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This report is about my Bestemor. She is Norwegian. Bestemor is Norwegian for Grandma. My Bestemor's name is Marybeth Barrett. She was born in Luverne, Minnesota. She is full Norwegian even though she was not born in Norway. My Bestemor is funny, kind, caring and always gives us all the treats we want. I love having sleepovers at my Bestemor's, she makes the best cinnamon rolls. I picked my Bestemor for this report because I think her life is very interesting.

Her dad was a Chaplain in the military, which is a military church leader. Since her dad was in the military she went to a special school on the military base with other military kids. Because of her dad's job her family had to move a lot. My Bestemor and her family moved once every three years. Since they moved so much she learned to make friends very fast. My Bestemor lived in 13 different states and has visited all but five states. She moved 15 times by the time she was twenty one. She also traveled to England when she was an adult. It sounds cool to go to so many places but I'm glad I don't have to move outside of Cedar City because it sounds like a lot of work.

She has been to many historic and interesting places. The places I thought were the coolest are: Williamsburg Virginia, Mississippi River, Statue of Liberty, Liberty Bell, Old Abilene, the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco (which is actually red), the Empire State Building (which was the tallest building in the world at the time). She also saw Fort Hamilton, which is the old fort that protected the harbor in New York. Her stories about where she has traveled and all the cool things she has seen make me want to travel the world and discover something new myself.

My Bestemor tells lots of funny stories. One of my favorites is when she went fishing in her boat in Alaska with my Bestefar(Grandpa) and a seal popped up out of the water and blew air at her. The seal scared her so much she almost fell out of the boat. I also liked one where she and Bestefar were fishing and accidently caught an octopus. It jumped onto the boat and tried to hide under the floorboards. The octopus was really fast but they eventually caught it. I think her stories are funny but I also learn things, like octopi are fast.

Another one of my favorite stories she told me is about her grandpa driving in a horse and buggy. When he was heading home after a date with Bestemor's grandma, he would fall asleep. The horses would take him back to the barn. He would wake up surprised that he was home and the horses knew the way back.

My Bestemor said some pretty interesting things about technology. It has changed a lot since she was a kid. Back then, some of the newest technology was an auto correcting typewriter and a microwave. Tvs with more than 3 channels were new too. Her dad called the TV an "idiot box". He called it that because he thought everyone sat in front of it too much, and it would make you stupid. Because you were seeing other people's imaginations and not your own. I think its amazing that first there were manual typewriters, then auto correct typewriters, and now we have computers. Things have changed a lot since she was a kid.

My Bestemor has been to some cool places and has cool stories to share. She knows a lot and is very smart. I like spending time with her because she is kind and fun to be around. I liked doing this report because my Bestemor has a very interesting and amazing life. I liked learning about her.