

Wisdom Café. November 2, 2022 - What is your fondest childhood memory?

- It was always fun when the sawdust truck came to deliver the sawdust to heat our house. We would offer to help, but jump in the sawdust and it stuck to our clothes.
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- Also, the iceman came twice a week. To put it in our icebox to keep our food cold.
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- Later on in years, I looked forward to the truck that delivered oil for our furnace.
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- Coal was delivered and eventually people got stokers which put the right amount of coal in to keep us warm and we no longer had to use a shovel.

- I grew up in Wisconsin and lived with 3 generations – my grandparents, parents, and me and my brother.
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- My favorite memory was athletically I got in the tennis finals and also the math finals.

- I also was in the state finals for piano
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- One of my fondest memories was with my brother who had a racing boat. He lost the boat and when I helped him to find it, it was very foggy. We ended up going the wrong way on the lake at high speeds.

- I also lived with my mother, great grandmother, and grandmother with my 4 siblings.
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- I had a pioneer family that came to America in 1848 and followed the Oregon trail ending up in the Willamette valley.
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- I have 10 relatives that can be traced back to the Mayflower.
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- I grew up with my great grandparents and learned poker at age 4.

- My family is from Germany and Poland. They were in textiles and owned Seattle Woolen Company.
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- My favorite memory was I always knew our door was open, as my father would ask, how many should I set for dinner tonight?
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- In England we had smaller families. We all had no money. I was surprised when I came to America that it was not unusual to see families of 5.

- Growing up, my father worked at an aluminum factory. He made all of my toys - a doll, cradle, and more.
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- At Christmas, we would hang up my father's sock and in the morning there would be a tangerine and nuts.
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HAPPIEST CHILDHOOD MEMORIES-

-In Bulgaria, I have happy memories of going to the beaches.

-Every summer we would take a car trip and visit the National parks. I loved singing songs in the car with my family.

-My family would drive to clear lake. The beach was sandy and water turned from light blue to turquoise blue to dark turquoise blue.

-My family would take car trips to Banff, Craters of the Moon. We also would just do Sunday drives.

-My family would go to the seaside , we also would go to a lake with swans.

-In 1952, we drove from Wisconsin to NYC. We drove under the subways, took a boat on the Hudson river, saw Coney Island and the Empire State bldg.

-My family went on two-week car camping trips with my cousins, like to Canadian Maritime provinces and New Hampshire and Vermont.