia games, played jump rope, and played softball and baseball too. Janice's parents made a lot of homemade food. Her parents couldn't afford to go out to restaurants because her mom had 13 children. If she had to pick what her favorite food was,

she would say eggs. Her mother couldn't afford a TV or go to the movies. They all listened to the radio on Sundays. Janice didn't really have a childhood.

Remembering back to Janice's childhood, this is a story she will never forget. This story took place in the summertime. Janice's father used to go hunting for deer, rabbits, and he used to butcher them. One day, one of Janice's sisters Judy, was acting like a know-it-all. She kept using big words that Janice didn't understand. So she felt like that Judy was putting her down. Janice got mad at Judy, and thought she would get even with her. So, she waited until Judy was doing dishes, Janice went to the garage, where her dad was butchering a deer, took the deer's head, and put it on a stick, and walked to the kitchen window, and had the deer's head looking right at Judy, and pretending to make the deer talk to Judy. Judy was screaming, because she was so scared to death. Janice knew how Judy felt about dead animals, and that's why she did it. Janice thought that would teach her a lesson for being a know-it-all, but she got in trouble for that. Her punishment was to go three days without eating, and she never did it again.

An historic event Janice will never forget was John F. Kennedy's assassination. Janice was a senior in high school. The day started out as usual. Then the principal spoke in the loudspeaker and announced to the whole school that president John F. Kennedy had been shot and passed away. They took a moment of silence, to remember him. After that, they let school out early. Janice said, "There was so much confusion, so much crying, some students were angry, some were happy." That really affected the Catholic families, her heart fell when they announced it, couldn't stop crying because John F. Kennedy was one of her favorite presidents. That hurt the family because her dad was really good friends with Paul Brown. Also, there was a major nursing home fire that a lot of people died in, and nobody knew

about the fire, because all of the radio and TV stations were covering the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. President Kennedy was assassinated shortly after noon on November 22, 1963. John F. Kennedy was assassinated as he rode in a motorcade at downtown Dallas, Texas. By the fall of 1963, president John Fitzgerald Kennedy and his political advisers were preparing for the next presidential campaign. Crowds of excited people lined the streets up and waved to the Kennedys. The car turned onto Main Street around 12:30 P.M. Bullets struck the president's neck and head and he slumped toward Mrs. Kennedy. The governor was also hit in his chest.

Different things come and go, but kids are still the same. For an example, kids today love to listen to Rock and Roll music or Rap music, but years ago, there was Classic and Country music. Back then, there was homemade food, but nowadays, there are foods like macaroni and cheese and pizza. Another example, about school, kids had to walk to school, because there weren't any buses. Nowadays, there were buses or their parents could take them to school. Finally, for entertainment back then, kids played Ring Around the Rosy, Box Hockey, and nowadays, there was Tag, Freeze Tag, Basketball, and Hide and Seek. Kids love to eat some delicious foods from back then and today. Kids like to listen to music whenever they get bored or have nothing to do. Kids love to eat some delicious foods, and all kids definitely love to have some entertainment. Kids are sneaky and sly, and they get in trouble all the time from today and many years ago.

## A Tribute to Peggy Kolor

By Mariah Taylor

Things are different for kids than 50 years ago. When they had to go to school they had to walk we got to ride in a car. What they wore to school was not that different but they didn't wear heels that often so most girls and boy's they wore tennis shoes. When it would rain, Peggy would stay inside most of the time. Then she would get her record out, get a piece of paper, and would write down the lyrics. Then she would stop and do it all over again. Peggy would play board games also when it was raining, but not all of the time.

This is a story Peggy would never forget. She was 13 years old, and she sneaked out while her mom was taking a nap in the afternoon. She went around the house with her friend Sherry, and they climbed a tree. Once they were up there, Peggy decided to move to a different spot. But as Peggy was moving the stick broke, and Peggy fell and broke her leg. Peggy's friend jumped down and ran to Peggy's mother. She woke her up, and her mother ran outside and picked her up. Next, she told Peggy's friend to go home, and Peggy's mother took her to the doctor's. The doctor said that she needed to rest. When they got home, her mother sat her down on her bed and said, "So you know you're grounded, right?" Peggy said, "Yes. I know," and by night Peggy felt a little better when she went to bed.

This is a very sad story Peggy will never forget in her life. Peggy was 12 years old when John F. Kennedy was shot in the head. Peggy was outside playing games, and she came inside to take a break from running around. She sat down on the couch looking at the TV, and the news was on. As she was watching the news, someone broke in the news station and said that the President had been shot in the head. Peggy was on the couch sitting there crying, and her mom walked in and asked what happened and why was she crying. Peggy pointed at the TV and her mom had nothing to say. They sat there while Peggy's mom was telling her it's okay.

Our Thanksgiving tradition is when we go to my Grandpa's house, and we stay there until night. We eat and talk. The music we listen too most of the time is Christmas music, and we have to listen to "Santa's Coming to Town" at least once because my brother Blake loves that song.

This is my grandma's Peggy's story!

## A Tribute to Donna McKiernan

By Bryanna Beeney

Fifty years ago things were a lot different than they are for kids today. To begin with, technology has made school a lot easier; kids nowadays have many kinds of electronic devices, such as tablets, smartphones, and laptops, providing them with information at their fingertips. As well as teachers can post the students' assignments and notes on websites for easy access.

When Donna McKiernan was 12 years old, over fifty years ago, things were a lot different. Looking back, school was much more manual than it is today. Also school clothes were knee length skirts or dresses. When she was in high school she wore bobby socks or nylons.

Next they had chores they had to do in school like cleaning erasers and chalkboards. If they completed their chores, for entertainment, she and her friends would play hop-scotch, gray wolf (which is like hide and seek), red rover, flapjack, and her favorite game to play was double Dutch jump rope. One memory Donna has is when she and her friend from down the street were hanging blankets on a clothesline. They were pulling the edge of the blankets out and setting bricks on them to make them look like a tent. They threw bricks at a pinching beetle, they saw, and one of the bricks smashed her thumb. She was rushed to the hospital where they reattached the end of her thumb.

The assassination of President John F. Kennedy happened while Donna was at her home ironing clothes. She was watching television when breaking news came across the screen stating that President John F. Kennedy had been shot. Donna was in shock when she learned the president died, and she called her mother and they cried together. She never thought she would witness such a tragedy in her lifetime. For facts i have about John F Kennedy was born May 29th 1917, and when he got assassinated it was November 22, 1963.

These days there are many restaurants, like Chipotle, Buffalo Wild Wings, Wendy's, and Panera Bread, where kids like to eat. Back then, they were only able to eat out at a restaurant once in a while, but typically they ate at home. They listened to music from that time or older folk tale songs. Today there are many genres of music, like country, rock, and pop. Another difference is socks back then were they are called nylons and bobby socks, today are called such things as no-shows or footies. These days each sport has it's own field, whereas back then, if they had a baseball field that is where most sports were played.

## **Tribute to Clifford Hall I**

**By: Clifford Hall III**

**This is an essay I wrote about my grandpa.**

Kids today have it made. For example, kids in school have more classes, and they are a lot harder. They can use computers and they can use calculators. Kids communicate today with cell phones by emailing and texting. They play video games like Xbox, Xbox 360, PS3, PS4, iPod and iPad. Also, they play sports like football, baseball, and basketball. But fifty years ago, things were different.

Clifford Hall I was born March 6, 1960. Back in those days in Jackson, Ohio, life was different. There was no indoor plumbing at their house, so they had to use an outhouse. They heated their house with wood and coal. In addition, he played outside a lot. They played games like hide-and-seek. In that game one person would count to ten while the others would hide. Then "it" would try to find the hiders. Also, Simon Says was a game where the players had to repeat the motions of "Simon," but only when he said, "Simon says." Next, Clifford's clothes were very different than today. He wore bell-bottoms, plaid checkered pants and knit, colorful leisure suits. Next, food back in that day was garden-fresh beans and potatoes served with cornbread. He did not eat in restaurants. Finally, entertainment for Clifford watching *Disney*, *Old Yeller*, *Wizard of Oz* or *Bonanza* on a black-and white TV. Instead of watching TV all the time, they would catch fireflies or put June bugs on a string and listen to his dad talk about World War II.

This is a story Clifford will never forget. It was the summer between second and third grade during Mother's Day. His teacher asked them to make a Mother's Day card. He began to



cry and ran out into the hall. His teacher followed him out into the hallway and hugged him. He made a card for your sister.

An historic event Clifford will never forget is the Vietnam War. Five cousins and his brother all enlisted in this war. 9,087,000 military personnel served on active duty during the official Vietnam era from August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975. 11,465 of those killed in the Vietnam War were younger than 20 years old. Of those killed, 17,539 were married. Five men killed in Vietnam were only 16 years old. 91% of Vietnam Veterans say they are glad they served. 58,148 were killed in Vietnam.

Kids today are very similar to the kids back when Clifford was a kid. All kids still hang out with their friends; they go to movies; they go fishing, and they listen to music that is different than their parent's music. All kids play sports, rollerblade, and swim. Kids still like to eat their favorite foods like brownies and pizza. So even though times change, kids stay the same.

## **A Tribute to Linda Simmons**

**By Kaden Ralston**

Things are different for kids today then they were years ago. To begin with, today iPhones make life easy so you text instead of going to their house. Also computers help with homework so you can look it up instead of looking in a book. Today, we have TV with colors and with more channels. Back then you had four channels and no colors on the TV. We have Xbox and games, but then you had to make games up like kick the can and kickball. The houses are different today we have sheets that are warmer and thicker the sheets back then was one layer, and the pillows had things on it. Also back then it was one color. Outside would climb trees and play tag and hide and go seek and kick the can. Also, they played with dolls and with some sports stuff and now a lot of kids will play Xbox and that stuff some will go outside with friends and play sports. Life in addition, clothing was different like name brands you don't see a lot of people make there on clothes, but we have clothes made for us at the store.

Linda Simmons was eleven back when it was harder. To begin with school was more strict . In addition food was more homemade. The food from the garden is what she mostly ate. She would climb trees and not play with a lot of friends and would play Indian. She used imagination and rode her my bike.

A story Linda Simmons will never forget happened she was young she don't remember exactly what she was doing, but she had a bucket and a paintbrush. She lived on a farm and I was walking in the meadow. The grass was tall between my ankles and knees. She looked down and saw a green snake. She screamed so loud and threw the bucket and paint brush. She was really scared! They never found that paint brush she was carrying. She has been afraid of snakes ever since. That is a childhood story she will never forget.

An historic event Linda Simmons will never forget was she was in high school when J.F.K was killed. She remembers her friends being upset and crying. She was in the hall way and they announced it over the intercom. The teachers were upset. Nobody knew what to do. We wonder what was going to happen. We were, shock and scared and could not believe it was happening. John Fitzgerald Kennedy the thirty-fifth president of the United States was assassinated at 12:30 p.m. on Friday November 22,1963 in Texas. Polls conducted between 1963 and 2003 founded that as many as 80 present of American have suspected that there was a plot or over-up.

Technology might be different fashions come and go, but kids stay the same. All kids love good food like pizza. Also they like to dress in the fashion of the time. Kids today have better technology like iPhone, Xbox, computers and colored T.V. The kids, back then did not have as good technology like no color TV and stuff. They both had to go to school but different stuff to use like a chalkboard compared to a technology board. A kid is still a kid.

## **A Tribute to Joe Clark**

**By Ben Flake**

**This is based on an interview I had with my Grandpa, Joe Clark.**

Things are different for kids today than they were years ago. First, technology has made school a lot easier with computers making information at our fingertips. Also teachers share assignments online, and word processing makes papers look great. But eighty years ago things were different

Joe Clark lived in different times. To begin with, school was less complicated and way more strict than today. In addition, food was to be made at home because there was no cafeteria so your lunch would have probably been split into half lunch, half dinner. Next kids would have to make their own entertainment including movies, music, games, TV, football, and all of that stuff that, Today children have organized or planned out for activities. So people back then had it harder alright. Yes, they did have it harder than most kids nowadays. Today people use the bathroom indoors instead of outdoors, and kids don't get hit if they get in trouble; they get a lunch detention. Also, in the past, kids had to create their games and make their own money instead asking a parent for money to go out with friends. They had to take out trash, mow the lawn, and shovel the driveway when snow was on it. But today parents do chores for kids, so kids do not realize that their parents had to do these things when they were young. Instead of helping, today sit back and watch TV and talk to friends. So today's kids need to help parents out because what kids do today is exactly the opposite of what their parents did. So when kids go outside and help their, parents by doing something in the yard or helping them it is different because they have a choice, but in the past they did not have a choice.

A story Joe will never forget happened on a Saturday in the fall. He had a horse named Buck. He was out riding, and he was going to cross the creek. Suddenly there was quicksand, and he and his horse Buck got stuck in waist-high sand, but there was land ahead. So Joe stood on Buck's back, jumped, and got to dry land. Then he pulled Buck out of the quicksand. That is an event my Joe Clark will never forget.

Pearl Harbor affected Joe a lot, and he told of what they dealt with back then. His feelings were down because there was no gas, tires, or candy. He worked at a young age to get what he wanted, and even then he didn't get what he wanted no matter how hard he worked, and he had to save everything. Because of the attack on Pearl Harbor, his brother and sister had to go into Pearl Harbor and deliver supplies to the people to keep them safe. That's why they had to save everything they didn't eat for the soldiers in Pearl Harbor. The attack on Pearl Harbor, a naval base on the south side of Hawaii, brought the United States into World War II. Even though the battle lasted for only 110 minutes, a total of 2,335 U.S. servicemen died for America. The Japanese lost sixty-five men and one prisoner.

Technology might be different with phones, computers and a TV, but kids today can get confused with all the stuff they have now. Even with all the stuff they had back then compared to the stuff today, they were happy.

## A Tribute to Marge Ferrimen

By Tyler McManus

Things are different for kids today than they were years ago. To begin with, technology makes the world easier because it helps us to look things up on the computer. Also phones today are easier and they can text and call people instead of sending a letter or walking to there house. Also they invented new cars that go faster, which is good if they are about to be late to where they are going. They upgraded the TV's to 60 inch, and on that TV you can watch it in 3D.They made another Xbox and its called the Xbox 1,and they can watch all the football games and play any game they want on it. They could even have Netflix on the Xbox 1.They have made movies and CD's to listen to when you're not doing anything, or just want to watch as a family, or she can watch it by yourself. Those are the differences from today.

Marge Ferrimen is 60 years old years. Back then life was harder and simpler. To begin with school was less complicated, and boys wore to school were pants and a t-shirt. Girls wore to school dresses or a skirt. In addition, food was more homemade. Marge liked beef and noodles, vegetable soup, peanut butter sandwiches. Next, kids used to have to make their own entertainment. Marge was on the first softball team, and they played 2-hand tap football also played kick the can.

A story Marge will never forget happened at school. When she got to school they had chocolate milk. She spilled it on her skirt accidently and she felt so embarrassed. Her teacher took her skirt off in class, and some people laughed and stared at her. The teacher washed her skirt, and it took about 2 hours to dry. She had about 22 people in her

classroom. She missed recess and had to sit at her desk all day long until her skirt dried. Her skirt dried right when the bus came. She had to explain all this to her parents. Her parents were first mad at her, but then they were happy.

An historic event Marge will never forget was JFK assassination. They were so silent you could even hear a pencil drop across the whole school. They were so sad that they heard the president died. The next day they watched the news at school for JFK's death. They were at school when he died. The day they watched the news they didn't have school that day. JFK was assassination at 12:00 pm on Friday November 22, 1963. A Sniper shot JFK. Lee Oswald was the one who killed JFK. Nobody knows why he killed JFK. They killed Kennedy in a car.

Even though times change, fashions come and go, but kids stay the same. Today some people like to listen to Will Smith. He's kind of a rapper, but back then all they listened to was country. The food today is different because there are more restaurants than there were back then. They only had about 3 restaurants back then. They didn't have a lot of entertainment, and they had to create their own entertainment. They had some movies but not very much. Today people have a lot of movies and people got more systems like PS4 and XBOX 1.

## **A Tribute to Cristobal Mendez**

**by Alexis Rivera**

Things are different for kids today than they were a long time ago. We had technology, new clothes, different hairstyles, and more. We like to text and call on our phones all the time, but back then they would walk to a friend's house and had no phones to text and call.

Christibol Mendez was born September 18, 1974. At his school he thought it was different from schools today because kids were a lot more polite, they had uniforms, ate at home in the middle of classes, and a lot more!

This is a story Cris may never ever forget. Cris was about six when the civil war first started in his country El Salvador. The war happened between 1980-1992. Here's the story he told me. People were getting killed and taken one by one, you'll need to pay a lot of money to get out. They would hide in the trees, grass, woods over night. Two of his brothers were fighting, but they both lived safely at home. At the end they ceased their fire and surrendered. It was scary and frightening, but a lot of them lived and was happy it was over.

Kids are the same back then and now because we both like, games, good food, go to school, and more, some games we both play is tag, hide and seek, hop scotch, jump rope, and more games. Now people like different foods now than back then like they had soup and we have pizza. The music was different from the past and the present because there weren't really and music as much as there is now. There were also different sports like people back then they liked soccer a lot!



## A Tribute to: Rose Brady

By: Kiley Simpkins

Today we have a lot more stuff then what they had back then, like more technology, clothes, better parks, and computers. The clothes we have today are a lot nicer then what they had back then. We also have more stores to shop at like, American eagle, Hollister, Polaris, and Walmart. Today's technology is a lot better than back then. We have I-phones, I-pods, I-pads, and computers. Back then they had radios, today we have radios, but we have better versions.

Back then they didn't have all the stuff we have today, like clothes and new technology. The clothes they wore back then are way different from what we have today. They had to wear the same outfit almost everyday, because they didn't have a washer or dryer. Every Sunday they had to wear a uniform to church, Today we can wear what we want as long as its nice. Back then they didn't have the technology we have, They had radios and small TV's and you can barley see the screen. That's what they had back then.

A story Rose will never forget happened on a nice day outside at a vacant lot hanging out with her sister in 1948. When she was playing a game of 4-square, she heard something and she didn't know what it was at first then she realized it was an earthquake. Rose was scared stiff, so was her sister. Rose and he sister ran into the house, Poles fell down, and the house was shaking. Rose and her sister were holding onto stuff so that they wouldn't fall or get hurt. At the end, Rose and her sister were fine, and nothing was seriously damaged. That was Rose's story about something she will never forget.

An historic event Rose will never forget was when she was three years old, World War Two was ending, and her brother was coming home. Rose's dad was scared he was going to get hurt. Since Rose was only three, she didn't know what was going on. Rose remembers her dad kneeling down praying that her brother would be ok. Rose's brother was fine, and came home safe. Rose's dad felt better about it.

Things have changed over time and through the years, nothing is the same. Today we have more technology, clothes, stores, and restaurants. Back then they didn't have any of that. The restaurants we have today are Apple-bees, House Of Hunan, Olive Garden, and Hong Kong Buffet. They only had to have their mothers make them food. The clothes we have are a lot better than back then, including more jeans, shirts, shoes, short shorts, and short shorts. Back then they had to wear the same outfit almost everyday. The one thing that they have that's better than us is they didn't talk bad to their parents.

## **A Tribute to Robert Parish**

**By, Austin Christman**

**This is all about the life of my Grandpa Robert Parish.**

Kids today have it made. Indoor bathrooms, central heat, and lots of stuff make life easier for kids these days. Also, they do not have the threat of a world war. But life during the forties was a lot different.

Robert Parish was a child sixty years ago. To begin with, he said that the house back then wasn't warm in the winter. Also, they had to go outside to get water, and then they would heat it up with the stove. They had to go outside to use the outhouse. Robert Parish's mom would always have something to eat. They didn't have a lot of money. The pay was very little and his dad worked very hard and he got very little pay. Robert Parrish said that school was scary because WWII was going on back then, and they would have air raid drills. They would have to go to the basement because of the air raids, and when they were in the basement, they would have to get against the wall. The teachers back then were much stricter than teachers right now. For entertainment, Robert played softball, football, and marbles with his neighbor. They didn't have the stuff that kids have now. When they played softball, they used different stuff then kids use now, and so that's how they played softball back then. For clothing, Robert wore a t-shirt and jeans to school, and that's what all the boys would wear winter or summer, and all the girls would wear dresses for the summer and winter since the dresses were so long, they could wear them for winter and summer. Robert's mother would make chili or homemade beef and noodles, or if they were good then they would get pancakes. He never went to a restaurant, but his mother always had something to eat. Robert's favorite food was the homemade chicken and noodle

soup. His other favorite food was pumpkin pie. Since there was no TV, they sat around a radio and listened to music, but they mostly listened to the news because of WWII. After they bought a TV, they watched boxing, the *Lone Ranger*, and the news.

Robert Parish remembered when he and his parents took his sister to the army for WWII. He was so scared that he would go home and lie down and cry because he didn't want his sister to get hurt or killed. Robert Parish was ten years younger than his sister. She would help around the house when his mother would get sick. Also she was a bad diabetic.

Robert Parish was only ten years old when the Great Depression ended. Robert Parish remembered about the JFK assassination. When it happened he and his wife were outside sitting on the porch and his neighbors yelled and told them what happened. They went inside and just sat there and they cried. It was all over the news.

## **A Tribute to Jacque Lambert**

**By Joshua Lambert**

**This is an essay I wrote about my grandma.**

Things are different from today than they were years ago. To begin with, teachers use the computer for to put grades in. Also, iPhones are used to call and text and even for homework, so kids don't have to look in books.

Jacque Lambert was born in 1947. Jacque lambert did not play games because she always did the work around the house. She always had to do the dishes, and she was the one person that had to do the chores. In her days, the teachers were very strict, and they would whip you with a stick. She wore old clothes to school. They had to stand up and say their multiplication in the front of the class. Jacque's favorite food was homemade soup. For entertainment, she watched movies and listened to music. She also liked to watch TV. The only game she plays is play with marbles for cool stuff. When she got the chance, she liked days to spend time with her cousins, her grandpa and grandma, and her mom, dad, uncle, and her aunt. She loved to play to do things like playing in the dirt. They did not play sports like today. Football was not the same because today players can throw longer and farther hit harder, and have better helmets.

Jacque remembered fun times at Thanksgiving. The whole family would go to her uncle's house for Thanksgiving. Her dad and brother would all go hunting in the morning on the farm, next they would all get together at noon for Thanksgiving dinner, and after eating they would watch football. After some time of sitting down and relaxing, the kids would go outside and play. They played football, soccer, basketball, baseball, golf, disc golf, trick shots and other things. Some days she liked to spend time with her cousins and her grandpa, grandma, and her mom, dad, uncle, and her aunt. She loves to play to do thing like play in the dirt.

Jacque will never forget the day John F. Kennedy was assassinated. She was in class at Marion Catholic High School when she heard the news. Jacque said, "it was horrible that it happened!" They were able to watch some of the scenes from that day. It saddened the whole school because it felt as though a new era for equality for all people had ended. She was shocked that this all happened in America. John F. Kennedy, thirty-fifth President of the United States, was assassinated at 12:30 p.m. on Friday November 22, 1963 in Dealey Plaza, Dallas, Texas. Kennedy was fatally shot by a sniper while traveling with his wife Jacqueline.

Technology changes and different fashions come and go, but kids stay the same. All kids love good food like pizza and salads. Kids today have better technology like iPhones and iPod, but back then they did not have Xbox and TV, and kids back then they did not have good technology. They both had to go to school use chalkboards. The teachers have to use technology. This is from today and back then.

## **A Tribute to Larry Temple**

**By CJ Temple**

Kids today have it a lot easier than kids did 50 years ago. To begin with technology has made school a lot easier with computers, iPods, and laptops so information is at your fingertips. Also, teachers post their assignments online so kids don't have to write them down. Also, you have spellcheck so your papers look good and it corrects your spelling errors. But fifty years ago things were different.

Larry Temple was about 7 years old 50 years ago. Back then life was harder and school was less complicated. In addition, school was 7 hours long; you said the pledge and prayed before school. Back then kids had recess from kindergarten through sixth grade. They wore jeans, t-shirts, canvas shoes, and mesh shorts to school. Foods were more homemade back then; some meals were fried chicken, beef and noodles, and meat loaf which are his favorite meal. Lassie was his favorite movie his favorite band was the Beach Boys.

Here is a story that Larry will never forget. One summer he was climbing to the top of the hay bales to look at some kittens and his friend pushed the ladder down. So, he was climbing down the hay bales and he fell and was unconscious for 3 days in the hospital. That was a story that Larry Temple will never forget.

This is a historical event that Larry will never forget, the assassination of JFK. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, TX in 1962 and the U.S. was without a president for 12 hours. Larry was in kindergarten and they got sent home early. He was very sad and

terrified that the U.S. was without a president. Lee Oswald (ex-Marine) is the one who killed JFK. President Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as president for the rest of the term. JFK was 46 years old when he was assassinated. JFK was shot in the back of the head in a parade. Those were some details from the JFK assassination and how Larry Temple reacted to it.

Even though technology improved and fashions come and go kids stay the same. Kids have always been the same from 1960 to today. Kids have always liked to play outside and have fun even if it's playing in different ways. One thing that is different is that kids back then were more energetic than kids today.



## A Tribute to: Kathy Green

By: Alexis DeGood

Things today are different from kids back then. Kids today have it a lot easier than kids did many years ago. Today we have computers and Internet. Today we also have phones where we can get ahold of people if we need something or if we're hurt. Today we also don't have one-room school; there are a lot of different classrooms, and the grades aren't put together today like they were back then. Today we get clothes from American Eagle, Hollister, Polaris, and Wal-Mart. Today we have microwaves so we can cook food. Today we also have computers to search or Google things and if we get a report that we have to do then we can search that person up. Here are some things about today that are different from back then.

Kathy Green was born in 1950. Back then life was a lot harder. To begin with school was a little strict. Kathy went to a school that only had one room until 8<sup>th</sup> grade. One teacher taught all the classes. Kathy and everyone that went to school with her had to say a prayer every morning. Their heat was different because the heat that they used was a pot belly stove. Back then they also didn't have computers or anything to help them with homework. In addition clothing was different also. The clothes Kathy wore were handed down to her. The clothes that Kathy wore were mostly dresses. Kathy would get new shoes when school started and the shoes were loafers. Some would be tie-up shoes. In the summer, Kathy would go barefoot, or Kathy would wear flip-flops sometimes. Today Kathy wears jeans and t-shirts, and she has the nice shoes. Kathy wears flip-flops or shoes in the summer today. In addition food was more homemade back then. Kathy liked to eat fried

chicken. Kathy didn't go to any restaurants when she was younger because they didn't know of any. In addition what Kathy did for entertainment was she played on her swing on the porch, visited a friend for a little bit, sing, listen to music, and watch TV. Her favorite music was rock and roll. The television Kathy liked was westerns and musical shows. Kathy liked Elvis movies.

A story Kathy would never forget was when she was 5. Kathy and her brother Jack were driving a truck. Because Jack was driving too fast, they went off the road, over the hillside, and they had hit a tree. If the tree wouldn't have been there, then they would have started flipping. Kathy and Jack didn't get hurt. It just pushed Kathy and Jack around a little bit, and there weren't any seat belts back then that they could wear to hold them down a little bit better. Some of her cousins had to help pull the car up the hill and back onto the road. It was after dark, so they carried Kathy back because she was so frightened. This is what frightened Kathy when she was a child.

A historic event Kathy will never forget was in November 1963. A neighbor knocked on the door at school. All of the kids heard Mr. Vance, Kathy's teacher, that President John Kennedy had been shot and killed in Texas. Pretty much everyone liked him because he was a very good, man and it was shocking news that he got killed. Everyone was upset when they got told that he was killed. Everybody was talking about it, and why people would shoot such a good man. That's all that they really talked about the past few weeks after he was killed. Here is a historic event that Kathy will never forget.

Things that are different from today than they were back then. Today we have technology, but back then they didn't have technology. Today we have phones to call someone or text

someone, but back then they didn't have any phones to text or call. Today our clothing is different because back then boys and girls had to dress up for school. Today it doesn't matter what we wear for school. Also food is different. Back then food was more homemade, but today you can go out to eat. Schools are also different today than from back then because back then they only had one-room school, but today you have schools that have more than one room. Today we have a lot more games and entertainment than what they did back then. These are things that are different from back then.

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## **A Tribute to Judy Goode**

**By Arielle Brooks**

Kids today are lucky. To begin with, technology has made it easier with computers making important things right there at their fingertips. Also the kids were more respectful than now and they didn't have computers, smart phones, video game and music that were portable. Also schools were not as educated as they are today. In addition kids have lots of fun on electronics.

But back in they all the day had was outside, and half the time kids in the present day can't live without their cell phone or tablets or anything to do with outside. Also it was safer than it is today, Judy could walk around outside at five in the morning, and nothing would happen to them and the clothes are different then back then, They had to wear skirts to school and only skirts. Also they had one teacher for the entire 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and they walked home for lunch. The only games they played were at recess softball, kickball sometimes red rover. They ate mash potatoes meat, really did not have much junk food back. They did not go to restaurants and they if had nickel or dime, they would get a soda or candy bar.

When Judy was young she and her siblings would go to Cedar Point. Cedar Point wasn't like it is today; they had a lot smaller rides, not the huge roller coasters. Also she didn't have to pay to get in the park she paid five or ten cents to ride each ride! She and her siblings would spend the all day at the park and beach. They didn't have money to buy lunch so they would each make mayonnaise and potato sandwich lunch. To keep their lunches cool they would pick a spot on the beach, dig a shallow hole, put all their lunch bags down in the hole, cover the hole with sand and mark where the hole. After riding rides and swimming they would go back to