

HAPPY, HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY!! This year on Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013

I wish every Grandparent, the happiest Day possible on Grand Parents Day! Now that I am a Grandparent myself I like to reminisce back to the days when, as a child, my mother spent time with her parents, exposing me to many loving memories. Oh, how I wish I had been mature enough to have gotten better acquainted with my Grandparents. I know they could have shared many valuable bits of their experiences with me had I known to ask.

Being the first grandchild born to the oldest daughter of my grandparents, and oldest grandchild on my Father's side of the family (that I know of ) I had lots of aunts and uncles on both sides of my parent's families. I was even blessed to have loving memories of one great Grandfather for a short time. I treasure a picture of my Mother's parents when she was about 4-5 years old. They were a beautiful young couple with their first two children, starting a life together for more than fifty years, during which time they had six more children. From their union I have too many cousins to count. I never knew my Grandfather on my Dad's side and was seldom exposed to my Grandmother. But as I grew I was exposed to their children, and enjoyed knowing several cousins. But sad to say, there came a time when Great grandpa died, Grandpa, then my Grand Mothers, and my parents. And now all of my aunts and uncles are gone. I am the oldest of all my cousins.

Unlike many I have been blessed with many relatives in my life. Now, I am a great-great-grandmother myself. Most of our adult children are Grandparents also. This has made me wonder; how many young people have not been so blessed? If you are a Grandchild, with Grandparents still living, get to know them before they are gone. They will be gone all too soon, then it will be too late!. If you have Grandchildren I hope you share experiences with them as often as possible. They will thank you, and treasure them, when they grow old. I know that our society has strongly interfered, preventing precious opportunities for us to bond with our families. Our families may become separated, long distances apart for long periods of time, bad experiences, attitude problems, bad health, drug addictions, etc. But we must do what we can, when we can. God does not seem to be accepted in many generation's lives, and that is their greatest loss. We Grandparents may not be able to influence our Grandchildren by talking about God, but a righteous example is a powerful tool we can use.

I wish for every Grandparent, every Great grandparent, and if some are so blessed, every Great-great Grandparent God's blessings on this, your day, and on the rest of your lives. HAVE A HAPPY GRAND PARENT'S DAY!

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