

Stacy Dymond's Interview  
with  
Roy Dymond

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me: "My name is Stacy Dymond, The date of this interview is December 15, 1990. The interviewee is my dad, Roy Dymond and the purpose of this interview is he was an ex-student at National mine. The location of the interview is, our house in National Mine."

me: "Here's the biographical sketch of Roy Dymond—when and where were you born?"

dad: "June 21, 1953 at Bell Memorial Hospital in Ishpeming."

me: "How many sisters do you have?"

dad: "Three sisters."

me: "What are their names?"

dad: "Judy, Betsy, and Ruth."

me: "When and whom did you marry?"

dad: "I married Jean Hakerianen from Vegaunee, in 1976."

me: "How many children do you have?"

dad: "I have three daughters, Crystal, Stacy, and Stephanie."

me: "When and where were your parents born?"

dad: "Roy Dymond, my father, was born in <sup>National Mine</sup> 1927 and Helen Stone, my mother was born in 1932 in Ishpeming."

me: "What years did you attend National mine school?"

dad: "1958-1971"

me: "Kay, do you remember some of your grade school teachers and what were they like?"

dad: "Mrs. Gleason was my kindergarten teacher, she was very dedicated to her music. Mrs. Magnason was my first grade teacher, she was a fairly nice teacher. Mrs. Wara was my second grade teacher, and I remember she helped me in the beginning of the school year I missed four to six weeks with a broken leg and when I got back to school, she really helped me catch up on my work so I wouldn't have to remain in second grade for the following year."

me: "okay, is that all?"

dad: "I believe, I dont remember my forth grade teachers name. I had Mr. Keto for fifth grade."

me: "we have him."

dad: "And Mr. Ruesing for sixth grade."

me: "okay. Do you remember any humorous or interesting stories about them?"

dad: "I dont recollect any right now."

me: "Do you remember some of your Junior High or High School teachers and what were they like?"

dad: "we had Mr. Keto for shop. we had a Mrs. Hebert for English classes I believe. That's all the names I can recall as far as Junior High."

me: "Do you remember any humorous or interesting stories about them?"

dad: "ya. I remember one time we were in shop class and a parently somebody stole a dime out of Mr. Keto's desk and he get up in front of the class and he had a big speech. It went something like this, 'I dont know.. how anybody could stoop so low, as to steal.. one.. thin.. dime'

me: "Did Mr. Keto ever find out who stole the dime?"

dad: "As far as I know, he didn't but if you asked him, he could be able to tell you."

me: "okay, Next question, How did you get to school and how far was it?"

dad: "I liked about two miles from the school and I rode the bus which took about a thirteen mile trip just a round trip to get to school."

me: "Okay, what was your favorite subject and why?"

dad: "My favorite subject I would have to say was gym class and math, reason being I liked physical activities and I liked working with numbers."

me: "Okay, what was your most difficult subject and why?"

dad: "I would have to say English, I didnt find it very interesting."

me: "Okay, what kinds of extra curricular activities were offered?" (3)

dad: "Basketball, Baseball, Yearbook Staff, Echo Staff, School Newspaper, school plays, I guess that's about it."

me: "Were you involved in any?"

dad: "One year on the Echo Staff, I believe a couple of years in Baseball, couple years of Basketball, I participated in Junior and Senior class plays."

me: "Do you remember any special moments in those?"

dad: "I remember my <sup>fresh</sup> sophomore year our basketball team ~~was~~ tied for 1st place in the conference."

me: "Did the teams win any trophies or championships?"

dad: "I don't remember if we got a trophy for it but it was a tie for the conference. I remember the Varsity team, in 1968, I wasn't on that team, won the district championship and went down to the fieldhouse to play in the regionals."

me: "What affect did that have on the school?"

dad: "I guess it brings a lot of pride to the school and makes them feel good about their classmates and athletic friends."

me: "How did the teams travel and how far did they go?"

dad: "They traveled by bus, took one bus for players and one bus for fans. they traveled as far as Rock, Carbon, Crossle, Quon Trout Creek, most of the class 'D' U.P. schools."

me: "Has competition changed in any way?"

dad: "I believe now a days, its a little bit more, (thinking) competative. Being a class 'C' or class 'B' district <sup>right</sup> now theres a lot more participation, a lot more competition. other wise its pretty much the same."

me: "Okay, did you have any special cheers, did the cheerleaders do you remember?"

dad: "NO I don't remember."

me: "Okay, How were the kids expected to act or behave?"

dad: "pretty much respectfully, we were taught to respect our teachers."

me: "What punishments were given if they were bad?"

dad: "A lot of times you would just have to write something regarding to what you had done. many times to make yourself understand."

me: "How did kids dress and were there dress codes?"

dad: "Dress code was, pretty much, dresses or skirts for girls and the boys generally had to keep their hair fairly short."

me: "Okay, what fads or sayings were popular?"

dad: "Nothing really comes to my mind except peace brother or things like that."

me: "Okay, what was lunchtime like?"

dad: "We had lunch, I believe it was around 12:00 for grade school and 12:30 for High school and it was in the gymnasium, the tables were set up on the gym floor and <sup>everybody</sup> ate there."

me: "Could you describe your hot lunch?"

dad: "We had very good hot lunches, we had a hot meal everyday, and sandwiches to go with it, and I believe it was generally white milk to drink."

me: "Okay, what kinds of plays or programs did they have?"

dad: "All through grade school they always had the annual Christmas program <sup>run</sup> by Mrs. Gleason. All the children from kindergarten through sixth participated in that."

me: "Did you participate in any?"

dad: "I was in all of them kindergarten through sixth. then in high school they held a junior class play and a Senior class play. I participated in both of them."

me: "Okay, in what way did you participate. Did you sing?"

dad: "In the junior class play, I acted the part of Jake in Dennie and the Witches."

me: "Do you remember any humorous or interesting stories about them?"

dad: "Just that we had a lot of fun, we made our own props and set everything up, had a lot of good times."

me: "Did the school have any special picnics or outings?"

dad: "Yah we had our senior class trip but I dont remember exactly where we went. and we went to many outings during our later grade school years and Junior High years on field trips."

me: "Okay, who was your principle and describe him?"

dad: "Our principle for many years was Mr. Millman, I believe he died around '67' or so from cancer and then Mr. Ruesing took over." "Mr. millman was a very stern principle but you learned to respect him. Mr. Ruesing, he was a very fair person."

me: "Did any teachers have an impact on your life, like you said that one teacher helped you when you broke your leg?"

dad: "Like I said, <sup>in 2nd grade</sup> Mrs. Wara worked real hard with me to catch up on lost work. Mrs. Hebert was our class advisor, I respected her. I gave her a lot of trouble the first few years of highschool and after I realized how much she can put up with. She was a very nice lady and I learned to respect her."

me: "Okay, next question, describe your graduation ceremony."

dad: "Well, I remember we all walked in through the back of the auditorium, down the center isle, and up to the stage where they had their differant speeches and then we sang our class song, couple more speeches, received our diplomas and marched out the same way we came down."

me: "What was your class song like? Do you remember it?"

dad: "I dont remember our class song."

me: "Okay, what special memories do you have (6)  
of graduation?"

dad: "Mainly, I remembered the closeness  
everybody felt towards each other  
as we were preparing for graduation,  
we had a small class of 22, and everybody  
was pretty close to everybody else and  
I also remember the graduation party,  
it was a good time."

me: "Were you able to maintain contact with your  
childhood friends?"

dad: "On an off and on basis, pretty much when  
I run into them on the streets I stop and  
talk for a while."

me: "What were their names?"

dad: "Some of them I still run into are, Steve Magnusson,  
Glenn Sjolholm, who is Mr. Sjolholm up at the  
school, Lee Dobson, Keith Paiky, Carol Cox,  
Don Erickson, Randy Heksten, there's probably  
a few others I run into but they don't  
come to mind right now."

me: "Ok, what are your fondest memories of  
National Mine School?"

dad: "I guess some of the fondest memories are,  
playing marbles outside at recess time,  
playing baseball and basketball, ~~baseball~~ at  
one time the National Mine School had a  
high chimney, throwing snowballs up and  
trying to get them to go up inside the  
chimney, I remember one time we were  
having a Christmas program, I was standing  
in front of Mr. Sjolholm and he had  
fainted, He fell on my back and pushed  
me out on the middle of the floor and  
Mrs. Gleason thought I was just goofing  
around so she sort of tied into me until she  
knew what was going on, it was a funny incident."

me: "did any one laugh?"

dad: "Well, I guess after it was all over, and done with, a lot of people ~~that~~ figured it was funny. At the time we didnt know what happened to Mr. Jjolholm. All and All, I guess the biggest and most fondest memory is going to school with the same group of people for 13 years and then graduating together and its the best I can remember."

me: "what is the biggest change in the schools today?"

dad: "I guess class sizes and they offer so much more as far as extra curricular activities and differant programs, and theres so much more to learn."

me: "Okay, if you had a message for the students, what would it be?"

dad: "Take advantage of your school system and participate in as much as you can and use all the extra tools and computers and all equipment thats available to you and make the best out of your education."

me: "Do you have anything else to add that would be important?"

dad: "Thats about it."

me: "Okay, Thank-you."