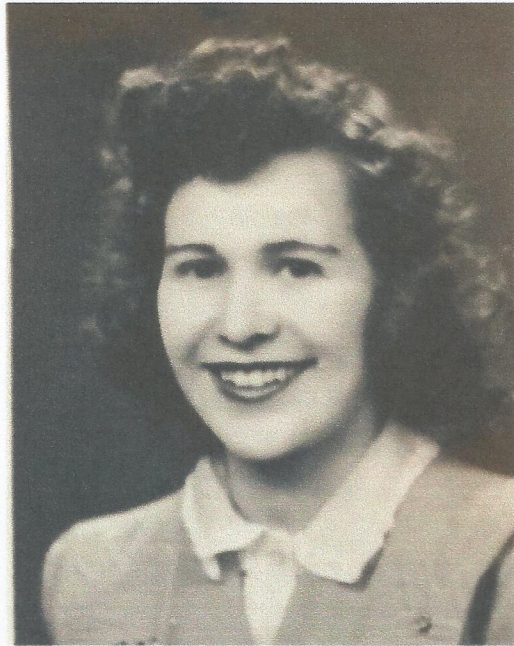


Great Grandma Gwen Monroe

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I have many great ancestors but have chosen to write on my Great Grandma Gwen Monroe. I was named after my grandma because she was an amazing person.

What made Grandma Gwen Great?

She was very thoughtful and was known for writing little notes to make others feel better. She had a smile for everyone and had a way to care for others.

In college she met my great grandpa LaMar they got married and moved to Scipio where he farmed and together they had 5 kids.

My Grandma Gwen taught preschool until she got cancer. The cancer was from the testing of atomic bombs during World War 2. This is also known as a downwinder. She was only 65 years old when she died. Everyone in the town of Scipio would go outside to view the beautiful sunsets that were made by the test bombs. They did not know the radiation would later cause them harm. Many of her friends died from the bombs too.

My grandma loved to read and learn new thing and she made it a priority and she was very smart. My grandma was small like me. She was only 5' 4" and had dark wavy hair and the same brown eyes as me.

She loved to sew and taught my great aunts and their friends how to sew their own cloths. She also made cloths for others.

She loved her grandkids. Even though she was really sick with cancer she wanted to spend every minute with them and her family before she died. Her specialty was making home-made root beer. My dad said would be a taste tester and would sit on the counter and drink the root beer as she made it.

I want to be like my grandma because she inspired others to be kind and I hope to share her kindness.