

Interviewed: Paulyte Nicholes

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Shiann: Hi, I'm Shiann Nicholes and I have chosen to do my oral history report on my mom, Paulyte Nicholes. Hi Mom.

Paulyte: Hi

Shiann: k for the record what is your full name?

Paulyte: Paulyte Nicholes.

Shiann: okay. (Laughs) Are you called by any nicknames at all?

Paulyte: um... Yeah. My mom and dad call me Polly a lot.

Shiann: mm... Anything else?

Paulyte: not really, no.

Shiann: hmm. How'd you get your nickname?

Paulyte: Well, I was named after my dad, Paul, and well actually there is another nickname, he calls me "Small- Paul" all the time.

Shiann: (laughs)

Paulyte: So, that's how I got my nickname.

Shiann: oh... do they still call you by your nickname?

Paulyte: yes, they do.

Shiann: ok, alright, um, right now where do you live?

Paulyte: I live in Huntington.

Shiann: Um, have you ever lived anywhere else?

Paulyte: uh, yes I have. I've lived in Washington, D.C., and San Antonio, Texas, And Salt Lake City, and Price, Utah, and Orem, Utah, Las Vegas, (pause) Nevada, and here. Most of it I've spent here.

Shiann: K. um. Do you recall any of the dates of those, of (pause) where you lived?

moved to Las Vegas till 1973 and then we moved to Orem. I started kindergarten about 1974-'75. we moved to Huntington in '77 where I lived until 1986, when I moved to Virginia and then Washington D.C. and I left there in 1987, (pause) nope excuse me '88. Moved to Orem. Moved back to Price, no, Huntington in 1990, moved to Price in 1990, late 1990(pause) and moved to Salt Lake in 1994. I moved to Price in 1995 after I got married and moved back to Huntington, 2002.

Shiann: ok. Um, where were you born?

Paulyte: In Venice, California.

Shiann: K. do you know um.... The county?

Paulyte: Venice County.

Shiann: Venice County?

Paulyte: Yeah

Shiann: Alright, when were you born?

Paulyte: On October 22, 1968

Shiann: k. so who is your spouse?

Paulyte: Roger Nicholes

Shiann: Where was he born?

Paulyte: American Fork

Shiann: ahh

Paulyte: In Utah County

Shiann: When was he born?

Paulyte: July 20, 1966

Shiann: okay, do you have any children, and if you do um what are their names and

birthdates?

Paulyte: I have three children and three step-children. (pause) I personally, Chantel Marie Jackson is 19 born 10/22/86, Shiann Eden Fackrell- Nicholes (laughs) Born 9/20/88, and Tanika Lee Fackrell born 4/30/90. (long pause) Step-kids, (laughs) Danielle Marianne Nicholes born 4/16/ of '87, Sheridan Nicholes born 7/20/ of '90, and Michelle Nicholes born 11/16/ of '93.

Shiann: k, um, so where do all your children live?

Paulyte: um... Chantel lives in Price, and Shiann and Tanika live here in Huntington with me.

Shiann: k, um, what kind of work, um, did you do?

Paulyte: uh, I've done all kinds of things (laughs). Um mostly I've done Waitressing Convenience store, bartending. Working with people type thing.

Shiann: okay, um, how old were you when you got your first job?

Paulyte: 18

Shiann: 18? Ok, um how much schooling have you had?

Paulyte: I have an 11th grade education, I do have my got my G.E.D in 1986.

Shiann: Are you a member of any clubs or organizations or anything like that?

Paulyte: um no

Shiann: oh k. um. Do you have any brothers or sisters?

Paulyte: Yes I do, I have two brothers, two sisters.

Shiann: oh. K uh

Paulyte: and I'm the youngest.

Shiann: What's all their names?

Paulyte: we have Michelle who is the oldest, and then Wade and Kelly, and Lori.

Shiann: um... It is to my understanding that you were adopted in California?

Paulyte: Yes I was.

Shiann: k um well who is your adoptive parents? Fathers full name?

Paulyte: My adoptive dad is Paul Raymond Jackson

Shiann: K, where was he born?

Paulyte: He was born in uh American Fork I think.

Shiann: okay... Alright, um, what is his birth date?

Paulyte: um, April 15 , 1934

Shiann: and where is he residing right now?

Paulyte: in Orem Utah

Shiann: Ok, um what kind of work did he used to do?

Paulyte: he's a pipe fitter, and he builds and works on power-plants.

Shiann: oh... What is your adoptive Mothers full name?

Paulyte: LeeAnn Jackson

Shiann: And do you know where she was born?

Paulyte: She was born in Provo, Utah

Shiann: Birth date please.

Paulyte: on January 5, 1938

Shiann: and she resides with your adoptive father right?

Paulyte: Right

Shiann: k

Paulyte ::(laughs)

Shiann: okay, what kind of work did she used to do?

Paulyte: um (long pause) well she used to work at Barbizon, which was sewing. and she worked at a computer chip manufacturer in Orem, mechanics, she's also worked with the public, she worked down at Hometown for years and years and years, so she worked a lot.

Shiann: How would you describe your parent's relationship and how they coincide with other people?

Paulyte: well (laughs), that's a good question, well my mom is a complete social-butterfly, she gets along with pretty much everybody, just really sweet and kind and would do anything for yah. Um... My dad is more reserved, um he doesn't talk much, and he's a pillar of strength when you need him.

Shiann: ok, um, you don't know where your ancestors came from do you?

Paulyte: no

Shiann: Cause your adopted, um do you recall any stories about the um histories of your family that Grandma, and Grandpa have told you or anything?

Paulyte: um.. I know that my grandmother on my mother's side was born in Mesa but no I really don't have a whole lot of fact family history on either side.

Shiann: ok, alright this is part two of our little interview here. K, um, what do you remember about the house you grew up in?

Paulyte: well, its funny I can drive by it pretty much every day (laughs) it's like three blocks from us. Um...actually I remember my mom's cooking. (Laughs) and the smells of my mom's house.

Shiann: how is it different from the house you live in today?

Paulyte: well my house is a little more active then my mom's house, I mean all my

brothers and sisters were older than me so it was just me and my parents a lot, so I would say that my house is a lot more active than my moms.

Shiann: ok um, what do you remember about the town or community where you grew up?

Paulyte: pretty much the same way it is now! (laughs)

Shiann: (laughs)

Paulyte: well uh, (long pause) well I believe this community will make you or break you. Just like it can now.

Shiann: what are the nationalities like here?

Paulyte: Well now or then?

Shiann: um, now and then.

Paulyte: well now its pretty much a mixed culture of I would say Hispanics and you know Caucasian people.

Shiann: uh huh

Paulyte: Definitely split from the side of town they live on. Um... where they live. Back then, more on the Caucasian side definitely more.

Shiann: k, do you believe there is um prejudice here in Huntington?

Paulyte: (cuts off) Yes I do

Shiann: Why do you think that?

Paulyte: because I think that this community lives in a time when race and controversial issues was just not here, its just not wanted here so therefore, they don't deal with it much, and don't have to accept, they don't have to accept cause nobody forces them to have to accept it.

Shiann: that's a good answer. Um did you have any favorite family stories that include

your parents or your siblings?

Paulyte: actually I remember a trip to Montana that we took, that um we were never around my dads family very much and we went up there with my two uncles and cousins and we just had a great time and as far as stories go. I was playing with my grandma when I spent the night with her and her telling me the story of the grasshopper and the ant, its my favorite, all time favorite story....ever. (laughs)

Shiann: well do you mind telling us that story?

Paulyte: for real?

Shiann: yeah

Paulyte: (laughs) well um the grasshopper is laying out on the lawn and he's watching this ant just kinda going back and forth and back and forth, so he asks the ant what are you doin and the ant says well Im storing up for winter because ya know its coming and I want to have enough food for winter. The grasshoppers says ha-ha I'll deal with that later don't ya know. So pretty soon it starts to snow and the grasshopper's out there and he's freezing and the ant finally goes up underground and ya know he's all warm and cozy and has all this food and he thinks about the grasshopper and goes up and there he is and he's froze, almost and ice-cube. So he tells him ok I'll take you in for this winter but you have to promise me that next summer when you have the opportunity you will store your food and have a place to stay when winter comes. Oh yeah I'll do that so the ant takes him in and you know they eat and he has food for the whole winter and the next summer he comes out and he starts playin' and goofin like did the summer before and the ant goes to remind him now you remember what your promise was cause this winter im not going to help you out. And so the grasshopper thinks about it for a minute and he says you know

what, you're right so he picked up some stuff and started building himself a home and he helps the ant and then they just lived underground together and in the end the grasshopper helps the ant.

Shiann: that's a pretty cool story

Paulyte: dumb story but...(laughs)

Shiann: I thought it was a pretty good story. Um.. Are there any special occasions where you spend time with your family?

Paulyte: Um... well the biggest time is with my immediate family which lives here in the house, when were watching TV or movies and once in awhile we'll sit at the table and play games, a lot of lectures in this house (laughs)

Shiann: (Laughs)

Paulyte: we won't bypass that one (laughs)

Shiann: no (laughs) um are some of the things we do in our house today, differ from what you used to living with your grand... or your mom (laughs)

Paulyte: yeah, yeah actually, because um, I, not that its my mothers fault, but I like to be more up-front with my kids about social situations and acceptable behavior and what's not acceptable behavior. So ya I would think the level of discipline in my house is probably ten-fold of what my mom was, im a little more... controlling (laughs)

Shiann: um... Why do you think you are controlling over your children?

Paulyte: um.. Probably because I don't want them to make the same level of mistakes that I made, knowing full well they will make their own mistakes, I would like to intercept them from doing ones that are extremely harmful to themselves.

Shiann: Um... How much does your family mean to you, um... immediate, and

extended?

Paulyte: um... well (Long pause) I have extreme issues with my kids leaving home(laughs). They are pretty much.... Why I wake up and go to sleep.. As far as my parents and my brothers and sisters were, always been really tight knit, a really close family. I mean I live in a town with one brother, another brother only ten miles away, close to my sister, um... and my mom and dad are the reason we still live in Huntington, and we live in the state of Utah, other-wise we wouldn't live here. (sniffles)

Shiann: .. Um...kinda getting off the touchy subject, um what were your favorite foods that grandma used to cook ya??

Paulyte: Spaghetti , oh her spaghetti, its, OH! Its so awesome. It would take all day to cook it and marinate it and it is SO good (laughs) oh and the smell just permeated the entire house, which was my favorite thing ever, and actually today it still is. Spaghetti is still my favorite food (laughs).

Shiann: I love spaghetti k, um... do you have any special recipes that have been handed down?

Paulyte: Um.. Actually I have my mom's stroganoff recipe, I use it all the time, and that where I got it, straight, directly from and um... the way she cooks her roasts, um so ya.

Shiann: Um... what were some of the games you used to play as a child? Ya know what kind of activities did you participate in?

Paulyte: um.. Well I was in gymnastics for god since I was like seven till high school so probably my sophomore year, and dancing and ballet and horseback riding, I was way into horseback riding, I mean you couldn't get me off my horse to save your life, I was way into that.

Shiann: um.. Do you still do any of these activities now?

Paulyte: um.. Well, I don't really dance anymore, and do all that stuff, I would love to horseback ride, however I was injured and have had back surgery so its kind of rough on my body to do that stuff any more.

Shiann: did your parents have any special hobbies or ya know, crafts and stuff that they did?

Paulyte: well my mother is a very good painter and she used to oil paint, she doesn't anymore, however I wish she would cause I really like it. Um.. Dad.. His hobbies, he would go out with my brothers and stuff and target practice and stuff like that but he really didn't have many hobbies. He worked a lot he was out of town a lot, so.

Shiann: oh, well how about you, do you have any favorite hobbies?

Paulyte: actually I read, and now that I have a computer all of three months I play on it (laughs).

Shiann: (laughs)

Paulyte: and I can sew, and cross-stitch and stuff like that and its really relaxing.

Shiann: how did you learn to cross-stitch and sew?

Paulyte: um... sewing I.. my mom and my grandmother was an avid sewer, and she worked at a Barbizon sewing shop for like twenty years, she was an avid sewer. So between her and my mom that how I learned how to sew. As far as cross-stitching, I was self-taught, how to do that.

Shiann: um... did you know anyone that sang when you were a kid?

Paulyte: um.. No..um.. Well actually Yes I did, my cousins were singers.

Shiann: um.. who are they?

Paulyte: um.. They were called the “Clinger Sisters”, and there were six of them? And they used to sing, they had a C.D., or tape made and that was them.

Shiann: um.. What types of songs did they sing?

Paulyte: um.. Hmm. Well this was back in the day, like in the 70's just your basic popular music that was popular at the time.

Shiann: like ballads, and love songs, and such...

Paulyte: Ballads, a few love songs, a few up-beat songs, and now when they do sing there more of a a religious tone.

Shiann: Um.. Where would they sing, when they did?

Paulyte: um.. I think they opened for a few people, but I never saw them live or anything like that, although I would have loved to, um.. Bu they did open for some bands, im just not sure who.

Shiann: do you know anyone who plays musical instruments?

Paulyte: hmm... wellya I played the clarinet fro long, long time.

Shiann: um..well im pretty sure you know someone who did dancing cause you were a dancer, but were there anyone else that you knew that were good dancers?

Paulyte: well I was about the only one in the family that was into dancing. um.. And all that other stuff because like I said I wasn't around a whole lot of my siblings and stuff, the dancing issue.

Shiann: oh. Um.. It is to my understanding that dancing and gymnastics has run through our family, um can you give me the name of your cousin that is a gymnastics star.

Paulyte: um.. She is my niece...

Shiann: Niece

Paulyte: and uh her name is Jordan Mann, and she is awesome, but she doesn't like to compete so, (laughs). I don't know that she will be competing in like tournaments.

Shiann: um.. do we have another um.. Relative who is competitive in gymnastics?

Paulyte: another relative?(long pause) Oh! Yes we do, Amy. Amy Walker is my third cousin, and she has competed at the top levels, just short of the Olympics and although miraculous as that is, she's also deaf.

Shiann: uh .. How do you think being deaf affects her in her carrier choice?

Paulyte: well I think in ways it probably helps her because she can concentrate on what she's doing and drown out the noise cause its not there, and her floor exercises and stuff like that will be very difficult to do by vibration or look at somebody to see them saying, "ok, its time for this" and her timing would have to be perfect, so her concentration would probably have to be right there.

Shiann: um.. Do you remember being sick as a child?

Paulyte: um.. Nope. In Fact I am, outside of the common cold I can honestly say I've never had a childhood illness. Never had the chickenpox, never had the mumps, measles, nothing.

Shiann: wow. Um... well did other members of your family you know grandma and grandpa use home remedy's to make them feel better?

Paulyte: um.. (laughs) uh ya they had a very good cure for the toothache (laughs)

Shiann: (laughs) what was that?

Paulyte: (laughs) um.. My mom would put whiskey on a cotton-ball, and put it in the back of your mouth and make you chomp on it. And the alcohol would get rid of your pain. (Shiann laughing in the background).

Shiann: Um.. Do they still use them today?

Paulyte: uh.. No I don't think you could find a liquor bottle in my moms house anymore
(laughs)

Shiann: (laughs) do you remember any sayings or beliefs concerning the weather, good luck, bad luck, dreams, marriage, birth, death?

Paulyte: do I have any memories of that?

Shiann: do you have any sayings or beliefs?

Paulyte: oh.. Goodness. Start with the first one.

Shiann: um.. Weather?

Paulyte: do I have any beliefs about the weather? Yes, I believe that all the stations around here don't tell it. (laughs) that I can look outside and tell the weather better than they can tell it.

Shiann: (laughs) ok, um.. Good luck?

Paulyte: um.. I think the only thing I think would bring good luck is a four-leaf clover.

Shiann: why the four-leaf clover?

Paulyte: um.. You know I don't, I really don't have a good answer for that, just cause im not that big into rabbit's feet, and all that stuff so I guess that would be about the only one that would trip my trigger. There harder to find, you can find a rabbit foot anywhere.

Shiann: (laughs) k what about bad luck?

Paulyte: uh.. Not real superstitious about yeah, im not real superstitious about bad luck, except that I think its really bad luck to go on the ocean. (laughs)

Shiann: (laughs) for those who don't know my mom is terrified of the ocean, she thinks a sharks gonna come eat her. (laughs)

Paulyte: (laughs) well. They don't come on land to eat me, so I aint going on land
(laughs) water, no water for me. (laughs)

Shiann: (laughs) ok what about dreams?

Paulyte: uhh... well to be perfectly honest I do, I, I, do believe that if you die in your
dream, you die in real-life, but and I have come very close to my dreams before, but I
don't take a lot of time to interpret them. However; I have woke up being extremely
angry before.

Shiann: (laughs)

Paulyte: for hours (laughs)

Shiann: what about marriage?

Paulyte: well you know my marriage is very strong, and I believe in the sanctity of
marriage. However I do believe it should happen when you're a little older and can
understand a little bit more about life. And I don't believe in taking marriage at face value
which means that your going into completely naïve, you've never lived with the person,
you don't know their habits really. So im all for living with someone before you get
married.(laughs)

Shiann: (laughs) umm what about birth?

Paulyte: it hurts... (laughs)

Shiann: (laughs)

Paulyte: use epidural (laughs) that's my opinion...(laughs)

Shiann: (laughs) oh my gosh.

Paulyte: although a joyous occasion, I had you natural you're the only child I had natural
and I don't recommend it...

Shiann: (laughs)

Paulyte: and that was by force(laughs) that wasn't by choice(laughs)

Shiann: (laughs) um.. Death?

Paulyte: um.. I think death, altruistically, should be a happy time. If you believe in heaven, then you see that they are going to a better place, and for us, were selfish because we were mourning and we want them here and in.. so I think that mourning is very selfish.

Shiann: hmmm.. What was the most valuable thing your parents, or other adults told you about getting along in life?

Paulyte: the most valuable thing.. Um lets see, my mothers favorite is, "this to shall pass".(laughs)

Shiann: (laughs) what do you think about that?

Paulyte: uh.. Its horse-hockey.

Shiann: It's horse-hockey? Why is it horse-hockey?

Paulyte: because at the time that whatever it is, is happening..... its not passing.. Its quite present. And right in my brain..(laughs)

Shiann: (laughs)

Paulyte: so(laughs) its horse-hockey. (laughs)

Shiann: (laughs) what are some of the things you remember about you know school, like your friends, your teachers, your after-school activities?

Paulyte: um.. Well..I really wasn't all that involved in school, cause I really didn't like anybody I went to school with.. Um.. Most of my friends were seniors when I was a sophomore and they guy I was dating didn't, he was older so he was out of school. So after my sophomore year, I pretty much didn't like anybody.

Shiann: (laughs)

Paulyte: honest (laughs)

Shiann: (laughs) its honest. What is the most amazing thing you have ever seen?

Paulyte: that I've ever seen?

Shiann: ever seen?

Paulyte: wow. that's a big one.. Hmmmm... I don't know what's the most amazing thing

I've ever seen.. hmmm... I don't know...??

Shiann: what historical events do you remember?

Paulyte: (pause) um.. Holy cows.. I barely remember President Ford, I don't remember

Nixon. I remember Jimmy Carter, I remember when Reagan was president when he was.

And the release of the hostages right afterwards. The attack on Libya, them were all pretty historical events (laughs).

Shiann: ok um.. What is the scariest thing that has ever happened? That you have noticed or has happened to you?

Paulyte: the scariest thing? Um... I think the scariest thing for me was when I was getting divorced from your dad, Jim. And I had to be alone for the first time and I had to realize all that meant, all the responsibilities that meant. Taking care of you and Tanika on my own.

Shiann: um.. How do you feel about your ex-husband?

Paulyte: well at one time I really didn't like him very much(laughs). Now we get along because we have kids together and that is a necessity. But if we didn't have kids, I wouldn't even be in contact with him at all.

Shiann: um... why would you not be in contact with him?

Paulyte: because, I believe him to be very selfish. In, in the way he thinks and the things that he does.

Shiann: hmmm... um.. What do you, or what is your stance on the politics of today?

Paulyte: hmmm.. that's a rough one. Um.. I think that politicians should look more at the people and less at the dollar signs. I don't believe in this war, I don't like the person that is in the white house, I think they ought to leave the constitution alone, its worked for two-hundred years. I think it can work for two-hundred more. I think they should work more together than separate.

Shiann: um.. Are the politics today different then they were when you were young?

Paulyte: ya know I really wasn't into a politics very much until... I don't know maybe I wasn't big in current events type person. I know that.... Like I said the last presidency I remember really was Reagan's and I... the money the spending of the money in the national deficit was huge and I mean he tripled it in his presidency. Tripled what it was over all those years he tripled it and the money is just ridiculous.

Shiann: um... lets see.. Well Curiosity, what was the 70's like for you?

Paulyte: oh I was a very small me, um.. Hmm. Ya know we were down here for most of the 70's and so it was.. that's.. I mean not the big disco things. We had the flare jeans and all that but we didn't have any of the craziness of the discos or anything like that.

Shiann: how about the 80's since you were a little older then?

Paulyte: uh,, you know I had a really good time in the 80's (laughs) umm.. a lot of well.. I gradua.. Would have graduated in 1986 which is the mid-80's. I mostly did all those bad things that kids just really shouldn't do.. I sloughed school and I partied, and I did all

those ya know.. Staying out late, breaking curfews.. I was not a very good girl.(laughs)

Shiann: (laughs) what about the 90's? you were in your mid-20's then.

Paulyte: well when I turned 21 I was pregnant with my 3rd child Nikki and after I had her I went a little nuts. I left you kids with my brother, Wade and I just went on a total rampage of drinking and playing and it was there that I probably learned the biggest lesson about responsibility because I had to get a job to support myself.

Shiann: um. What about late um.. 90's early millennium?

Paulyte: I got married in 1995, and domesticity has agreed with me in most ways. To where I was kind of able to settle down, not a whole lot. My kids came back right before I got married and now they're everything. My family's everything to me my husband, my kids, its just great.

Shiann: um .. You said earlier in this recording that you have had back surgery, umm why did you have back surgery and what were the consequences of it?

Paulyte: um.. I had back surgery due to... I had two herniated discs. One of which was pressing on one of my nerves, causing an extreme amount of pain in my legs and in my back and so they took both discs out and put two rods, six screws in. And the ramifications of my back surgery was a very serious drug-addiction.

Shiann: um.. How long did your drug-addiction last?

Paulyte: 16 years

Shiann: 16 years. So since I was two years old?

Paulyte: yes

Shiann: k um.. Are you still addicted to the pain medication you were prescribed?

Paulyte: um.. I will, more than likely always be addicted to pain medications I was

prescribed. Um.. And I am in recovery now and have been for just a little over four months.

Shiann: and are you.. Do you feel better about the fact that your no longer on them?

Paulyte: Oh yes! Cause Im able to experience life and im alert and awake, and I can conversant with my kids and my husband and.. Ya know my family. And I can wake up in the morning and be ok with it and what's the weird thing about that is the very crutch that I used to get those pain meds' is no longer a factor. My back does not hurt.

Shiann: what um.. Made you want to go to rehab and get better?

Paulyte: well I probably had at least 50 episodes where I shouldn't have been dead I was chain-smoking almost five packs a day. I was taking anywhere between 30 and 50 pills a day, of pain meds and other types of medications, I was... um so my family and my life was my motivation and if I wouldn't have quit I would've been dead.

Shiann: um.. It is to my understanding that you've been to rehab twice?

Paulyte: um.. Ya. I went once for two days; very resistant, very reluctant. And not to willing ot admit that I was an addict. So anything they had to say to me, any treatment they had to give I just totally rejected. And the second time I went I was more open to the fact that.. Although I hated to admit it, I was no better than a crack-phein or a heroine addict, but a lot of the medications I was taking were classified in the same classification as heroine.

Shiann: How much better do you get along with your family now that your not on drugs?

Paulyte: well at times(laughs) its a lot better just because im a lot more alert of what im saying and at other times it's a little harsher because I am more involved in what they are doing.

Shiann: um... do you believe that now that your off them you may live a longer life to notice um.. Your kids grow up and..?

Paulyte: um.. Yeah because I will be alive to see it, enjoy it, be apart of it. Where had I been on the drugs still taking what I could, when I could, how many I could, um... I would dare to say that at this point giving this interview I would probably been dead.

Shiann: um.. What was some of the affects on drugs.. That.. What were the affects of drugs had on you?

Paulyte: um... well they made me quite lethargic, which means I didn't move or I would just sit in my chair and just lay there. I.. where I was once involved in schools and stuff like that, I was no longer doing that. I was totally at the mercy. my doctor bill shot through the roof. I was getting 2-3 prescriptions a week. I had.. My whole life revolved around it, it was everything. It was just everything to me, nothing else mattered.

Shiann: do you believe your doctor should have told you to stop?

Paulyte: um... I think that.. Yeah I think he shouldn't have prescribed me what he did when he did, but I cant blame him because he did not put them in my mouth, he did not make them incorrectly, and had I taken the medication like I was supposed to, it would have helped instead of hindered.

Shiann: um.. getting off that subject um.. You have a rule about when you turn forty, what is that rule?

Paulyte: I don't want grand-kids until im forty(laugh)

Shiann: why is that?

Paulyte: because being a grandma makes you old(laugh) an dim to young to be old (laughs).

Shiann: (laughs) well that's only in three years mom.

Paulyte: but that's still three more years (laughs).

Shiann: (laughs)

Paulyte: that and my kids are just to young by the time I am forty to have kids.

Shiann: lets see... Chantel will be?

Paulyte: 23

Shiann: I will be?

Paulyte: 21

Shiann: And Tanik..

Paulyte: nikki will be... she'll be 20.

Shiann: and you think that if we are married by then were still to young to have kids?

Paulyte: yes, because I believe in a higher education, and I think that four years of college puts you up there in your 20's, at least.

Shiann: (laughs)

Paulyte: (laughs)so ya I think that's a fair estimation.

Shiann: what is your rule on marriage?

Paulyte: um.. That I will not pay for a wedding, unless I have at least an Associates Degree in my hand.

Shiann: why do you have that rule in effect?

Paulyte: Because I think that you need to have something to either fall back on or something that you can contribute to yourself , before you contribute yourself to a marriage, which is a commitment that is just huge! And you need to have that commitment to yourself first.

Shiann: do you wish you had this rule when you were young?

Paulyte: yes I do, well I never did have a wedding.. But I really wish I had done a lot of the things I am making, im telling my kids to do.

Shiann: um.. How old were you when you had your first child?

Paulyte: umm.. I had my first child on my 18th birthday.

Shiann: (laughs) How was that? Sharing your birthday with a baby?

Paulyte: well it was.. It wasn't so god-awful, until the labor, afterwards it was kinda cool ya know. Now its neat, then it wasn't.

Shiann: hmm..

Paulyte: I had her at 1 minute to midnight, she would have born the next day. So it was eighteen and half hours of labor, on my eighteenth birthday. (laughs)

Shiann: did you ever think that um.. When you were young that you would be in the position you are in now?

Paulyte: no, no I always thought of myself as being in a different place other than a glorified maid who doesn't get paid. (laughs) you know, but a housewife is a, is a pretty, its just definitely hard. I mean your job never ends, and even though you kids are older and you can do your chores and laundry an stuff like that, its still, eventually your gonna be gone and its something that im going to end up having to do. But I always find myself in that whole other place then I am now.

Shiann: hmm.. What was your dream-fantasy of the way you were gonna live?

Paulyte: um... away from here for one. Which is funny cause I always end up back here, um.. I wanted to be an accountant, in , cause I've always really good with numbers, even though I was not really good with money, and im still not. Married, I don't know I always

wanted the marriage, even when I was a kid, I was wanting it long before I should have wanted it. You know, the marriage and the family, the ultimate American dream I guess every kid kinda has that.

Shiann: hmmm.. How different are the kids today then kids back in your day?

Paulyte: unbelievably, um.. Not much. Other than the fact that they are more attached to technology then we were. As far as their differences and the dressing and um.. Stuff like that.. It really isn't much different. The cussing.. TV, is a lot different then it was, you know what I mean? there was no cussing on TV when I was a kid, none. Um.. Unless you know, you had HBO and all that fun stuff.

Shiann: what was your favorite show as a kid? Talking about TV.

Paulyte: um.. Hmm... ya know I don't think.. I mean I started watching soap opera's when I was little. that's where my head was.

Shiann: that's one of the most annoying attributes of my mother, she loves soap opera's.

Paulyte: ah well, everyone's got a quirk.

Shiann: egh! don't give me that. What were your favorite cartoons?

Paulyte: I am a Bugs Bunny fan.

Shiann: what's your favorite episode?

Paulyte: well ya know? Honestly I think it was the one where, Elmer Fudd is the singing

Viking. (laughs)

Shiann: (laughs)

Paulyte: and Bugs Bunny plays the a , ya know, little princess.(laughs)

Shiann: (laughs) the scary thing is that we used one of the songs from that cartoon for one of our homecoming rallies. (laughs) ah.. Kill the rabbit (laughs).

Paulyte yeah..

Shiann: (laughs)

Paulyte: so ya that is my very favorite.(laughs)

Shiann: um.. Looking at our DVD collection of scary movies, what scary movies in our DVD collection did you watch when you were young?

Paulyte:ah.. Well.. I definitely watched Children of the Corn and scaring ya know? The hell out of each other was our favorite thing.. Umm DVD's and Video's, Jaws was one that just terrified me, The Howling, Friday the 13th, Nightmare on Elm Street, they all just ya know? Scared myself to where I couldn't sleep was always my goal.

Shiann: why did Aunt Lori get mad at you over Jaws?

Paulyte: because I wouldn't take a bath, I wouldn't go in the water, I wouldn't even go to the lake. I wouldn't get in the swimming pool, I had issues going to the bathroom (laughs), I. you couldn't get me in the water(laughs).

Shiann: um..

Paulyte: and I slept with her for nights and nights after that. (laughs)

Shiann: (laughs) um.. Quite a few months ago um.. Aunt Lori told me why was she so mad that you were her sister. Why was she mad at you for coming home, when you were a baby?

Paulyte: because I was brought home from California after being adopted, on her 8th birthday. And she hated me for it. (laughs)

Shiann: (laughs) why'd she hate you so bad?

Paulyte: because she didn't get a cake or a birthday or a nothing, it was "All about the new baby", as she puts it.

Shiann: (laughs) How old is Aunt Lori?

Paulyte: Aunt Lori is 45. She will be 46, 8 days after I turn 38. (laughs)

Shiann: How old does she act?

Paulyte: ah.. 12

Shiann: (laughs)

Paulyte: (laughs) she hasn't hit puberty

Shiann: um.. What member of your family are you most close with?

Paulyte: well.. My mom, I think.

Shiann: um.. We have a certain stranger who keeps coming to our house every time, she's kinda crazy. Who is she?

Paulyte: Oh that would be my best-friend Natalie. We've been friends since we were six(laughs).

Shiann: tell me about Natalie..

Paulyte: um.. Gee.. Natalie, the responsible one of the gang. Always the level-headed one, even though she is nuts. Um.. (laughs) she's fun and spontaneous. She lives in Colorado with her husband, Kenny, and her daughter, Kaydie. And she comes down to visit every once in awhile, and we go up to visit her every once in awhile, and I just love her. I don't know what I would do with out her.

Shiann: so she was part of .. A really good part of your history?

Paulyte: She was probably the biggest part of my entire childhood, we went through a lot of things just together. I mean, a lot of those kid stages, and even when we were out of contact cause she grew up in Salt Lake, she didn't grow up here. Um.. It was just like no time had passed we always pick up conversation right where it left off. Cause she will

always tell me the truth, whether I want to hear it or not, she's there to tell it to me.

Shiann: does she get along with your family?

Paulyte: um.. Yeah, very well as a matter of fact. She just fits right in just like an old shoe.

Shiann(laugh)

Paulyte: (laughs) just so comfortable.(laughs)

Shiann: (laughs)

Paulyte: (laughs) you cant tell her I said that..(laughs) she'll shoot me. (laughs)

Shiann: (laughs) how would you describe mm... grandpa on his standing on the people here in Utah?

Paulyte: oh.. Grandpa and his standing here in Utah? I would think at this particular juncture in his life he probably loves it. Because they have a lot of the same views that he does. Outside of being Republicans.

Shiann: what's his stand on illegal immigrants? (laughs)

Paulyte: well... I don't know that I would want to say on tape (laughs) but, my dad is the epitome of prejudice. (laughs)

Shiann: (laughs)

Paulyte: you could open a dictionary and look up the word, and his picture would be there. (laughs) type guy.

Shiann: (laughs)

Paulyte: loving, but yeah.

Shiann: but he's a strong believer in god and following god's word?

Paulyte: yeah. (laughs)

Shiann: And he's prejudice?

Paulyte: Yeah (laughs) yeah (laughs)

Shiann: (laughs)

Paulyte: yeah he is. (laughs) but he's also a sports addict so I don't know how he would think, ya know think that way, and look at things that way and still ya know?

Shiann: he's a funny guy. (laughs)

Paulyte: (laughs) he's just a little off. (laughs)

Shiann: (laughs) um.. I know this story that my grandpa told me, and my mom was there, that we were.. And we were standing outside and the mentally handicapped school is walking by his house in orem.. Um.. This school lived about mm... four or five blocks away from his house, and with his little smirken laugh he like. "Hey Shi, look its retards on parade!". This is how bad my grandpa is(laughs) He's a horrible man.(laughs)

Paulyte: (laughs)

Shiann: (laughs) He's a horrible, horrible man. (laughs)

Paulyte: (laughs) that's hilarious! (laughs)

Shiann: (laughs) um..

Paulyte: (laughs) ah..

Shiann: do you feel special being named after your dad?

Paulyte: yeah I do, im really close my dad, so yeah I do. Im technically and legally his only child. My mom had four kids before they married, because her first husband died in a very tragic semi accident. And so when he adopted me it was me, and im the spoiled, rotten brat baby.

Shiann: that took Aunt Lori's Birthday.

Paulyte: that took Aunt Lori's Birthday. (laughs)

Shiann: (laughs)

Paulyte: yeah that's me. Um..

Shiann: how would you describe your actions as a child?

Paulyte: oh good lord!

Shiann: (laughs)

Paulyte: (laughs) anti-social.

Shiann: why were you anti-social?

Paulyte: because in every single social setting, and I still find myself doing this, um.. If it wasn't all about me, I didn't want any part of it. And I wasn't.. real cooperative, I would always throw a fit, I was always such a brat. I was just a brat, I wouldn't want to be around me either. I would have socked me.

Shiann: (laughs)

Paulyte: I would.

Shiann: (laughs) ahh.. Um... do you wish you had the kind of technology that you have now in this house when you were growing up?

Paulyte: mm... actually no, because I think it takes away the imagination of your kid to find things to do that don't pertain to a computer or being hooked up. I was outside a lot, went to the lake, got my horse, I was gone, always. Time, it was something that never had anything to do with sitting in front of a computer or a game, or the television. I was always doing something.

Shiann: In your opinion who is the craziest person in our family?

Paulyte: Lori.

Shiann: *why is she crazy?*

Paulyte: because she does things that... she's like a gerbil, going around one of those little wheels, cause she repeats the same thing over and over and over and over.

Shiann: (laughs)

Paulyte: (laughs) so yeah Lori, definitely Lori.

Shiann: um.. Is Grandma different now then she was then?

Paulyte: mm... mm... yeah and no not really. She's, she's kinda the same, ya know.

She's still the happy, get-along-with-everybody person that she always was. Everybody loves her, she loves everybody.

Shiann: What is grandpa's denial about his past?

Paulyte: he was never a kid. That he never drank, that he never smoked. Yeah, that he ever did anything that was "controversial". yes, he's definitely in denial about that, but I have pictures, I could prove it.

Shiann: what did he say when you showed him the pictures?

Paulyte: mm.. I think he said it wasn't him..

Shiann: (laughs)

Paulyte: (laughs) ya know and that he was playing. Anything to deny it was him actually doing that stuff.

Shiann: um.. Mm... do you believe that this is a good community to.. For your children to be raised in?

Paulyte: yeah I do, and I don't. I, because, names, mean a lot in this town and if you aren't the right person with the right family and the right background, your bound and determined to be in a hole by the end of the day. And so I don't agree with that. But as

far as crime and um.. Ya know, the lack of populous that's here, I do agree with the small town up-bringing of kids.

Shiann: um.. How's the school system changed since you were in school.

Paulyte: well I, I know they are.. More aware of what kids are doing, and.. Their rules are a lot more strict now then they used to be, I mean, we used to get away with a lot of stuff.

Ya know, fighting in school was.. Not a five-day suspension and you know what it was just common place for stuff like that to happen. It gave the fights and, the uh, curriculum is a lot more difficult, which I think is great. Um.. Certainly more, probably more competitive I would imagine to the rest of the nation of the small town type thing.

Shiann: do you agree with the rivalry between Carbon and Emery? I mean, how bad was it then, compared to now?

Paulyte: um... it was worse. But like I said with us getting away with a lot of things that you kids couldn't. And I wasn't real involved in say the football team, and all that other stuff. I really didn't get that to involved in any of the rivalry stuff, but I do know that it was there. Um.. For example, this one time me and like three of my friends where trucking down main street in Price. And we just happened to see these two guys, wearing big, Carbon letterman's jackets walking down the street. And my friend rolls down the window she yells out it, "Carbon sucks!", really, really loud. And im like, the two people in the back seat cower down. I mean were in Price, were gonna get killed, ya know, so I mean it was definitely there then.(laughs)

Shiann: um.. Do you, do you recall the winter-quarters, I know this was before your time.

Did you recall the winter-quarters explosion?

Paulyte: mm.. no

Shiann: um... What about any mining explosions around here?

Paulyte: um.. Yes, I was, I believe um.. A junior, I was a junior in 1984 when the Wilberg mine caught on fire. And I was in school at the time, and it was just like.... I don't know like a bomb.. Well literally like a bomb that hit, and everybody was so affected and crying in the halls and it was... you could see the fire.. I mean you could see the smoke coming up off the hill and.. It was really bad.. And it was really sad too. I just cant believe its been twenty-two years since, almost twenty-two years since its happened.

Shiann: do you believe that mining and say like Boiler-makers are a.. the big industries of business here?

Paulyte: um.. Mining definiely the core of the economy here because without it um.. There would be nothing here as far as work goes.

Shiann: um.. Who introduced you to Jim?

Paulyte: actually my sister , Lori and his brother set me and him up on a blind date. Yeah.

Shiann: and was he in the army?

Paulyte: actually he was just getting back in. He had gotten out, because his second daughter had died, third, no second daughter had died. And so it was a hard-ship discharge and he was just getting back in when I met him.

Shiann: um.. Do you regret marrying him?

Paulyte: um... I regret what happened when we were married, but I cant regret marrying him because regretting marrying him is I regret my kids, and I don't.

Shiann: um.. This is the end of this interview, um.. Do you want to leave a quote or do you want to leave something you truly believe in for the end of this?

Paulyte: oh wow!..... Well to say to this project, I.. can honestly say im a great

contributer to Shiann's grade (laughs).

Shiann: (laughs) oh my gosh. (laughs)

Paulyte: (laughs) good enough?

Shiann: (laughs) good enough (laughs) thanks mom.

Paulyte: Sure (laughs)

Shiann: (laughs)