

A Grandma

Growing up I did not have a Grandmother that I was close too. My Mother's Mother had had 11 children, (14 according to Ancestry.com), and I think she might have been tired of children, she was always nice to me but there were no hugs, or any affection and I think this was just her way. My Father's Mother had died when he was 13. He had a stepmother that I referred to as my wicked step-Grandmother. She was very hostile towards me and I returned the abuse. There was a woman I called Grandma Stephens that I was close to. Her door was always open, and she would set with me and we would have a cup of tea. We lived close by at first but then we moved, and I did not see her often. I was closer to my Great-Grand Mother than my Grandmas. When I became a Grandmother, I went at it wholehearted and adored my 3 Grandchildren. Two of those grandchildren have now blessed me with Great Grandchildren. I am once again, deeply, and firmly in love. I had a good role model in my Great Grandmother. She was affectionate and kind and spent time with me when we would visit. She would also send me gifts occasionally. One of the lessons she gave me was that love can survive distance. Our Granddaughter and family (2 of my Great Grandchildren) are moving to Colorado and I will rely on this lesson in my life now. From my Great Grandmother I also received the gift of a faith well lived. My grandchildren spent time with their parents in church and they also went with me to church even as young teens and adults. I want to see my great grandchildren knowing and embracing that faith. I want them to know me and I to know them. With modern day advantages such as zoom, we will be able to build on the relationship that has been started and we will maintain that connection and they will know their Great Grandma. I have already checked the train schedule.

In 2 Timothy 1:5 I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which has lived in your Grandmother Lois and your Mother Eunice and, I am persuaded now lives in you also.

We pass on eye and hair color and even sometimes a sense of humor. Our height and body build are determined by those that went before. But what I really want to pass on is faith and love like Eunice and Lois.

Lord, we thank you for this day, for the love of family and friends. Be with those who are ill and need your loving hand to heal, be with those who grieve, comfort them. Be with our nation's leaders may their decisions be in the best interest of those who are most in need. Be with our Pastor, bless his ministry and protect and guide him and his family. Be with our church staff and leaders, guide and protect them. Lord help us to fight this pandemic, give us wisdom and courage, guide our leaders. We thank you for our blessings, our gifts, our talents, help us to use them wisely. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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