MY GRANDPA
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My Grandpa is a wonderful inspiration to me. He is positive, loving, appreciative and kind. His name is Don, Don Thayer. My Grandpa is a very positive person. He always looks at the glass half full and he doesn’t let the bad things ruin his day. My Grandpa appreciates the small things and the large. Whatever he is doing he soaks it in well, takes his time and appreciates it. When I said that my Grandpa takes his time I really meant it. He especially takes his time when he eats. Even though my Grandpa is usually the last person to finish his meal his plate is always completely clean. I want to be more appreciative and positive like my Grandpa, because sometimes I look at the glass half empty instead of half full.

My Grandpa is a very kind and loving person. He is nice to everyone, even if he does not know them. If my Grandpa goes to the grocery store when he is in the check out line he asks the cashier, “so…” then my Grandpa looks at the cashier’s name tag and says, “Brenda, how are you doing today?” When my Grandpa asks the person how they are doing he really wants to know. He acts like he is having an everyday chat with them and that he knows them very well. Also when my Grandpa is at a restaurant he always complements the waiter and gives them a big tip.

One thing my Grandpa and I have in common is that we both love to read. When my Grandpa starts to read something he won’t stop, and he will always finish the book he is reading. If my Grandpa starts a book he is guaranteed to finish it. I am pretty sure that he would read anything. I think my grandpa would even read the dictionary!

The leaves on the trees, great big lakes and ponds, wild animals or in other words nature, my Grandpa loves it all. He not only loves it, he adores it and really appreciates it. He just loves to sit and soak it in, whether it’s a warm breeze or the cool rain. My Grandpa helped me realize how beautiful nature really is.

To me my Grandpa is an inspiration, he is a great person to look up to and a great person’s ways to follow. He inspires me to be a more positive, loving, appreciative and kind person. What this story boils down to is that my Grandpa is an inspiration, a role model, and a great person in my life.
The person I chose is my grandmother. My grandmother inspires me to be an independent individual, to think for myself and stand up for my beliefs. Her strength as an individual has shown me that I can believe in myself no matter what happens in my life. That having my own thoughts, even if they are different than others, can be my strength. And, differences in people are ok. My grandmother encourages me to always think about things through other people’s eyes. See things in different ways and accept what I may not agree with or understand.

My grandmother wants me to be a strong young lady so when I grow up I can challenge myself to be my best. She allows me to learn my way and helps guide me to make the right choices for me. So even if I am not doing well, she still supports me. I cherish my relationship with my grandmother because no matter who or what I am, she loves me for me.

My grandmother has made a difference in my life because she is a part of it. I am grateful for that.

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