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# Jessica Makela's Interview With Mr. Myrick

This is Jessica Makela. I am at William Myrick's house.

me: When were you born?

Mr. M: May 1, 1923, in Munising, Michigan

me: What were your parents names.

Mr. M: His mother's name is Hazel Boulder-spin, his father's is Harris Myrick.

me: Did you have any brothers or sisters.

Mr. M: Yes, there is Joyce, Jeredean, Waida, Gam, Barbara, Nancy, Bobby, & Jimmy

me: Were you ever married before your wife right now.

Mr. M: No, I've been married for 47 years, with the same little girl.

me: When were you married & where?

Mr. M: 1946, in Sue St. Marie.

me: What did your parents do for a living.

Mr. M: My mother died when I was 6 years old, My dad worked at Union Carbide  
Company

me: When you were smaller what school did you go to.

Mr. M: Sue St. Marie Schools, Public Schools



I quit school when I was in 10th grade.

me: What kinds of things did you and your friends do for entertainment when you were teenagers.

Mr.M: Well, those were Depression years so we had our own fun. We skated, skied, swam, that was most of the things we can do, we hunted for small jobs to make a little money, a little change for ourselves.

me: Do you have any interesting or humorous stories to share about the early days.

Mr.M: Not to many, there wasn't to many fun days. At 16 I was working, had a social security number and well we had fun.

me: what types of duties did you have.

Mr.M: Washing dishes & scrubbing floors

me: were you ever in any military:

Mr.M: I spent 3 years in the army

me: could you describe your experience there

Mr.M: Well, I was in combat and I took my training at Camp Huron, Texas and the Marion Base in Sandiago and spent 24 months in the Pacific New Guinea



# Philippines in Japan.

Me: In your lifetime where were you employed the longest.

Mr.M: I was employed from Union Car Bide Company for 18 years and for Fast Moving & Storage for 24 years.

Me: Why did you chose your career.

Mr.M: Well, working in Union Car Bide Company mater naccessity and it was opportunity to better myself and after working as a manager I became part owner & than became an owner.

Me: Did any of your jobs require any special training

Mr.M: We had to learn by experience & truck driving, moving & safeguarding furniture & that's about it.

Me: Did you need any equipment or clothing for your job.

Mr.M: I wore protective clothing at the Union car Bide Company because we were working ~~with~~ in the furnace ~~to~~ room. At Fast Moving Storage we wore dress uniforms when we went to Republic.

Me: Did you have an special's rules or regulations to follow.

Mr.M: oh yes, we had Michigan Public Service Commission we had rules & requirement and so'



and the U.S. Government with our taxes and there laws that we had

Me: What most rewarding part of your career.

Mr.M: I think the most rewarding part of my career was ~~working~~ recieving a reward from Ohio, The state of Ohio, for working in an accident where two people were killed. In Ohio.

Me: Can you describe how they were killed.

Mr.M: They were killed in a car accident, they were drinking and ran into a butment and the demolished the car and one man died <sup>while</sup> we were working on the ~~other man was killed~~  
~~and I think~~

I also reiceived 10 year safe driving reward.

Me: what was the most challenging or difficult part of your job.

Mr.M: The lack of Education and there was the book work and the reading and understanding of Terrace became very hard For me and typing and I had no education on any thing

Me: How did the ~~years~~ <sup>duties</sup> of your job change during the year



Mr. M: Well as far as the duties of the job, moving furniture ~~carefully~~ carefully and with care and it always have been, but it came to be bigger trucks and more modern packing so on so forth. Through the years, 24 years, and it changed in that way, and by better equipment

Me: Did any other part of your family work in the same job

Mr. M: I hired my oldest boy and my ~~youngest~~ youngest boy worked with me for about a ~~year~~ year in a half before he went to college.

Me: Could you please describe what the co workers were like.

Mr. M: We had had to make sure the people we worked for were bright & clean & dependable and above all honest, ~~with~~ with personal items.

Me: At any time did you feel like changing your career.

Mr. M: I changed my career from The Union Car Bide Company to the Moving Company but I will always love my job.

Me: what was your biggest responsibility of your job.



Mr. M: Making sure I had enough money to pay my employees at the end of the week.

Me: During your days of employment and beyond, what have been your favorite hobbies or leisure activities.

Mr. M: Wood working and working with people.

Me: Do you have any stories about them.

Mr. M: Yes, I was a big brother 11 years in a big brother organization I had during that time, I had two little brothers. I use my trucks for the big brother auction every year we goods for there auction ~~to get~~ ~~to get~~ money every year. for the last 11 years I belong to prison ministry, In Marquette State Prison.

Me: Have you been involved in any clubs, organizations,

Mr. M: I belong to the Elks, at one time I was in the American leagon, U.F.W., the Savoral Uetrians, Big Brothers and that's about it.

Me: Do you have any special moments that stand out about the aspect of your life.

Mr. M: Yes, 1957, I was operated on the spinal



Mr. M: disc and they ~~is~~ told me that I probably never walk again and a year later I was able to go in the moving buisness, and April of 1989, I was told that I will have 2 months or so to live with my heart & lungs problem and still up and about. I think the biggest and most wonderful thing that happened to me is my children and the success they have and my older boy being orgained ~~of~~ for a priest.

Mc: Do you have any fondest memories of the working days of your career.

Mr. M: No well, I always enjoyed my work I never missed work I was very happy to go to my job, I met different people each day & learned from people, all the people I met, & treat them with respect. and I just loved my job, and it was nice when I had my boys work with me. I have 3 children, all 3 graduated from Westwood, they all, ~~Tudy~~ Tudy & Todd, and I think that the best success, my happiest moment, my oldest boy is in the school for a priest, Tudy my daughter, is manager of the dental Clinic in Marquet, & my youngest boy Todd, is computer analist for Michigan Banks, in Lansing.



me: Were you ever a member of a Union

Mr. M: I was a member of a Union from when I came back from the war I had been for a while before that, when I came back from the war in ~~1938~~ 1938 to 1943 I was a member of the ~~United~~ United mine workers for the Union Car Bide Company and in that time we had 2 strikes, many negotiations, I was a Stewart for 3 years.

me: If you had to do it all over again would you choose the same career

Mr. M: I would not of choosen the Car Bide, IF I had to do it all over again I would probably do two things. For sure, I would get an ~~education~~ education, regardless of anything, I would get an education, secondly I would have ever smoked, ~~because~~ because of my heart and lungs.

me: Do you have any thing else to add

Mr. M: No, other than I have enjoyed my life, I had a very wonderful life, I had a wonderful wife 47 years I have been married to her, I went with her 5 years before I married her, we were childhood sweat hearts. School sweat hearts except I didn't go to school. She graduated, and we did a lot of things and went a lot of places, and we been wit



Mr. M: Family, ~~together~~ together, and I think  
that, that's, the most wonderful thing  
was my family ~~together~~