

Thoughts about Grandma and Grandpa from Liz Hendrickson

GRANDMA --- Quiet, very proper, loving, multi-talented, e.g., sewing, quilting, crocheting, knitting. Fabulous cook, especially Chocolate Chip cookies. Magic cookie jar always had cookies in it. Oh, the baked bread, buns and cinnamon rolls. Rocking Chair --- I loved sitting on her lap in the rocking chair. It would squeak and Grandma would put Vicks on it and the squeak would stop!! Loving chair. She taught me how to tie shoelaces. My Mom couldn't teach me so I sat on Grandma's lap, she would slowly tie my shoelaces. I untied them and did what she did and got it because she was left-handed like I was, so she tied them the same way - left handed.

She loved having all of us with her. Made fabulous meals but insisted the men eat first. Very active in Ladies Aid. Always called "Mrs. Sauter" by people. Very much a proper lady. She was a safe place to fall!!

GRANDPA --- Lost four fingers while fixing a windmill. Owned a John Deere dealership. He had been a major stockholder when there was a run on the Tuttle Bank and lost a great deal of money. He avoided bankruptcy as he owned a great deal of land and a large herd of cattle. He was an auctioneer called "Colonel" which I could not understand. Grandpa was quiet and loved to play pool and cards. He seemed reserved and not affectionate like Grandma. A staunch Republican. He had a deer head mounted above his chair in the living room -- I hate that.