

My Grandpa
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I'm Orrin. I got my name from my great grandpa, Orrin Meeks Cummings. He is my mom's paternal grandpa. His birthday was May 19, 1919. He lived in Kanosh, Utah. He was a cowboy/rancher and liked to ride horses. He bred Morgan horses and raised lots of cows. He had a cabin at Cumming's Springs on the mountain. He also had a cabin on the Great Basin Desert. His property was called Horse Hollow.

He was famous for growing watermelons. He shared them with the neighborhood kids. My great grandpa liked to make and watch home movies. My great grandpa loved to hunt deer. He was famous for bringing in large bucks, so people from California would pay him to take them hunting. He also liked to fish Corn Creek up the canyon. My great grandpa's favorite food was homemade bread that his mother in law made. He said that he liked it better than cake. He liked to visit his friends and family. He was friends with and trusted by the Kanosh Paiutes. His favorite animal was a dog. My great grandpa liked to give people nicknames. He had a nickname, it was Rod. He loved being with his wife, Lela and four sons; Dennis, Mike, Ross and Marvin (my grandpa).

Because his ranch was on the Utah west desert, the fallout from the nuclear bomb testing in Nevada often covered him and his father in white dust that was radioactive. When he came home, he would use a hose to spray the dust off of him because he knew it was bad for him. Sadly, he (and his father) died at age 37 of cancer from radiation that got all over him from nuke testing.

If my great grandpa was still alive, I would want him to teach me how to grow a watermelon. I would also want to make movies with him. If my great grandpa was still alive, I would want him to teach me how to ride a horse and go ride it up a mountain. I would ask what his life was like when he was my age. I would like to ask if he liked oranges, because I love oranges and his and my name rhyme with orange.