

Nathan Kari's Interview  
with

Sharleen Kari

me: I am Nathan Kari, Dec. ~~1990~~ 1990, Interviewing Sharleen Kari, a former student, my house

When and ~~where~~ where were you born?

mom: I was born in Ishpeming Michigan & I was born in a Bell Memorial Hospital in Dec & Sept. 30, 1950

me: Do you have any brothers or sisters?

mom: I have one brother and 2 sisters my brother is Jim Gravidoni & hes 33 yrs. old ~~he~~ (yeah, my brother) and my two sisters one is Peggy and shes 39 and my ~~young~~ & younger sister is Lindel and shes 36

me: (ummm) do you have do you know when and where your parents were born?

mom: my mother was born in Bell Memorial in Ishpeming and my father was born in a house in Ishpeming

me: (OK) (um) What years did you attend National Mine School

mom: I attended National Mine in from kindergarden 1955 until 3 grade ~~1950~~ 1958 and then I we moved away for 3 years and I was gone so then I came back in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and then I finished on graduated ~~X~~ in '68

me: do you remember the names of any gradeschool ~~to~~ teachers and could you describe what they were like

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mom: I remember a few names like um Mrs. Magnuson was my first grade teacher but I remember Mrs. Gleson the most she was the kindergarden teacher and the art teacher all through grade school & the music teacher to and the play director

me: did you have a favorite

mom: yeah Mrs. Gleson was

me: why or why not

mom: I think she really um influenced my life in art and gave me a love for music and for plays

me: why do you like plays so much

mom: why do I like plays. I don't know I like being able to tell ~~me~~ a message by acting I think people pay more attention to plays

me: do you remember any humorous or interesting ~~stories~~ stories about your grade school ~~to~~ teachers

mom: nope I can't remember any

me: ok do you remember ~~any~~ the names of some of your junior high or high school teachers

mom: um no those my junior high years well actually it was my grade school years it was hard we moved around alot we just moved back in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and I really don't remember too much about 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade

me: could you describe what they were like

mom: nope

me: did you have a favorite high school teacher

mom: a favorite high school teacher oboy (cough)

um I don't think I have a favorite one I like a ~~lot~~ lot of them I liked all my teachers I loved school

me: do you have any ~~humorous~~ interesting or humorous stories about your high school teachers

mom: my high school teachers no I can't remember any

me: oh ok how did you get to school each day and how far was it

mom: I took the bus to school every day and we were the last person on in the morning and the last person on off at night and we were on the bus for an hour before we got home

me: well do you know how far it was

mom: how many miles

me: yeah

mom: o my no but we went all the way to all the way out to where it was the old mine road they closed that one off and half way to palmer on the back road we use to go way out there

me: what time did you start school

mom: I think I think it was nine

me: how did the kids dress when you were in school

mom: we had a dress code and the girls skirts had to touch the floor ~~when~~ when they knelt on the floor girls had to wear dresses they couldn't wear pants they would wear pants underneath their skirt when they walked to school but they would take them off when they got there

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mom: and boys would have to wear no jeans and sorta dress clothes I guess

me: What ~~the~~ kinds of subjects were ~~high~~ ~~school~~ tough at that time

mom: in high school

me: yeah

mom: well I took French Chemistry, Biology, Algebra, trigonometry ~~probaly~~ probaly alot of the same ~~ones~~ ones that are now

me: what was your favorite subject

mom: my favorite I loved Algebra but I also love Biology

me: why

mom: I like science facts I think its very interesting I ~~once~~ thought that I mite what to be a Lab technician or go to be a ~~scientist~~ ~~test~~

me: what subject gave you the most difficult and why

mom: the most difficult would have been History probaly because it didn't interest me very much then I felt like History wasnt going to do me any good (Ha Ha Ha) but I wise I now I love History I wise I would have payed attension more when I was in school

me: why do you wise you payed a tteshion

mom: Because it would ~~have~~ been it would have been could have been vary interesting if I would have payed a tteshion but at the time I didn't think it was worth any thing so I didn't \*

me: why where there any special fads or sayings when you ~~were~~ were in school

mom: boy I don't remeber fads I mean sayings I don't remeber any special sayings I don't remeber any <sup>nope</sup>

me: ok why wer kids How were kids expected to act or behave

mom: act or behave well they in school you mean

me: yeah

mom: they couldn't run in the halls no yelling screaming throughing spit balls you ~~had~~ had to keep order there was no talking <sup>I mean</sup> in the halls

me: what kinds of punishments were given when they disobey

mom: hum kind of punishments I know you'd get expelled if it was drastic meashures but you got warnings and you got detenshion and stuff like that

me: well what kinds of extra curricular activities were offered

mom: not very much for girls the only thing there was was cheer leading and baton twerling for a while I was a baton twerler and for the boys that's all they had was basketball and then one class talked ~~a~~ teacher into being a coach so they could have a track team and I think ~~they~~ had 5 guys on a track team ~~they~~ talked ~~some~~ teachers into making a baseball field so they could have baseball games but there ~~was~~ really wasn't extra curricular activities then

me: when you were a baton twerler do you remember any special moments

mom: I remember marching in the parade the school had for ~~not~~ non consolidation parade whatever it was called and we marched and carried flags and I remember twerling at basketball games

me: did any sports team win a trophy or tournament

mom: probabley but I don't remember any

me: well could you describe the effect ~~it~~ if it had it had on the school

mom: hum no I can't remember

me: what kinds of plays or programs ~~you~~ staged when you ~~were~~ <sup>where</sup> in school <sup>where</sup>

mom: we always had a Christmas program and the senior class always had a senior class play

me: where you in any of them

mom: I was in every Christmas program and then the senior class play I was in too

me: did you participate in any please describe

mom: what I did ~~then~~ well when I was in grade school in the plays Mrs. Gleason always had the little kids acting out things and like we had to carry jingle bells on year I remember and sing songs but as we got older the older kids mainly sang in a chorus so I was always sing in a chorus

me: do you remember any humorous or interesting stories about them



mom: no

me: what was lunch time like

mom: I like lunch they were home cooked meals the cooks would come in every day and cook the meals right in the kitchen and I use to help with the I use to help the cooks with the dishes and things and I use to be a plate scraper there always was about two think two of use every day would help ~~every day~~ would set the tables would set napkins and silverwear on the tables and the kids would come through and get their food and then we've had a cart that we would wheel out and a bucket were we would scrape all the slopy food into (Ha Ha) it would get pretty grosse sometimes (Ha Ha) then we would ~~get~~ have to clean the dishes and pile them up and take them into the kitchen so the cooks could wash them

me: where did everyone eat

mom: we set up tables in the auditorium or the the gym

me: what did you do for lunch every day

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mom: what did I do for lunch in high school help the cooks and scrape scrape the plates and clean up

me: well how? who was the principal when you were in school and please describe him

mom: Oh boy I think Mr. Milmen was through most of it describe him all I really remember is he was sorta a graph man stocky glasses he was always nice to me

me: did you have lots of homework

mom: I remember lots of homework but I never seemed to have trouble getting it done

me: what was it like

mom: homework

me: yeah

mom: ~~what~~ ~~like~~ like yours math english

me: what did you do after school hours

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mom: after school I was a very busy person

I know I use to one I don't remember if it was one or two nights a week I was in blue notes so we would have blue notes practice Thursday nights we ~~always~~ always wanted to go down town cause that's what all the kids ~~at~~ did was hang around town ~~Thursday~~ nights

me: well were was your favorite place to hang out

mom: probably main st. you just walk up and down and up and down (Ha Ha) the main drag

me: describe the graduation saramony at National Mine

mom: at National Mine were I graduated they would a play that "pomp and circumstance" song we had a aditorium with a stage and the seniors would down the and have to climb up the stairs to go onto the stage