

Older Person Interview

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Person Interviewed: Lori Woo (Grandma)

Family and Background

My grandma was born on January 4, 1956 in Salt Lake City, Utah. She is the oldest of 5 girls and 1 boy. Her parents are from Irish and Danish descent. She lived in Utah most of her life, except for when she was in her late teens when she lived in Phoenix, Arizona for a couple of years.

Homes

My grandma lived in a small house in Sandy, Utah. All the girls had to share a bedroom. The house is not there any more. She had indoor plumbing and electricity. They heated the house with a furnace and nothing to cool it.

Childhood Memory

She had to share clothes with her sisters and had to wear dresses to school. As soon as they came home from school they had to change out of their good clothes and into clothes for home. She rode horses for fun and played with her sisters. Her favorite memory was riding her horse. For chores, she had to muck out the stalls, build the water trough, feed animals, she had to clean the house and weed the garden. For fun she read books and rode her horse.

School

In grade school she rode a bus about 5 miles away from home. She studied reading, writing, arithmetic, languages and history. She had to study and do homework, but she did not have a lot of homework.

Recreation

She did not go to a movie until she was 11 or 12. The first movies she went to were Gidget movies and Elvis movies. She did not get a TV until she was about 7 years old and it was black and white. She watched Bugs Bunny and the Road Runner, Father Knows Best, Dennis the Menace, and Bonanza. She did not listen to a radio until she was in her teens and she listened to pop music. Her first car was a 1960 Ford Falcon.

Nation and World

The Vietnam War was a major problem; she also remembered the assassination of Kennedy. Other problems were hunger and poverty. The major changes she remembers are computers, technology, TV, they had a party line phone, and how they got their food, they had to raise some animals to eat.

Other

Her favorite toys were Barbie toys. She was born in a hospital.