

# Do you know Grandma?



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**Question 1: Name all your children and grandchildren by name. If you can.**

This is a fun question to answer at the beginning of this fun book.... Sure I know the names of all my children in order... and hopefully all my grandchildren in order.

Children

Andre Charles Giles	Feb. 24, 1966
Keith Chandler Giles	May 23, 1967
Louis Gehrig Giles	Oct. 30, 1969
Donald Wells Giles	Nov. 8, 1971
Alex Bona Giles	Jan 24, 1973
Liberty Ann Giles Mortensen	July 4, 1975
Jerilyn Giles Isom	Jan. 6, 1978
Ethan Allen Giles	June 1, 1983

Grandchildren as of May 7, 2010

Joseph Hyrum Giles	5-21-95
Jacey Giles	3-27-96
Cache Chandler Giles	3-29-96
Talyr Madison Mortensen	12-7-96
Nathane Judy Giles	3-21-97
Adalie Elizabeth Giles	9-27-97
Maris Abigail Mortensen	11-24-97
Cole David Ray Giles	1-5-99
Dawson Giles	3-8-99
Alexis May Giles	5-30-99
Porter David Giles	11-1-99
Anderson Charles Giles	11-27-99
Nicola Ann Mortensen	2-03-2001
Daniel J. Isom	6-26-2001
Katelyn Jayde Giles	7-17-2001
Logan Spencer Giles	2-03-2002
Quidry Jacobsen Giles	5-29-2002
Jenaveve Ann Giles	12-29-2002
Cael Wilson Giles	3-7-2003
Molly Jayne Mortensen	4-9-2003
Emma Isom	4-17-2003
Jacob Maxwell Giles	4-27-2003
Maxwell Jerry Giles	10-16-2004
Levi Joel Giles	12-20-2004
Cooper Kidus Hans Mortensen	12-20-2005

Dallin O'Neil Giles	5-21-2006
Maren Kate Isom	9-24-2006
Sadie Lyn Isom	9-24-2006
Lucy Emmaline Giles	9-28-2006
Wilson David Giles	10-18-2007
Sloan Veau Giles	4-15-2008
Reagan Kaydence Giles	8-19-2009

I know each of you by name and each morning and evening you are all in my prayers by name.... Like a fine jeweled necklace each one of you is important on the chain. We are bonded closely together by love- Each of you are loved and needed.

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**Question 2: What do you love most about your siblings?**

We were raised by a mother who had the gift of observing the needs of others. Our mom was always serving someone. She was usually the first to offer help. She always went into homes of those people who didn't have very many possessions. She "acted" on the promptings that came to her. My brother, Joe and sister Susan are the same way... I love them for many reasons but I love them for the service they give to so many.

When we were in grade school Joe would help one young man every morning by taking him into the boys bathroom where he would wash his hands, comb his hair and try to wash him up from the bad smell of body odor. Now after all these years Joe is still giving and serving unselfishly.

I know he would (and has) helped me in any way I would ask. I love him for many fun good memories as well. He is always an honest man.

I love Susan also for the wonderful example of service she is always showing... One day when I called her she was taking cookies to an elderly lady who is in a retirement home. Last month I did a presentation for a stake Relief Society day. Susan did a beautiful handout for me. It took a lot of work.

I love the way she is so sincerely interested in me and my family and all my grandchildren. I am really happy for the fond memories we have had growing up and playing house and school. She is honest. I really love Susan for her strong testimony of the gospel and Jesus Christ.

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**Question 3: What is your favorite hobby?**

I love writing ..... Letters,  
In my journal,

In this book,  
Poems,  
Notes to people,  
Have started my life story

I love baseball  
I love embroidery work  
I love sewing ..... Quilts,  
Nightgowns,  
Pajamas  
I love to read  
I especially love and enjoy spending time with my grandchildren. :)

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**Question 4: Where/Who was your first date?**

To a movie in Spanish Fork. I do not remember the month.  
Merril Binks  
He didn't come pick me up. We just met at the movie theater.

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**Question 5: How old were you when you had your first date?**

Too young! :(

'15"

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**Question 6: What is your favorite book? Why?**

The Book of Mormon  
Absolutely the most wonderful book I have ever read....

I can't even tell you how many times I have read it. Each time I learn more of the life and love of Jesus Christ. I love reading of the prophets and the men and women who loved the Lord.

When we were serving in Ethiopia, I read the Book of Mormon at least six times. It added to my testimony and has always answered all my questions.

I have a testimony it is the most correct book on Earth, and we will get nearer to God by reading it and pondering the words therein... Joseph Smith translated the gold plates by the miracle from God to our behalf.

I bear witness of its truthfulness in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Date: May 8, 2010**

**Question 7: what is your favorite card/board game?**

I really enjoy "Solitaire"  
I like "Balderdash"

My mom played solitaire all the time.  
When we went to Uganda I took a deck of cards that were my moms that she had played with. Almost every night I would play solitaire.  
I also enjoy playing Phase 10.

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**Question 8: As a child did you collect anything? If so, what?**

No, I did not have any collections,  
I did have some dolls that I played with a lot.

**Date: May 9, 2010**

**Question 9: How many states have you LIVED in?**

Utah  
Idaho  
Wyoming  
Montana

I had never been out of the state of Utah until I met Grapo and we traveled to Idaho to meet his parents. =)

**Date: May 9, 2010**

**Question 10: What is your favorite scripture story (this includes any set of doctrine)?**

Because of my love for the scriptures this was a difficult question to answer because there are many scriptures stories I love. If I can I will relate three for now.

1- The birth of the Savior has to be a beautiful story for the whole world. I especially love Mary, his mother. She was a young beautiful girl. She had been taught by her Father and Mother to remain virtuous. She probably had brothers and sisters and she was a young woman who listened and wanted to do what was right.

The night she gave birth in a stable or cave like dwelling, she had a precious Joseph to assist her. He loved her and cared for her. They both knew who this precious son was. One of my favorite Christmas songs which may be the most tenderly-  
"Mary's Lullaby".

"All mine in your loviness baby all mine, all mine in your loviness baby  
divine, sing on Herald angels in chorus sublime, For you are a King, but tonight  
you are mine"

Mary knew she could hold Jesus for this night and then he would become King for the world... The Savior, the very son of God. As much as I loved all of my babies, new borns, so cuddly and precious and warm and tender and to on who they would become.... Mary must have felt intense feelings for the love of this precious son and

who He was and who he would become~ It is a tender story of motherhood~  
Luke 2: 18 & 19

2- Another favorite scripture story of mine is taken from the New Testament also:

"The Good Samaritan"

Luke 10: 25-37

A certain lawyer attempted to trap Jesus by asking Jesus how he could gain eternal life. The lawyer asks, "Who is my neighbor?"

Jesus then answers with a parable- a beautiful story about a man who fell among thieves, they left him half dead. A priest walked by (a man who had church knowledge). He walked by the wounded man and did nothing. In fact he walked across the road to "The other side". So did a man who was a Levite.

Then a man from Samaria was walking on the same pathway down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He saw him and had compassion - - He knelt down to him, asked him where he hurt, cleaned his wounds, and gave him something to drink. He poured cleaning oil and wine into his wounds, bound them up then placed the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn and took care of him. Then he spent the night with him then gave the inn keeper enough money to pay for his care for a few days until he was well. He told the inn keeper if you need more money when I come back I will pay extra.

Then Jesus ask the lawyer, "Which one of these was the real neighbor?" The lawyer said, "the one that showed mercy." Jesus then tells him, "Go and do likewise."

Both these two stories, I have seen the place in Bethlehem where Jesus was born. I have been there. I have also walked "down" from Jerusalem to Jericho. Blessings come in the second mile.

3- The third story is from the Book of Mormon. Where Sariah, mother of Laman, Lemuel, Sam and Nephi is concerned about her sons, when they went back to Jerusalem for the brass plates. Bless her dear heart. She prayed & pleaded & wept for them. That is what mothers do.

4- Okay I said three stories but one more. It is about Joseph Smith as a young boy, when he told his parents of his first vision. When he had been awake all night learning and being taught from angel Moroni. What I love is that his parents Lucy Mack and Joseph Sr. believed him. They wanted to learn more. They had already spent years teaching their children from the Bible.

I loved his parents for listening to him and believing him. I'm grateful my own grandchildren are being taught scriptures stories and so grateful all my grandchildren have parents they can talk to who will listen.





**Date: May 10, 2010**

**Question 11: What is your favorite hymn?**

Where can I turn for peace,  
I stand all amazed,  
Because I have been given much,  
I know that my Redeemer lives.

**Date: May 10, 2010**

**Question 12: Did/do you play an instrument? Tell.**

"THE RADIO"  
=)

I wanted to play the piano so badly. My aunt Leona helped mom buy a big, old, upright piano. I did take lessons for several months. Susan did also. I just did not have an "ear" for music. I enjoyed it but couldn't understand the extras like sharps and flats. Plus the piano caused so much contention with my dad that we got rid of it. Susan still plays some.

Liberty helped me with piano lessons for one of her young women projects. She really tried hard & was patient with me. My Mother could play some by ear and loved it secretly.

**Date: May 10, 2010**

**Question 13: Where were you born? Date**

Payson City Hospital,  
Payson, Utah  
(Not the same one Talyr and Maris were born in)  
August 12, 1944

My mom was canning corn when I decided to be born.  
I had lots of dark brown hair.

**Date: May 10, 2010**

**Question 14: How many times have you read the Book of Mormon?**

I read the Book of Mormon for the first time when I was expecting Andre. Then I read all 4 of the standard works when I was expecting Alex.

I do not have an exact count but I am saying "45-46 times". I know I have read it every year since around Alex' birth. He is 37. Then when we were in Ethiopia I read it 4 or 5 times and in Uganda 2 or 3 times.

**Date: May 10, 2010**

**Question 15: If you were an animal, what would you be?**

I would be a mother bear.

They sleep for at least 4 or 5 months.

No one dares take food from them.

They love their cubs.

No one or nothing would ever dare touch one of their cubs.

**AND THEY MUST LOVE (CHOCOLATE! =)**

**Date: May 10, 2010**

**Question 16: How many times have you been out of the country (not including Canada)? Where have you been?**

The first time Grapo and I went to the Holy Land.

1979- Egypt

Jerusalem

Jordan

Bethlehem

Greece (Athens)

Italy (Rome & Florence)

Lebanon

Ethiopia

Kenya

Uganda

Rwanda

South Africa



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**Question 17: What is your most embarrassing moment?**

When the new spectrum was built on Utah States Campus I went to the the bathroom. Upon completion I arose from the toilet and the toilet flushed. That had never happened to me before. My first impulse was to look around and see who knew I was finished. I thought maybe there was a hidden camera. I was really alarmed. It was too funny. =)

When I went to the senior prom I got very nauseated a puked. It was awful. I then ran to the bathroom and puked again. My date took me home. :(



**Date: May 13, 2010**

**Question 18: Tell about your grandparents.**

Thomas L. Bona

My dad's father. I did not know him he died in a car wreck when I was about 2 years old.

Sadie Viola Wilson Bona

My dad's mother. I was named after her. Judith Viola.

I remember her well. Rides to Utah Lake for picnics. She would pack

sandwiches and a jar of lemonade. Then sandwiches were peanut butter and jelly. She was crippled from a blood clot in one of her birthing deliveries. She lay in bed for months. She had a blood clot in her hip. She could walk but always with a terrible strain. The picnics were fun.

She was a widow for many years. 1946-1971.

She made alot of quilts. She made dresses for me and my cousins.

We always ate at her home for Thanksgiving. She made the best carrot pudding ever. I remember one year for Christmas she bought Andre, Keith and Gehrig shirts. They loved them. She had a strong work ethic.

When grandpa (Jerry) and I were married she hosted a wedding lucheon at her home. A BIG turkey dinner. Bless her heart. She loved grandpa (Jerry) because he was a Republican. She had 7 children. She lost one right after birth.

We couldn't attend her funeral. She died Oct. 27, 1971 and we lived in Star valley, Wyoming. That October the snow was already deep so we couldn't leave the valley. I had Wells one week later. Sadie Lynn Isom was also named after her.

I could fill up this book with alot more stories of her.

Rudolph Balzly.

My mother's father came from Switzerland with his mother when he was young. He never knew his father as far as I know. He married Anna Elizabeth Houser and they had 12 children. My mom was the youngest of their 12.

He was helping hauling wood from the mountains and a wagon ran over his leg when he tried to fix one of the wheels. He always walked with a crutch or cane. He had a mustache and always chewed tobacco. I was disgusted when I had to kiss him because there was awful tobacco chew on this mouth and whiskers. He died when I was about 10.

Anna Elizabeht Houser Balzly came from Berne, Switzerland with her younger brother when she was 8 or 9. Her brother was about 4 or 5. She was an amazing women. When coming from Switzerland by boat they had to stay down in the bottom where the luggage was kept.

She birthed 12 children. She wasn't any bigger than 5'2. She worked HARD all her life. Turned no one away from her home. Fed so many people. Made delecious homemade bread and noodles, pies and soups. I could really tell alot about her because she was incredibe. She taught my mom and all of her children how to serve others.

She had many friends. I remember she would sit at her kitchen table and let me fix her hair. I would comb her hair, using alot of water and then put it up with alot of bobbie pins. She never complained, never. She worked as a young girl, just new to this country, in Salt Lake City as a nannie, washing clothes, cooking, etc. Grandma Annie sang with the Tabernacle Choir.

She died at her home of cancer when I was about 11 or 12. She was loved by all and oh so precious. My mom learned service and loving and caring for all from her

mom, Anna Elizabeth.

**May 13, 2010**

**Question 19: What has been your favorite church calling?**

I enjoyed all my church callings. I enjoyed early morning seminary for 4 years. It was interesting. I taught a lesson every day 5 days a week during the school year. For 4 years.

I gained a very strong love for my Savior. Really got involved in the scriptures. My testimony grew. Of course I loved both of our missions more than I can express.

**May 13, 2010**

**Question 20: What was/is your favorite school subject?**

Spelling, Home Economics, Social Studies

**May 13, 2010**

**Question 21: What is your favorite movie?**

"My Fair Lady" with Audrey Hepburn

Any movie with Audrey Hepburn would be my favorite.

"Shadowlands" True story of C.S. Lewis

"Mary Poppins"

When I was very young I love the movie.

"So Dear To My Heart"

"Swiss Family Robinson"

"What about Bob"



May 13, 2010

**Question 22: Tell about ALL your church missions.**

My first mission I was called to be a stake missionary. I helped the full time missionasries. One of my assignments was to help teach the new member lessons.

A young high school girl from Power, Montana had been baptized while with her sister in Utah. When she returned home to Montana I helped teach her the new member lessons. I will always remember her bearing her testimony of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Now all these many years later I still keep in touch with her. SHE married a wonderful young man (who had served a mission) and they married in the Temple. They live in Logan, Utah and have 2 sons. She has told me often of her love of the Gospel. I am happy my oppertunity was to konw her and teach her and continue to love her.

My second mission was to the Kenya Nairabi mission with my favorite companion. We served in Ethiopia for 18 months. I will remember everything about our deciding to serve in October '04. We would both retire and be ready to go. I also remember the day the call came. July 3, '04. Grandpa had retired July 1st we ran to



the mailbox. Both of us had an envelope from Salt Lake.

As we read our calls we sat in the porch swing and cried like babies. Signed by President Hinckley. Now this notebook hasn't enough room to tell you all about that mission.

The people we met and loved. The baby we held and loved in the orphanage. The gospel message we taught an experience of a life time.....

until we were home for 10 months and Salt Lake called and asked us to return to Africa. Our next mission was to Uganda Kampala. We found we would have President Duke and Sister Duke as our mission Presidents and we could return to Ethiopia a few times while in Uganda. This, after much prayer and fasting we were back in Africa by September '08.

I missed my family ever soooooooooooooo much. I counted the days. I prayed for you all and then I counted some more. But the time spent there was so wonderful. Each day was so full of another new experience and new story to tell in my journal. A life touched ours everyday. These African people asrved us with so much.

We laughed, we wept, we cried. Again another experience. They tuaght us so much. We always thought we were going there to teach and to serve but they taught us about life and love and they served us.

**May 24, 2010**

**Question 23: What is your favorite sport? Why?**

I guess I would have to say

"BASEBALL"

Love watching it

playing it

going to the games

It is something we all do together.

GO YANKEES

I also enjoy watching high school and college wrestling.

**May 24, 2010**

**Question 24: Who was the president of the United States when you were born?**

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

32nd President

He was in a wheelchair because of polio. He died in office April 12, 1945 of a Blood Clot.

**May 24, 2010**

**Question 25: If someone made a movie of your life would it be a drama, a comedy, a romantic comedy, action film, or science fiction film?**

I believe there would be parts of all. I would like to think it could be a real comedy.  
Parts of it would be real romantic.

Of course having eight children and trying to raise them up to be as good as they all are now would be a real "mystery". They have done well despite me.

There would be lots of comedy parts probably without even trying.

Science fiction parts would be how we managed to raise good children on a very low income.

Comedy parts like Alex saying "Same as last year" and I thought he said, "Sammy's glass wear" :)

Spiritual parts like Liberty telling me Tony was not the one and asking me if it was okay to tell him. But she felt the prompting he was not the one.

Going to Africa and Safaries and the animals we saw. That was drama, or action film.

Actually there are some sad parts of the movie. Such as watching a son make wrong choices.

A love story throughout because of being married to a wonderful man and having a wonderful family.

That would make a great movie. Just about all of our families.  
Like you.

**May 24, 2010**

**Question 26: How many people were in your graduating class?**

Approximately 220





**May 24, 2010**

**Question 27: What is your favorite food?**

My mothers "sinkers" Apples  
 CARROTS Pancakes Desserts Coconut pie  
 Peanut butter sandwiches Frog eye sald waffles steaks and shrimp  
 cabbage BURNT ALMOND FUDGE ICE CREAM fruit salad  
 Tuna sandwiches CHOCOLATE

**May 24, 2010**

**Question 28: What was your first job? How much money did you earn an hour, a day?**

"Picking Cherries"

I lasted one day :(

I was 15. A farmer in Mapleton hired young people to pick cherries. They picked us up in a big grain truck. Drove us to Mapleton.

We were to pick cherries up in a tree. They told us, "DO NOT take the stems off!" I picked and picked. We were to get 5 cents a pound. Then I got an idea..... I could pick most without stems and then put just cherries with stems on top.

However, when I dumped them out on a conveyor belt the boss looked at my basket number and then spotted the missing stems. WHOOPS. He hollered out my name. I was quilty

I didn't return the second day :(

I worked as a receptionist in a Dr. office on Saturday mornings when I was between my Junior and Senior year. Made about \$1.00 per hour.

When I graduated from nursing school my first job was at the old Payson

Hospital. My pay was \$2.10 per hour. I made \$200.00 a month. I thought I was really rich.

That was 1963-64

**May 24, 2010**

**Question 29: Have you ever had to stay overnight in a hospital? If so, why?**

Eight times with having eight children.

Stayed 3 days with each one.

When I was 3 months pregnant with Jerilyn ~Spud~ I had to have my appendix out. In for a week.

When I had my hysterectomy in Missoula. In for 1 week  
After Liberty was born I had a small surgery. They couldn't wake me up so I was in for 3 days. It was in Logan Utah. In February. Jerry came back to get me but I couldn't wake up. Then it snowed really bad so he had to wait another day.

**May 24, 2010**

**Question 30: What is your favorite color?**

RED <3

**May 24, 2010**

**Question 31: Who was and how old were you when you had your first kiss?**

Merrill Binks

I was 15

YIKES!! :(

**May 24, 2010**

**Question 32: Who was your best friend(s) as a young girl?**

Janet Hansen, my age.

Karen Hansen, one year older.

They were sisters. They lived across the street from me. We played every day. In the summers we slept out almost every night. When the peas were ready in the fields we would gather the vines and eat fresh peas. Look up at the stars.

We played house. The summers we would clean out an old shed or up in the loft of the barn. We played a lot of baseball with Joe.

Joe and I played in the summer with them.

Susan and I were good friends we played school a lot and played house.

Also my cousin Jane and Mary Ann.

We would build sand houses in our ditch, or we would make sand cakes and our mothers would choose the most creative.

June 6, 2010

**Question 33: How old were you when you got married? Where?**

I got married June 4, 1965 in the Salt Lake Temple.

I turned 21 on August 12, 1965

I was approximately 20 years and 298 days!! =)

June 6, 2010

**Question 34: What was your dream job as a young child?**

First of all I always wanted to be a mother.

Then I wanted to be a second grade school teacher.

June 6, 2010

**Question 35: Where was your first date with grandpa?**

It was a blind date. We went to a basketball game with Utah State Aggies and BYU Cougars- in Provo, Utah.

The date was February 6, 1965. After the ball game we went to the Sizzler to eat.



June 6, 2010

**Question 36: How many bones have you broken/sprained? Which ones?**

I think I broke my little toe once.

I sprained my foot at Talyr's home in Santaquin, Utah when I was

helping when Nicki was born. The table fell on my foot!!

WTHOOPS! :(

June 6, 2010

**Question 37: Tell about your parents.**

Keith Wilson Bona my father

Phyllis Barbara Balzly Bona my mother

My dad was born July 6, 1919 in Spanish Fork, Utah. His parents were Thomas Bona and Sadie Viola Wilson Bona. My dad was a laborer. He worked various jobs. He worked hard. We had a few acres to work. My dad loved horses and when I was young he did some rodeos. He worked with roping calves.

My dad was the second oldest in his family. He had 4 brothers and 2 sisters. He was always the favorite uncle. Everyone loved Uncle Keith. My dad did not go to church but he was an honest man. Loved serving others. One of my favorite memories was when I turned 5. For my birthday present he gave me a really pretty silk night gown. I will never forget that.

Unfortunately my father was an alcoholic. Which brought much sadness to our home in many different ways. I thank God for the atonement. He was a tender, gentle, man otherwise. He didn't speak very often but when he did he usually taught good lessons.

He enjoyed dancing.

His favorite flower was a daisy.

Phyllis Barbara Balzly Bona was my mother. She was born October 23, 1919 the 12th child of Rudolph Balzly and Anna Elizabeth Houser. She grew up in Benjamin, Utah. My mother was taught by her mother of service. My mother's name was always synonymous with service and charity. Mom loved to sing. She had a song for everything. She was a very good cook, it was very seldom she ever she used a recipe. Her fried chicken was superb. SINKERS were wonderful.

Every summer she would buy 100 baby chicks, feed them and by the time fall came we butchered them and had chickens to eat in our freezer. She was active in the church. Saw to it that we went every Sunday. When we were younger our primary was on wednesdays after school. At one of our school plays she made me an outfit with bows and buttons on it. I sang a song the title was, "Buttons and Bows".

For Christmas one year when I was a tennager she bought me a very nice outfit of stretch pants and a top. We were very poor and I am not sure where she got that much money. I cherished my Madam Alexander doll she gave me one year. Mom taught me how to say my prayers. She also taught me to be a Christian. When I would not be getting along with friends or siblings mom always said, "You be the christian".

When I was in nursing school she got up every morning at 5 a.m. and fixed my breakfast (always cream of wheat) and my lunch to take to school. (usually



always a cheese sandwich) Bless her heart. Then at night she fixed a big supper. She always made us breakfast and supper but when I was in nursing school she was up at 5 a.m. ALWAYS!!!

Mom had a hard time. Her life was not an easy one. She worked hard. My mom had a testimony of Christ. Mom was a good housekeeper. Mom had such a gentle touch. Always rubbed our feet with mentholatum. Tummy ache, tooth ache, we got rubbed. It was when I became an adult I realized it was "her touch" that healed.

**June 15, 2010**

**Question 38: How did you meet grandpa?**

I met grandpa on a blind date. February 6, 1965. He called and asked my roommate for a date. She couldn't go and told him she had a very gorgeous roommate named Judy. He asked me if I would go.

**June 15, 2010**

**Question 39: What is your favorite song?**

Grandpa and I have a favorite love song we heard when dating. It is from a 1963 movie called, "Rome Adventure". "Al de La" - Italian - is a very beautiful song.

When we were in Italy in 1979 grandpa had a singing and instrumental group sing and play for me while we were at an outdoor restaurant. It was very romantic.

**June 15, 2010**

**Question 40: Tell me something about each of your children?**

ANDRE IS THE OLDEST CHILD. HE LOVES TO READ. WHEN HE WAS IN COLLEGE HE ALWAYS CALLED MY PARENTS, GRANDPA AND GRANDMA BONA EVERY SUNDAY. MY DAD LOOKED FORWARD TO THOSE CALLS. HE LOVED PLAYING LITTLE LEAGUE.

Keith is the second child born 15 months after Andre. He always loved the farm and animals. He was named Keith Chandler. We called him K.C. until he was in Jr. High when he wanted to be called Keith. He was a great wrestler.

Louis Gehrig Giles was our third son. Born in Logan, Utah. Grandpa Giles was there in Star Valley Wyoming to help with the boys. When I got home from the hospital grandpa had fried potatoes cooked. When he was a teenager

his friends would give him their shoes and then he would have a shoe sale in our basement.

WELLS IS #4. HE WAS ALWAYS TEASING. ALWAYS LAUGHING. HE TEASED LIBERTY AND SPUD. BUT HE WAS ALWAYS THE PEACEMAKER TOO. HE AND ALEX BUILT A "POP" STAND ON OUR ROOF IN HAVRE. HE WAS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO MAKE MONEY.

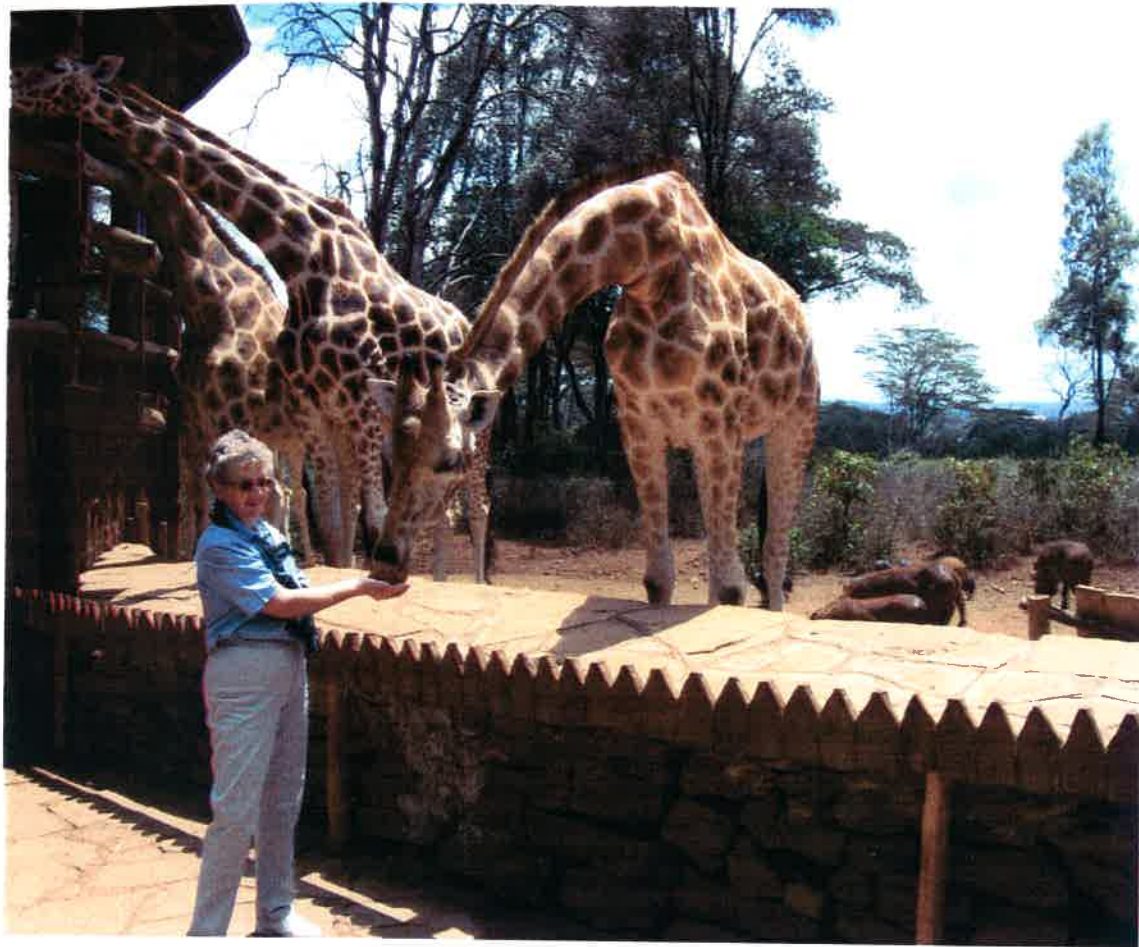
Alex is son #5. He was born when wells was only 14 months old. He is a very good salesman. Always friendly. Likes to talk. He was always "The class clown".

Liberty was our first girl. Born on the 4th of July. Grandpa Bona drove to see her in the hospital in Preston, Id. When he came into my room with tears in his eyes, he said "She sure is a cute little thing". Liberty thought for many years the reason we went to parades and had fireworks on her birthday was because of her. She never speaks guile.

Jerilyn was #7 and daughter #2. She was born in Preston, Id. When she came home from the hospital her brothers started calling her their little Spud. Idaho is known for their potatoes. Spud loves the animals & being out in the farm yard. When she was a young girl she would sit on top of our freezer and look out the window watching for us.

Ethan Allen is #8. He was born in Havre, Mt. So he has only known Montana. Ethan graduated from Golden Ridge school. He wanted to get his Eagle Scout award by the time he was 14. He played the violin.





**June 16, 2010**

**Question 41: Who is your hero? Why?**

I guess I would have to say, my hero is Jesus Christ my savior. Lead a perfect life. Loved everyone, was gentle, kind, sweet, sweet natured. Did not tolerate sin. Loved his mother. Listened. Prayed. Taught us. Was patient. Always had his hands out lifting others.

**June 16, 2010**

**Question 42: How many times have you got a speeding ticket? How much was the most expensive?**

Only got one speeding ticket when we were driving through the Dillon area. There was construction. There was no sign that said, "End of construction", but me and other drivers sped up. (There were no trucks working) A patrolman picked me up and others. When I called the judge he just said several had told him as well all the signs were gone. It was about \$50.00 if I remember.

**June 2010**

**Question 43: What was your first car?**

A Nash Rambler. About a 1959. May I tell you a story about this. When I was a nurse working at Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake I wanted a new Ford mustang. The very first year they were made..... 1964. I was making \$225.00 a month. I paid \$25.00 tithing. \$30.00 rent.

I asked my dad if he would help me with this new mustang. He took me to Tichner Ford in Santaquin. We sat down with the owner. Dad said, "Okey tell him what you want".

Red, "do you want a radio?"

yes, I told the man everything. I was so excited. I could just see me driving around in brand new red mustang. Then my dad told the gentleman to tell me how much tires would be to replace, how much I would be paying each month. I looked at him, I looked at my dad and told them I couldn't do it.

My dad then took me to Smith's Ford in Spanish Fork and helped me choose my little Nash Rambler. The cost \$300.00. I paid \$30.00 a month. My dad knew this all along but instead of him saying, "no, Judy you can't afford a new mustang". He taught me a great lesson about needs and wants.

I will never forget that lesson or the car.

**June 18, 2010**

**Question 44: When did you get your first set of scriptures?**

I got my first New Testament when I was in primary.

I bought my own full set of scriptures after I was married.

**June 19, 2010**

**Question 45: Who was the prophet you remember most as a young child?**

David O McKay

**June 19, 2010**

**Question 46: Who's your favorite book author? Why?**

For children's books I always liked Maurice Sendak and Bill Peet.

Adult book author I like Ann Rule she writes True Crime Stories.

**July 8, 2010**

**Question 47: Which of your pets was your favorite? Why?**

We had a dog whose name was Spot.

I did not like pets per say.

Joe and Susan both loved animals. Joe had many dogs  
Susan had cats she would dress up and feed with baby  
bottles.

**July 9, 2010**

**Question 48: If you could go anywhere in the world where would you go? Why?**

1- I would enjoy Switzerland, homeland of my Grandma Annie.

2- Then in the fall I would enjoy going to some of the New England  
cities.

3- New Yankee Stadium

**July 9, 2010**

**Question 49: When you were little, who was your favorite super hero and why?**

My Brother Joe.

He was always been very kind and gentle and thoughtful to so many.

A little story of Joe. A young man had moved into our community of Benjamin with his family. He was a young man who was not blessed with a real outgoing personality. (Everyone in Benjamin in those days were related.) This young man had a birthday party. He was turning 16. He invited all the young boys and girls that age to come to his home for his party. His mother had prepared ALOT of food because there were alot invited. Joe went to the party.....

As it turned out Joe was the only one who went. How very sad for the others who did not make that effort.....

And what a wonderful demonstration of character. To Joe and our mother who taught the principles of giving, charity and love.

It was Joe who taught a memorable lesson.

**So do you know Grandma?**



*I had an amazing time thinking of questions, waiting for her answers, and copying down her answers. I love Grandma so much and I hope you all feel the same way. We are so blessed to live in such an amazing family! I'm sorry for any spelling or punctuation mistakes.*

*~Talyr Mortensen*