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Mitzi Boston Davis



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Mitzi Boston Davis was my Great Grandma. I was named after her!

She was born July 30, 1937 in Washington, DC and she died May 14, 2005

when she was 67 years old. I never got to meet my Grandma but I have heard a lot about her.

My family on my Mom's side is related to Pocahontas! Chief
Powhatan is Pocahontas' father. We are part of the Pamunkey Tribe which is
from Virginia. Pocahontas is my 22nd Great Aunt and for my Grandma Mitzi
Pocahotas was her 19th Great Aunt. I got to go to Virginia and Washington
DC a few summers ago and see the land my people are from. I loved it.
When the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian opened in
2004 my Grandma Mitzi's picture was chosen to hang in the "Our Lives"
exhibit to stand for our Tribe. The National Geographic magazine wrote a
book on the American Indians and they also used this picture for the cover!
The picture in the museum is the one I picked for my cover paper! I think it
is awesome that her picture is in that museum and on the cover of a
National Geographic book. The Smithsonian National Museum of the
American Indian is a big museum! I really liked going there.

When my Grandma was little she lived in Virginia and she loved visiting her Grandparent's farm. My 4th Great Grandparents owned that farm outside of Washington DC that now has very expensive homes on it and it is part of a large financial district. She liked to chase fireflies, pick wild raspberries, and go fishing in ponds. She would also pick pine gum off of the

pine trees and chew it for gum! When she lived in Maryland in Junior High she was part of a dance team that went on TV for a talent show and this made her very popular. The producers asked her to stay and be a part of the show, but her family had to move to Torrance California after World War II.

In High School she was a member of the Honor Society, many service clubs, and she was a cheerleader. She would model swimsuits as a teen, and she was always asked to be part of beauty contests. My Great Grandpa told stories about the first time he saw her. She was at a basketball game and he thought she was the most beautiful girl he had ever seen. She had a lot of boyfriends and my Grandpa had to chase them all away so he could have his chance with her. They got married after High School in Las Vegas in 1956. They then had five kids Celeste, Meliss, Denise, Mark, and Scott.

I hear lots of stories about my Grandma Mitzi from my Grandma Meliss and my Mom. I was told that she was a great cook. She would make all sorts of yummy things for her family like pizza, chinese food, bread, dumplings, and she would bake yummy cakes and desserts. She would sew my Grandma and my Aunts and Uncles clothes from their Halloween costumes, everyday clothes, to their prom and wedding dresses. She was a fun Mom and always did a lot for her family and community. Everyone always says that my Great Grandma was very pretty but they say she had the best personality too. My Mom tells me that Grandma Mitzi's house was her favorite place to be in the entire world! Her Grandparents had a barn, a big

garden, lots of fruit trees to climb, and the most fun yard. My Grandma Mitzi would let her go pick fruits and vegetables in the yard and they would juice them for yummy juice. Some of her most favorite memories are of playing at her Grandma's house with all of her cousins. When my Mom was 7 years old she got to go to Washington DC and Virginia with her Grandparents and her Mom for a month. She got to do all of the things I got to do when I went. She says that was her most favorite vacation ever. My Mom also says that Grandma Mitzi was the coolest Grandma ever. They had a Harley Davidson and my Mom was always so proud to see her Grandma and Grandpa pull up with all of their leather gear on. She says they weren't like all of the other Grandma and Grandpa's. My Grandma Mitzi was always very positive and kind. My Mom remembers a lot about her but the most important lesson she said she learned from her Grandma was being truly kind to every person.

Mitzi Boston Davis passed away in Aspen Colorado on May 14, 2005 dancing with her entire family around her. My mom says that my Grandma Mitzi was so special that she got that as a gift; to pass away dancing with her family. The night she passed away there was one of the biggest aurora borealis' (which are lights dancing in the sky) seen. My mom tells me that it was her telling her family goodbye.

I liked doing this report and learning more about my Great Grandma

Mitzi. I think my Great Grandma is really cool! She did a lot of fun things and

I like how much time and love she put into her family and community. I'm very proud to be named after her.