

FAMILY TREE INTERVIEW

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SECTION I - FAMILY HISTORY

Q #1

A. Delora Butler Cubine

Q #3

A. I was born 4/14/23 in Parrish, AL, USA. I was born in a hospital

SECTION II - PARENT/GRANDPARENT INFORMATION

Q #10

A. My grandparents, Butler, were both born in Randolph County, AL. My grandfather was Anderson Butler. My grandmother was Martha Camp Butler.

My maternal grandparents were born in Winston County, AL. My grandfather was Benjamin Hipp. My grandmother was Alma Hipp. I do not know her maiden name.

Q #12

A. My paternal grandparents are buried near Phil Campbell, AL.

My maternal grandparents are buried near Haleyville, AL.

Q #13

A. My father's full name was Henry Seborn Butler. My mother's full name was Lillie Mae Hipp Butler. They were both born, reared and died in AL.

Q #15

A. My father was a stern, undemonstrative person. He was a carpenter, by trade, and always made a good living. My mother was an outgoing, affectionate, very attractive person. She was a very good mother and housewife.

SECTION III - THE EARLY YEARS

Q #19

A. The "Great Depression" was in full bloom during my childhood, however, we did not know that we were poor. We had a good home life and were not deprived of the comforts of life. Some of my earliest memories are of "hoboes" asking for food at our back door.

Q #20

A. I had one brother and one sister. My brother, Coland Clyde Butler, was born 7/9/21. My sister, Vida Virginia Butler, was born 10/7/24. My brother died at the age of sixteen. My sister is still living.

Q #21

A. We were all happy, boisterous kids and we occasionally fought. The odd one of us always came to the aid of the loser. Even though we fought, we were close and protective of each other.

Q #22

A. We lived, during my very early childhood, in Sheffield, AL. We later moved to Colbert Heights, about seven miles out of Tuscumbia, AL. Our adolescence was spent there. Both these towns were small and not too exciting, but we were happy there.

Q #23

A. My childhood home was unpretentious, but comfortable and well kept. We had plenty of space to romp and play and lots of trees. We were happy there.

Q #24

A. I am told I was a "pretty little girl". I was a brunette, resembling my father. My sister was not so "pretty", I'm told and, of course, we have family photographs. Both she and my brother (a handsome little boy) were blond and blue-eyed, resembling my mother. I was envious because I wanted to look like my mother!

SECTION IV - GRADE SCHOOL DAYS

Q #31

A. I was eager to go to school. Because of this my mother enrolled me in Kindergarten at a Catholic school, although our family is Protestant. Both my sister and I attended Kindergarten there (Sheffield, AL).

Q #32 - #33

A. We attended grade school in Sheffield. The school was within a few blocks from our home and we walked to school most of the time.

Q #40

A. Sometimes I was disciplined for talking in class. Sometimes I was made to stand in a corner, facing the wall. I remember maybe twice I was paddled with a ruler in the palm of my hand.

Q #41

A. During summer vacations we had picnics and went swimming. We lived near a playground where we played, but often we just played in our own yard. Usually we would spend a week or two with our grandparents. Both sets of grandparents lived on farms and near each other. They had farm animals and we enjoyed visiting with them very much, however, we got homesick in the evenings.

Q #46

A. My first experience with death was when I was twelve years old. My paternal grandmother died. It was in the winter. There had been a snowstorm; the highways were closed and my family was unable to get to their town (about 40 miles) for the funeral. We grieved for my grandmother because all of us loved her deeply.

Both my mother and my brother died when I was fifteen and my sister was thirteen. This was a very sad period in our lives.

Q #47

A. My mother taught me honesty and responsibility. She taught me to love and to be kind and loyal. She taught us to work and she instilled in us pride for accomplishing goals. She was a great lady.

Q #48

A. My mother - for all the above reasons.

SECTION V - THE TEENAGE YEARS

Q #51

A. Literature, English and Latin.

Q #52

A. History.

Q #56

A. Ugly! It has been a very long time, but I don't remember that the styles were pretty at that time!

Q #57

A. Yes, my family celebrated birthdays, but not in an elaborate manner. We always had birthday cakes and gifts. MY maternal grandmother's birthday was celebrated and, when possible, we, along with my aunts and uncles, went to her house.

Q #59

A. I was expected to go to school, to behave in a lady-like manner, to help out at home and in the family-owned grocery store. I was expected to attend church and Sunday School and to conduct myself properly under all circumstances.

Q #60

A. I attended Deshler High School in Tuscumbia, AL and Phillips High School in Bear Creek, AL.

Q #61

A. We rode a school bus to both schools.

Q #63

A. I do not remember being offered a choice of courses. My favorite classes were Literature and English. My least favorite was History, however, in later life I have enjoyed history.

Q #68

A. Our summer vacations were enjoyable, however, we didn't have the opportunity of traveling, going to beaches, etc. We just enjoyed what our neighborhood had to offer, swimming, movies, picnicking, etc.

Q #69

A. I was expected to help with the housecleaning, laundry, cooking, yard work, etc.

Q #73

A. In comparison with the lives of my children and my grandchildren, I suppose my teen years were rather dismal. We were happy because we didn't know about all the things (traveling, beaches, etc.) that most kids nowadays enjoy.

SECTION VI - POST-HIGH SCHOOL DAYS

Q #74

A. I wanted to go to college but our family could not afford it. I, later in my life, went to a business college and took a secretarial course.

Q #76

A. I attended McKenzie Business College, Chattanooga, TN. It was a very good school and because my husband, his brother, and his foster sister all had gone there.

Q #77

A. I was a mother of three when I attended business college. Therefore, I had quite a job after school. I had had a job offer in a law office and I was eager to finish my secretarial course and go to work. Sometimes I went to that law office to do some typing on an electric typewriter, as my typewriter at home was a manual!

Q #88 - #89

A. Being able to go to college and to acquire a degree in the field of your choice is about the greatest opportunity in a person's life. He or she should strive very hard to overcome any obstacles which would seem to prevent acquiring a college education. The next best thing is a trade school.

SECTION VII - BECOMING A YOUNG ADULT

Q #91

A. When I was eighteen years old World War II started as a result of the Japanese bombing Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

Q #92

A. None of my immediate family was actively involved in the war.

Q #93

A. My first job was as a salesperson in a department store. I took the job because it was the only thing available in my hometown for which I was qualified at the time. I enjoyed the contact with people. What I liked least was constant interference of my immediate superior.

Q #94

A. I made \$18 per week.

Q #95

A. I walked to and from work. We lived in a small town.

SECTION VIII - GETTING MARRIED

Q #101 - Q#106

A. I met and married a local boy when I was eighteen. We met through a mutual friend.

Q #103

A. When we married I was eighteen and my husband was nineteen.

Q #108

A. We lived with my husband's mother when we were first married.

Q #112

A. My first daughter was born a year after I was married. Her name was Brenda Jeanne Cubine. She was born in Sheffield, AL. My son, Darrell Morgan Cubine, was born in 1948 in Chattanooga, TN and my youngest daughter, Susan Virginia Cubine, was born in Fort Oglethorpe, GA in 1955.

My first child was not named for anyone. It was just that I liked the names. My son has part of his father's name (Darrell). His middle name, Morgan, was my mother-in-law's maiden name.

My husband and I chose the name Susan for our younger daughter because we both liked that name. We chose her middle name, Virginia and named her for my husband's sister and for my sister. My husband, Ralph Darrell Cubine, Jr., was the adoptive father of Brenda and natural father of Darrell and Susan.

Q #117

A. My older daughter bore more resemblance to me than did the other two. Both my son and my younger daughter looked like their father. All the children were very pretty/handsome. I took great pride in them and in their appearance. They were children to be proud of.

Q #123

A. I tried to teach my children the value of a good education, to show kindness and courtesy to others, to be honest, and to take a part in the church and to live a good, moral life.

Q #127

A. My husband died in 1957, after a long illness. He is buried in Chattanooga, TN.

SECTION XII - HIGHLIGHTS AND SPECIAL THOUGHTS

Q #162

A. I think the most wonderful place I ever visited was Rome, Italy. Because of the religious and historical background and the beauty of the statuary, cathedrals and countryside. The second best place I have visited was Lucerne, Switzerland because of the spectacular scenery.

Q #165

A. I would like you to remember the Serenity Prayer: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."

Q #171

A. To answer this question, I would like to quote George Bernard Shaw:

"This is the true joy in life,
the being used for a purpose
recognized by yourself as
a mighty one;
the being thoroughly worn out
before you are thrown on the
scrap heap; the being a force
of Nature instead of a feverish
selfish little clod of ailments
and grievances complaining that
the world will not devote itself
to making you happy."