

Jamie Villeneuve's Interview

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(P) When and where were you born?

Inter: I was born in Negaunee Feb 23 1944

ne How many brothers & sisters do you have, and their names?

Inter: I had twin brothers, one died when he was a baby his name was Leonard and I had one brother Jack, and he lives close by here and just to make it more interesting he doesn't like to come home, he's not a nice person, and he chose to stay with ~~his family~~ his Family which he should do rather than talk to his sister, so he hasn't spoken to me since 1983 which is 7 years, I've tried 3 or 4 times to call him and he refuses.

Me: When and whom did you marry?

Inter: O.K. I met my husband in High School his name was Bill Cari, we met when we were Freshman, and the first time I saw him I thought ick, but I ended up marrying him, and we were married for 5 years 10 days when he died and we had a

3 year old son and his name was Todd

Me: When and where were your parents born?

Inter: Well my parents were born both my parents were born in Michigan My mother is Republican and my father is Ishpeming and there parents both came from Finland so we are 2nd generation and I am 100% Finlander, Finnish because both sides are Finnish

Me: What years did you attend National Mine

Inter: Well I didn't go to kindergarten here, we could get a ride in the morning but the bus didn't go back, and our parents, some were either too poor or just wouldn't do it, and my parents just wouldn't do it, so I went right into first grade, well it must of been 1950 but anyway I graduated in 1962

Me: Do you remember some of your grade school teachers & what were they like

Inter: I remember all of them there's Mrs. Magnaghi, Mrs. Warrington, Mrs. Bandier, that just about takes care of grade school, and I was a good kid in grade school, I didn't get into, well when I was in sixth grade I was in safety patrol, you guys don't have that

There was an early bus and the sixth grade kids were the big kids and we had to go out and patrol the busses make sure the kids got from the bus to the school and then 1 patrol person would ride the bus around National Mine

Me: Do you remember any of your ~~the~~ Junior High or High School teacher

Inter: Ah, yeah, see Mrs. Oja, math teacher, he was also a class advisor, we made him, I made him a B-Day cake & took it out of the oven at home and it fell. He used to call me Millie instead of Millimaki, and I wouldn't answer him so then he started calling me fat. Um I had Mrs. Kain for home ec and English, didn't do well in those either, we had to embroider address or scars and I had to scrub the middle part off, the blue marks cause I didn't finish it in time she excuse me from English class to go in there and scrub that off so they would be done for parents night or whatever that was called

Me: What was your favorite subject

Inter: I didn't like school, I don't think I had one, I just endured them, cause I had to do it so I did it.

Me: What was your most difficult subject

Inter: I avoided math like the plague but I did get through math and geometry, but I can't do algebra with it now

Me: What kind of extra-curricular activities were offered

Inter: Not much. We had band and cheer leading which was a select group that note that, we had the echo which was the school paper my girl friend was the editor and I was the typist. Um that was about it, there was basketball for the boys and that's it

Me: Which ones were you involved in

Inter: Everything but the boys basketball, I tried to get in there to but they wouldn't let me (Raha)

Me: Do you remember any special moments about it
 Inter: Cheerleading, when we were cheerleaders we used to do
 a certain yell,

Me: How did the teams travel and how far did they go
 Inter: We travelled by bus and the boyband I was on its
 girls had another bus and we went to Brainerd, Chassell,
~~etc.~~

Me: How has competition changed

Inter: I don't really understand half the rules of base-
 ball field any more, they've changed a lot I guess

Me: How were kids expected to act or behave
 Inter:

Me: What punishments were given.

Inter: Pretty well the same as you guys do, if you did
 something wrong you got 3 days off the school, &
 never got caught so I don't know, I never got 3 days

Me: What special food or saying was popular?

Inter: One that still remains is "as if", one that
 isn't around anymore was I can't remember

Me: What kinds of Plays or programs did they have

Inter: Mrs. Gleason was a musical director she had the
 girls chorus, boy chorus, and glee club

Me: Who was your principal and describe him

Inter: Mr. Simborg, and I didn't like him, and I won't
 talk about him cause I don't have to say anything
 nice about him

Me: Did any teachers have an impact on your life

Inter: Oh no one, that, well I guess so, Mr. Ronkainen
 at one point he was our english teacher as well as a
 band instructor, and at one point he was considering
 quitting school, I guess all kids go through that

and he didn't sit me down and go one and one was my
we did it in between classes and after school and stuff
and he must have said the right things because I rem-
ember coming home

Me: Describe your ~~pos~~ grad. ceremony

Father: I don't remember, my mother ~~died~~ died on my
dad bacheloret, which was the religious type part of
it, I don't even know how to spell it, and then usually
on Thursday night & there was grad. any way that
was the end of May, and my mother had gone into
the hospital in April, she had had a heart attack
and then about the middle of she had a stroke, then
she had a series of strokes after it and she died on
bacheloret night, and because memorial day was
in there and schedules a funeral and getting the
people and the family from away here, it ended
up the day of the grad. So it was the first one
in my family to graduate, in ~~six~~ our immediate
family, my folks hadn't graduated and my brother
didn't graduate 

Me: If you had a message for the students who would
it be

Father: I guess do your best and do the best you
can and be happy. That's been my, if you had to
have a goal in life, if you want to have success
body intentionally.

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