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**Mom:** Commonly known as Granny.

What a Mother should be, is what she is.

**Granny:** Quiet, shy, faithful, truthful, loving, good listener, strong, hard worker, soft hearted, and animal lover. She loves her 14 children, selflessly. Her life revolved around her husband, kids, and animals.

**Respect:** My respect grew for Mom in the 70's, when I realized she was making a final payment on a bill that occurred during the Dirty Thirties. What an accomplishment!

**Birthdays/Mothers Day,Christmas:** Dad would give us kids money to buy her something. I would pick out something bright and colorful in cloths. She never took the time, or money to shop for herself. She felt comfortable in her stripped overalls. [A quick retreat to the barn, preferred the animals over us 14 lovely children]

**Outings:**Last person to leave. No matter how late it was, she was beside us. Proud as a Rooster of her lovely children. [She knew we would be going to the Truckstop]

**Helping Hand:** No matter how tried, she would be there .If she couldn't do the project, then she, of course would be the cook. [No-one will ever be able to replace her Bread Pudding.]

**Remodeling Projects:** She loved to watch the transition. She praised our work to friends. Kodak moment for me was, seeing her sit in my porch, watching so I didn't fall As I was demolishing the second story of our house. The blown insulation was falling. The dust was so thick, I could barely see her. She sat there patiently waiting and watching. Finally she said " We probably better go eat, because I'm sure you're hungry."

**Trusting:** When it was time to pick out her first new furnishings, she asked, "What do you like?" I made several attempts to make her make the decision. I tried the approach of picking out the ugliest couch, then she spoke up, with a nervous laugh. "That's not very nice looking. Believe me it wasn't.

**Loving:** Once in the family, always in the family. She always has something good to say about someone else.

**Strong:** Gave birth to 14 children, the last one a cesarean. [How Else could a 14 pounder be delivered.] After the age of 75 Granny has had Kidney stones removed, Gall Bladder surgery, Triple Heart By-pass, and of course her battle with Diabetes.

**Memories:** These are only a few, that I will never forget. What a role model! I am so proud of you.

**"I Love You Mom."**

**Debra [Number 9]**