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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MY GRANDMOTHER, EVA ROBINS JOHNSON

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Eva Irene Robins Johnson at age 90

My grandmother, Eva Irene Robins, was born in Ontario, Canada, on August 18, 1898. She was the middle child in a family of five sisters (one brother lived only a short time). She and her husband, Alfred Peter Charles Johnson, had three children, Kenny, Harold, and Evelyn. Harold was my father. Eva also helped to raise her sister Estelle's son, Lloyd.

Eva and Alfred lived most of their lives in the area around Buffalo, New York, with the exception of a short stay on a farm in Ontario during the early 1920s.

In the 1950s, Eva and Alfred moved to Southern California along with all three of their children and Eva's youngest sister, Mildred. In Lemon Grove, California, they first lived just down the street from where I lived on Dayton Drive. Later on, after Alfred died, Eva's daughter's family, the Starrs, moved to Whittier. Eva moved with them and also followed them later to Orange County.

Grandma Johnson always had a a lot of "irons in the fire." She used to host big dinners at her house on Dayton Drive and invite the entire family.

While living in California, Eva once had a knitting machine that she used to knit all sorts of garments. She also got interested in making ceramics for a while. We still have some ceramic Christmas ornaments she made.



Christmas ornament made by Eva Robins Johnson

Grandma was always close to her sister Mildred and Mildred's family, many of whom also lived in the San Diego area.



Mildred with daughters Annette and Mary

I remember attending a family reunion in Whittier that my grandmother hosted. There were many people there, including quite a few that I didn't know. We were given family trees when we arrived, but nobody seems to have one anymore. I seem to be the only person who still remembers that reunion!

Eva died in 1993 in Orange, California. She was 94 years old.



Eva at age 89

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