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I have many ancestors that had great lives, but the one I want to write about in this essay is my great grandfather, Charles Joseph Manuele. Charles was born on November 26, 1931 in Los Angeles, California and died August 18, 2011. He lived to be 80 years old. Although, Charles was born in the United States, his dad immigrated to the United States at the age of eight. His family immigrated from the island Sicily, Italy. Sicily is the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea. He is who I get my Italian heritage from.

Charles loved sports. When he was young, he was good at soccer, basketball, softball, volleyball, and tennis. His total height, 6 feet and 1 inch, helped him play those sports well. In his later years, he gave up those sports and got really good at golf. Just like me, Charles liked to read, and he enjoyed science.

He had 8 kids, and his favorite thing to do was spend time with his kids and grandkids. All his grandkids called him Big Daddy. Big Daddy had dark brown hair and tan skin. His favorite foods were spaghetti, pizza, pancakes, ice cream, and donuts. He ate donuts every Saturday morning, and he loved to tell jokes. In his free time, he made lots of films with his family on film strips. He also went sky diving. As he got older, he started adopting cats. He loved his cats.

Big Daddy also served his country and helped in the Korean War. He joined the war towards the end and was responsible for helping get the soldiers home. Big Daddy was a pilot and flew his plane for fun.

Big Daddy lived in Germany when he was a young man. While in Germany, he was a life insurance salesman. Later, he

moved to San Francisco, California and became a Stockbroker. When he was not at work, he wore shorts and played on the beach. When he retired, he did casino events for prizes. He also learned to juggle knives and performed juggling with flaming knives.

In conclusion, Charles Joseph Manuele was a great ancestor that did many great and interesting things.