

Grandma Rose

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When my grandma was young she lived on a farm by Wrightstown. She has five brothers and five sisters. When she grew up she met my grandpa. His name was Fran just like my dad's name. She grew up to have nine kids. Eight boys and one girl.

My grandma is my hero for a lot of things. However, there is one reason that stands out the most to me. My grandma is very close to God. When you walk into her house it is so welcoming and she has crosses and rosaries almost everywhere you go. One day, when I went to go visit her at the hospital she was holding a rosary in her hand. She has inspired me to be closer to God too.

My grandma Rose is a very strong person. About two years ago, she had to get a tumor removed. She said she was ready to die in peace, but my dad and everyone in the family wouldn't let her. Thanksgiving morning my family and I were on our way home from the Turkey Trot. I was playing on my dad's phone and saw a email come up. All I saw was, "Mom is going into surgery in an hour," and I quickly told my dad. He figured out what was going on. My grandma's stomach hadn't been feeling well the past few

days so my aunt took her into the hospital. There was something wrong with it. Right after we finished the Turkey Trot we went and visited her. When she went into surgery, they opened up the same scar that she got when her tumor was removed. After she had her second surgery she had to go to a rehab facility for about two weeks to get healed before she went home.

Now, Rose (my grandma) is living by herself in her home. She lost her husband about a year ago. It was a tough time, but she got past it. We all did. Sometimes my grandma comes to Cali and my basketball games. Rose is staying very strong for her age. She is 89 years old. We often go visit her or take her out to lunch.

Rose is a great person. She has changed my life in so many good ways. I still remember when we used to walk to the park all the time. I am so glad, and lucky, she is in my life. Even though I know someday she will join her husband in heaven, I never want that day to come because she means more than a lot to me.