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grandma: he was from Gladstone, he moved here in 1951 of December, he liked hunting and when ~~was~~ he was younger he was in Golden Gloves boxing and he loved that.

me: where did him and his friends hang out?

grandma ~~me~~: They'd go fishing and hunting, he'd love being in the woods otherwise not really, like I said when he was 16 when he was younger he joined the CCC and he'd go out to camp when he got time off on the weekend and come into town and join with friends until the CCC was ready.

me: Did he have any interesting or humorous stories to tell

grandma: Him and his friend use to drive around in ~~an~~ a Model A and the battery fell out and they wondered why it wouldn't keep going, I still can see them carrying the battery back to the car. They use to drive up Escanaba and Ludington and by Ludington Park. We talked about that many years after and we were just teenagers. that was really funny, and then when the carnival would come to town we would go there and help them set up the rides and everything and to get money he would caddy for people they were always doing something.

me: what kind of jobs did he have?

grandma: Well he was a paperboy and I think he was about 17 when he went down Detroit and start working in the factory and when he went down Detroit he went in the service and he was in Japan for about 6 months he was in there 1945 and he got out 1946 the war was over when he went there he just went there to clean up all the mess. and then he went to the railroad in Gladstone and then he came up here and started in the Mine. but he still liked fishing and hunting, that was his two great things he liked to have cows and chickens, that was his thing.

me: Do you know what he did at the Mine?

Grandma: He worked in the stoop, ~~I think they~~

me: Do you know any experiences he had in the military?

Grandma: He said the people there in Japan would sell anything they had just for food.



(cont) grandma: They'd trade with them, they'd give them coins ~~in~~ exchange for food, like they had beautiful silks that they would sell. I still have some coins. He would feel sorry for them because he used to dig in all their garbage but as far as any kinds of experience I don't know and like I said he just went in after the war

me: Do you know why he joined the service?

grandma: He had enlisted when he was only about 17 and they wouldn't let him in because of his back trouble but after the war broke out, the war broke out in 1941 he was drafted but in 1945 he was drafted again and he didn't have a choice, I think he was in the Medical corp, ya he liked that.

me: Did he have to have any special training?

grandma: I think he was ~~sergeant~~ Corporal when he got out, he worked his way up pretty fast. They had sharp shooting and he did really good in that. And he went through all the training just like ~~sergeants~~ when they were at war.

me: Do you know how long he worked at the mine?

grandma: He started in 1951 and in 1957 he got hurt really bad he fell down the shaft because there was a lack of oxygen they couldn't get him out he had a brain concussion, broken ribs, he didn't go back to work until April 1960 and he died in December 1960 so he worked 7 years total

me: Did he have any rules he had to follow?

grandma: he couldn't smoke in certain areas that was Morris Mine and they had several accidents in that mine and they finally closed it up, they had to take him up in one of these baskets it took a long time and he survived it

me: Do you know if he liked it <sup>(mine)</sup> or what he liked about it?

grandma: He didn't like it at all after he was hurt but he didn't mind it before, he never complained about the work. After he got hurt he didn't want to go under ground again.

me: Did he have any relatives that worked with him?

grandma: No, none at all, all of his family was from Oledstone.

me: Did you know any of his friends on the job?



grandma: I'll tell you a lot of them moved to ~~Iron~~ Iron River and some moved to Manistique and they opened a mine in Iron River Bob Truckey is the only one around here.

me: Do you if he ever wanted to be something else?

grandma: He always wanted to own a business so he could work for himself, he liked farming, I think that's what he really wanted was to have a big farm.

me: Did he receive any special awards in his life for anything?

grandma: That's why I want to find his discharge card because I know he got rewards in sharpshooting and I guess he was a good boxer. He always would get safety awards from the mine I know he had medals in the service

me: Did he have any hobbies besides hunting and fishing?

grandma: Well he liked wallpapering, he was sort of a handyman him and his brothers use to do wallpapering as a side job.

me: Do you know any stories he'd have about hunting or fishing?

grandma: I can't think of any but he always got advice he liked having a garden.

me: Was he in any clubs?

grandma: No

me: What about sports?

grandma: No he wasn't much for sports except for boxing we used to help ~~with~~ neighbors with their farm.

me: Was he a member of a Union?

grandma: Yes when he was at the mine

me: Do you know if he could do anything over again what would he do?

grandma: I think he'd probably have a farm, on a lake with animals and a garden he did mechanics but I don't know if that would be his thing. He would always go look at farms he didn't like mining that much

me: What did he do with his kids?

grandma: He had a dog-buggy and he would put a toboggan on back and he would pull them up and down the road they use to love to do that. We would always meet the whole family in Escanaba. He would take the kids ice skating He worked weekends so they didn't have much of a chance.



me: Do you think you can name the kids from oldest to youngest?

Grandma: Jimmy, Robert, Patricia, Barbara, Richard, Bonnie, Dennis, ~~Robert~~ Ronald, Gary, Carol, David, Bobby had just started playing basketball when my husband got hurt, and Bobby didn't want to play. The kids had a lot of nice programs at school. We had a couple of cows and chickens

me: That's all I need to know, well thanks grandma.