

Angela

Me: Where were you born Gram?

Gram. Ishpeming Michigan

Me, And on what day

Gram, July 22nd 1925

Me, What's your full name?

Gram, Shirley Ann Cudahy Pepin

Me, How did you get your name?

Me, You don't know

Gram I have know idea

Me, Did You have or had any nicknames?

Gram, I use to be called pinky

Me, Do you know how they thought of that name?

Gram, Yes the people at work use to call me that

Me, Ok do you have any nicknames know that your family members call you?

Gram, Toty, I guess it is a family joke

Me, Where did you go to school Kindergarten through the 8th grade

Gram, Ah St. Johns school here in Ishpeming

Me, Is that a catholic school?

Gram Yes

Me, Did you have any chores when you were younger/?

Gram, We went grocery shopping for my mother

ME, was the store near by or did you have to walk along way

Gram, Only about 2 blocks

Me, Were did you go on vacations when u were younger?

Gram Oh all over we always went to Chicago at least once a year then we took family trips

Me, what was your favorite trip you went on?

Gram going up into Canada we went up to St. Lords

Me, How did the jobs change from back then to what they are know?

Gram, Well of course now ah you can work more efficiently with the computer and machines

Me are there many more women working known.

Gram Oh yes by far

Me, theres a lot of women working out at the mine then

Grams Women work are directly in the mine and of course, back then there were alot of underground mines

Me, Doesn't your daughter work at the mine?

Gram Now yes but that was then

Me how long has she been working there?

Gram, Since 1975

Me, that s a long time then

Gram, Un huh

Me who was your first husband?

Gram George Pepin

Me When did you get married?

Gram. August 22nd 1953

Me Where did you get married?

Gram, St. Johns Catholic Church in Ishpeming

Me how did the radio; TV and telephone change from back then?

Gram, Well of course there was no television Back when I was young but ah everything is much more modernized now with different mechanics

Me, How did the movies and change?

Gram All your different kinds of movies screens the wide big screens See what you want to see and your radio is much more improves now

Me. how did your laundry change?

Gram, Well there is now automatic washers and dryers more available to you because they don't take as long to wash

Did you have any kids? What are there first and middle names?

Gram, Anne Marie Lawrence Paul, Mary JO and Patricia Renee
Me When did you retire
Gram, In ah 1985
Me, Where did you used to work?
Gram Well my last ah job was the Cleveland cliffs iron company
What And me did you do there?
Gram, Well I was a compensation clerk and worked also in the life insurance bureau
Me, Do you have any grandchildren?
Gram7
Me, what are their names including middle
Gram, Patrick John, Amy Jo, Jennifer Rae, Tracy Anne, Angela jean, Christie Lee and Katie Lynn is the youngest
Me, Oh am she.
DO you go to church often?
Gram, Yes
Me, And how many times have you missed church since you were younger?
Gram, On Sunday I don't know if its 3 or 4 times
Me, Ok what church do you go to?
Gram St. Johns in Ishpeming
Me do you remember the war
Gram I certinately do I was 16 years old
Me , What war was it?
Gram the 2 world war
Me, Oh
Did you know anyone who served in it
Gram , Oh yes 2 uncles a bunch of cousins of my mothers but I don't remember any of their namesand 2 of them died in the war and brother served in the war but he didn't go over seas
Me did any of them come back alive.
Gram, All but the 2 cousins that died
Me Did you have a favorite teacher growing up?
Gram it was my 6th grade teacher sister davidaca
Me, what was your favorite subject in school?
Gram, I liked school many Ah maybe maths
Me. And why was math your favorite subject?
Gram guess I liked to work with numbers
Me, Did you get good grades?
Me, Yeah
Me and what were they.
Gram, mostly A's
Me, What kind of clothes did you was to school.
Gram no uniformsany friends that I had that ah Marquette county
Me, How old were you when you starting dating?
Without no supervisions
Gram, About 17

Me, What advice would you give your grandchildren on there wedding day.
Gram Ah lets see um theres so many things
always be kind to each other is a good motto
Me, were was your wedding porposal at?
Gram AH lets see we were at my house in the living room
Me how did you meet him?
Gram , I went to a dance and I met him
How old were you when you met him?
Gram , I was 27
Me Did you ever not have enough money to support yourfamily?
Gram No
Me, you always had enough you were a wealthy family
Gram, We were average my dad worked at potion
Me do you have a college degree?
Gram, I went to Green Bay Badger Buiness School In 1942
What school activites did you participate in if any?
Gram Oh I was in Ishpeming high school band and chorus
Me, And what did you play in band
Gram, Clarinet
Me, What was your favorite thing about school
Gram Ah I guess I just ejoyed being with the other students and activities
Me, I heard that when you used to play the clarinet they put you behind the
drums
(laughing)
Gram, That's true
Me were you really that bad
Gram, Well we certainly weren't very good I guess
Me, What was your least favorite thing about school?
Gram, Ah that's hard I really enjoed schol pretty much
Me, who was your best friend while growing up?
Gram, Blanche Gertin
Me, Is she still around now?
Gram, Shes in Minnesota now
Me, DO you keep in contact with her/
Gram, Yes she became my aunty
Me, Huh?
Gram , She married my uncle that is only 11 mothns older then I am
Me, Is there a person who really changed your life
Gram, Lets see ah I cant really think of anyone Particular but I think
everyoneThat I associate with that you like someone
Me, how long did you know your husband before he asked you to marry him,
Gram, About 5 weeks
Me, Do u remember your first date
Gram, Yes I do it was St. Patricks day
Me, Who was it with and where did you go

Gram, It was with my future husband and I was bowling at the time and he waited for me to get done bowling and we went dncing

Me, Were your parents strict

Gram, Not really but they did have a code to live by and they were expected to live by it

Me, So like modern days like keep yyour room clean and stuff

Gram , Oh yes

What was the funniest thing that one of your children ever said

Gram, Oh lets see so long ago I don't know if I can remember any oOne of them said one time he was erady to go to bad and he was saying his prayers and he said God please make me starter then the other kids.

<Me, How much money did you make when you worked?

Gram, When I was first hired and it sounds kind women escpecially I started with 60 and after 3 months it ewas raised to 85 then up aftyer that

Me, What was the hardest choice you ever made/

Gram ,Oh lets see I had planed to be a aschool teacher and I went to sign up that following weekand Blanche tought me to go to badger green bay and it was kind of a hard decision to make

Me, what was the easiest choice you ever made?

Gram, Ah lets see I don't know up

Me, as a child what did you want to be when you rgrew up?

Gram , a school teacher

Me, If could have anything in the world what would it be

Gram, I thinka happy world

Me, Do you remember the Tv Invention/

Gram , lit was around 1950 we were taking in to a place that they were working on the tvl guess they would show us hw they were working it was fasanating

Me, Were you one of the first familys to have a tv on your block or street?

Gram, no, we did have oneform alomost the beginning

Me, How did you react when you were told that you were going to be a parent for the first time?

Gram, Weell I wasn't ffeelingvery well and I went to the doctors

Me, and they told you

Gram , yeah

Me, what hapopened when your child told you that you were goibg to be a grandma

Gram ,Oh I was related

Me, How long have you been a grandma

Gram , My oldest grandson will be 20 in december

Me, how long wery ou married?

Gram, Lets see I was married in 53 and ah we devorcedin 79

Me, What the most emberessing thing that ever happened to you'/?

Gram , UMMM I cant think of one off hand

Me, what the most funniest joke you ever played on someone

Gram, I don't know I cant think of one

Me, Ok Ah what activites have you enjoyed as an adult?

Gram, We used to go skating at night and then go skiing the opposite night and slides at the all qual area I was on the bowling league
Me, Did you used to dance
Gram , oH yes
Me, what kind of dances were popular back then
Gram ,western type dances Ah a little bit of jazz
Me, did you ever save someones life?
Gram, No I don't think so
ME, Who was your favorite poet?
Gram, I think Ron Fellow
Me, who is your favorite actor
Gram, Don hutson
Whos your favorite athlete now
Gram , Brett Favre
Me, What is your favorite food,
Gram I think its beef
Me, what was your favrotite invention gorwing up?
Gram, Eventually the Tv inprovments
Me, what is your favorite musical group or song?
Gram, I used to like the song ah Love years ago and I like blue long shelf
Me, is there anything that you wanted to do but haven't done?
Gram Ah I don't think so
Me, do you have any pets?
Gram, Yeah We had a dog all the while we were gorwing uo but I don't have anything now
Me, Ok What was the longest trip you ever been on?
Gram , I think that was ah lets see to Disney and then we went to Canada quebec
Me, What did you like when you werent working?
Gram Vacationing
Me, What did you like when you were wokring
Gram, I enjoyed compaindhip with nice people
Me, What orgainazations have you belonged too
Gram, I'm not much of a joiner but I did belong to the Catholic youth group in my teens
Me, What color are your eyes
Gram, Blue
Me, what color was your hair as a Child and Family Services of Michigan, Inc
Gram, Auburn
Me, As an adult
Gram, Auburn but of course now its gray
Me, Do you wish you could live somewhere else
Gram , No I always liked the Upper Peninsula
Me, Have you ever applied for a job that you haven't got
Gram, No
Me, So you've been pretty lucky then hey

Me, who was the president when you were born
Gram, You had to ask me that I don't know who was
Me who was your role model growing up
Gram, I don't know
Me, do you have one now
Gram, I think Mother terease
me ,what was the first car you ever owned
Gram, That I ever owned It was funny it was during the war the only car that
could be purchased cuz' of the war a real oldie 1934 4door we had more fun
with that car then we would have had with a new one
me , how tall were you as a Child
Gram, I was vey tiny and very petite
Me, What part was your fav.
Gram, a dog
Me, whats its name
Gram I liked king he was a german shepard
Me, did you ever go to a school were you had to wear a uniform
Gram, No
Me, What was your least favorite food
Gram, spinach
Me, what gasmes did you polay with kids in your neighbor hodd
Gram, Hide and go seek ring a round the rosy
Me, What were your favorite toys as a Child and Family Services of Michigan, Inc
Gram, A dool every year and I liked my sleding
Me, how old is your oldest Child and Family Services of Michigan, Inc Gram, she
was born in 1954 so that would make her 44
Me where did your kids go to school
Gram, They went to St Johns until it closed then transferred to a public school
Me,What was your fav. Movie gorwing uo
Grqam I used to a cereals anymore I likd the cereals it's a conitiniuous show
Me, Didi they have radio programs back then
Gram , oH yes they were great
Me, What one was your favorite
Gram , Little Orphan Aniiie
Me