

Oral History of Maribelle Wareham

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- What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?
- What is your favorite board game?
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IF YOU HAD TO PICK A LABEL FOR YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS (your spouse, children, parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts & uncles, cousins), WHO BEST FITS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIONS? The best cook; The hardest-worker; the quietest; the best memory; the best gardener; the funniest; the best-looking; the animal lover; the most politically-active; the most mischievous; the calmest; the most athletic; the most intelligent; the most educated; the best career; the most creative; the wildest lifestyle; the most sociable; the biggest tease; the best housekeeper; the most reclusive; the most colorful; the most relaxed; the most frugal; the most generous; the tallest; the shortest; the best story-teller



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*Maribelle Wareham was a school teacher for many years. I had her when I was in fourth grade for Utah History and then I had her in Fifth grade for my school. I remember doing fun things in this class. She lives in Ferron, Utah with her husband Ray, who runs a farm. She retired last year from teaching, many people hated to see her go. I know I did. She had three kids. This lady is an extraordinary lady who has many talents. She is one of the kindest people you will ever meet. It was a great pleasure to interview this wonderful lady. I hope you will enjoy this interview of Mrs. Wareham as much as I did.*

Matthew James: What is your name and why were you named it.

Maribelle Wareham: My name is Maribelle Brown Wareham, after I was they just tried to decide what to decide what to name me and at that time when I was little all the girls were given double names like, Maryanne, Marybeth, a, Joanne, a, BettyLu, and they just thought my name was just a pretty name. I haven't heard of very many Maribelle's since I have been born and on this earth, but I think, Oh gee I have a pretty name, at least when I hear somebody call Maribelle, or I hear them talking behind my back, or Maribelle is mentioned I know who they are talking about.

M.J.: Do you have a nickname?

M.W.: Yeeesss, when i was small they, my mom and dad always called me Marybubbles, why I have no idea. Maybe it's because i am so bubbly.

M.J.: Where were you born and when?

M.W.: I was born in Kremmling, Colorado. In, 00000h, years ago, 1933.

M.J.: Do you remember your grandparents?

M.W.: Oh, yes I remember them very well. I was blessed to have four good grandparents.

My dad's mother and dad was Charley Brown and Mable Brown, and Charley Brown was quite authoritative and was very disciplinarian, but he used to put me up on his knee and tell me stories about a gold mine he mined up in Twin Lakes, Colorado, and I was the first born grandchild and he dotted on me quite a bit, and he said he was going to buy me the biggest, and prettiest ring that any girl ever had and he was always going to, a, keep me in pretty dresses and everything and I loved him. My grandmother Brown she was an exceptional cook, and she loved to have us up for family dinners. I remember the easter egg hunts that we used to have at easter time and her hiding the eggs we felt real fortunate when the colored eggs had a 5 cents or a ten cents mark because we not only got to keep the eggs but we got the money. My grammy Sharrah was so special to me because she could tell stories. She had a memory like an elephant she could remember and recite poetry ever since the first poem she ever learned when she was three years old. But a, I was fortunate enough to stay with her one summer when I was nine years old and i remember every day she would role out two lemons so they would be nice and juicy, and make two glasses of cool lemonade, and I would sit on the floor by her knee, and she loved to read Uncle Remis stories and it always surprised me how <sup>Burr</sup>l Fox could always out smart <sup>Burr</sup>l Rabbit. hehehehe. but I remember that to this day. And my grandfather Sharrah Lester Thomas

Sherra, he was Babtist minister, and I remember my parents, my grandparents were both college graduates and my mother was a college graduate, from University of Colorado and my dad was graduated from Colorado's Teachers College, Greeley, Colorado. I was always proud of my parents that they were collage graduates and that I was never satisfied until I got my college degree. Ya, I have fond memories of my grandparents.

M.J.: What was the town like that you grew up in?

M.W.: Kremmling, Colorado was about the size of Ferron 1,000-1,500 people. My high school graduating class, though, was only 22. It wasn't consolidated like Emery High is here, and , a, let's see, but let me tell ya we had a bank, in Kremmling, a Bank of Kremmling and then we had a train going by that we could always jump on and go to Denver to shop and we also had a Continental Trailways bus come through Kremmling. When I moved to Ferron I thought you don't even have a bank here, if I wanted to go to Salt Lake or Price there's no bus, but i love Ferron.

M.J.: Do you remember your family discussing world politics?

M.W.: Ohhh, yeesss, my dad was very politically minded and a, he came from a long line of democrats, but when he got old enough to think on his own, he switched to being a republican because he thought that was more down his line he liked supply and demand and he didn't like subsidies for people, it's either you make it on your own or you try something else you know so, so I have been a republican. Now I hope i am not saying the wrong thing, and I'll probably make

someone upset, but that's what I am. heehee.

M.J.: Was there a chore that you really hated growing up?

M.W.: Aaaaaa, my mother was, I think my mother kind of spoiled me she really didn't overwork me aaaa, really was fussy about how I kept my room, I always had my room clean, my bed made before I left and everything picked and the doors closed on my closets before I could leave for school. But, I can't remember working to much around the house. I did have to wash dishes, and I do love to cook. And then mom and dad always saw that I had animals and I loved horses, and they bought me this real nice little horse when I was six years old. And how i loved to, to feed it and water it, and ride it. Ohh, and when I was 16 years old I was mowing 16 lawns a week for spending money. I remember that and I had to furnish the lawnmower and keep the gas in it and everything, but they taught me how to work. but I can't think of anything I didn't really like to do I just did it because I knew I had to. Heehhehe.

M.J.: What were some major inventions that happened?

M.W.: Ohhhh, so much in my time. We didn't have television we didn't have automatic washers. I was fortunate, I was in a home with inside plumbing. But aaaa, every home didn't have it, but. When I went to Missouri to live with my grandmother, grammy, she didn't have inside plumbing, aaaa unmmm, we had electricity, a, we didn't have, ummmm recorders or, a computers, we had ringer washers, we didn't have automatic washers and dryers, we hung our clothes up on the line, a telephones, when I moved to Ferron there was only one telephone and

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that was in the Ferron cafe. And the year we came to live in ferron is 1953 and that's when they installed the telephones in every home. So now the computers and all this fancy technology and color TV. and big screens. They don't have that in Africa. Very few of the kids go to school in Africa. And when they come running up to our a, land rovers you know what they ask for?

M.J.: What's that.

M.W.: A pencil! They wanted to learn how to right and to draw and you give our kids a pencil and they turn their noses up. And a, I don't know it's turned from a farming community in Ferron to a blue color worker, there used to be 23 dairies in our little town in '53 and now I think there are only 3 dairies in our town. Our identity is changing from farming and ranching to a, coal miners and power plants and schools have become better we have to work a lot harder it seems like to teach a, at that time you could discipline kids you could swat them on the rear end, now you can't touch a student or you a, teachers have no rights, but a you learn to deal with it. You have to be positive I think. ok.

M.J.: What kind of books did you read?

M.W.: Ohh I loved animal like the Black Stallion, I read all the Black Stallion, Lassie Come Home, a My Friend Flicka, Thunderhead and when ever that movie that movie would come to Kremmling I would go every time it played and the manager, the movie manager, wouldn't charge me after 2 times he let me in free. heeheehe. But I just, we could go in for 25 cents at that time, now it cost \$4.00 or \$5.00. So things have changed a lot. Ya, ok.

M.J.: What were the movies like when you went to them?

M.W.: Ohh there wasn't this, this surrounding you know, sound and it was real type and I don't know it was black and white you didn't have color not any real acting as good as it is today. But you know what we didn't have is is the sex and every thing in the movies that we have today everything was always clean cut. I remember when Clark Gable said "Frankly, my darling I don't give a damn!" and that's when it started getting a little bit more rank he got in big trouble for saying that, I remember Clark Gable saying that to Vivian Lee in *Gone With the Wind*. Ya, things have changed.

M.J.: Did you have a favorite nursery rhyme or bed time story?

M.W.: (pause) Bedtime stories, oh I always at that time like Little Red Riding hood, Princess and the Pea, and Beauty and the Beast, and I loved the Grimms Fairy Tales, those, yes I did. And Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates, ya I liked those stories.

M.J.: What were favorite toys and games you liked to play?

M.W.: Well Believe it but we played, a, Checkers and Monopoly, and Bingo they still like to play those games today, really. Those are the games I played. Oh, I played Hopscotch and run sheepy run and kick the can and hide and seek. We didn't have TV. in those days we were out playing and all the neighborhood kids would get together and we would play these games. You don't see that much any more do ya.

M.J.: No



M.W.: You bet.

M.J.: What were your schools like?

M.W.: Oh, the schools I remember we sat in rows and all the desks were hooked together, I mean you know, you couldn't move the desks around they were all welded together and bent seats. We had Ink wells and ink pens. And they taught a lot of reading and penmanship, my goodness, everybody kinda wrote the same way because we always had to make these circles and these lines and everything. But I have pretty distinctive handwriting, nobody writes like me.

M.J.: What was your favorite subject in school?

M.W.: Ohhh, when I got into high school I loved Speech and Drama, and when I went to college that's what I majored in was Speech and Drama. 'Cause I did well, but I was lucky my dad was real good in math and he could help me with my math and my mother an english whiz so she helped me in english. And so I got pretty good grades, but I didn't do as well as I could have done. I did a lot better in college than I did in high school 'cause I, I just, my mother and dad sacrificed for me to go to this real fancy college. I remember choosing not to go skiing on friday so, so I could stay home and study. The first report card I got was all B's, B's, and i was so thrilled that I didn't have to take dumbbell english or dumbbell math and I got straight B's and I remember how proud my parents were and I got those because i hadn't learned how to study I got better as I went along and learned hoe to study, but Speech and Drama was my favorite, I loved it.

M.J.: What was the college you went to?

M.W.: It was Colorado Women's College I only went there one year and then I married my husband. He came to Colorado to become a herdsman at this fancy Hereford, registered Hereford ranch and I was race horses and Ray convinced this owner to come to Utah to buy some thorough breeds and they needed someone to ride 'em and that's kind of how Ray and I met but I was also a waitress at a cafe there, this Kremmling is a tourist trap. We were so busy, and he came in one day before, and somebody said to Ray I bet you cannot get a date with that girl, she isn't into boys and cause they had been trying for a long time. But, I just like to ride horses, but then when Ray came along the chemistry was there. Haaahahaha. So we went with each other for about 14 months or so and I had one year of college. But I'll tell you when I went back to school to get my college degree it sure would have been a whole lot easier before I was married and had a family.

M.J.: What was your least favorite subject in school?

M.W.: Ohhh, I guess science. I didn't like science. You just read from the book and answered questions at the end and that's no fun. The kids like to do experiments and learn for themselves. I just didn't like. And I didn't like biology, ohhh I hated biology.

M.J.: Who was your favorite teacher? Did you have on?

M.W.: Well teachers I really liked were the ones that were stricter and made me work. My fifth grade teacher, Miss Ostaguard, boy she was strict but boy did I learn from her, and kids

behaved in those days they weren't running around and causing problems the teachers that made me work.

M.J.: How would you describe yourself politically?

M.W.: ( gasp) I'm a republican. I don't know. I just, I just have been that way I just a, I just. I don't really know what to say I don't discuss that.

M.J.: What wars were fought as you were growing up?

M.W.: World War II and the Korean war is the ones I remember. And I remember our boys going to war. I was not very old, let's see I was only 8 years old when World War II broke out and I remember how devastated and how shocked everyone was when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor because they didn't do it ethically when you go to war your supposed to a, declare war with a written document and they didn't they just with a surprise they came and bombed Pearl Harbor without any warning and killed all those people and then after we won the war then we started helping them and now they have taken our technology stolen a lot of our technology away from us they're harder workers than we are and a, they've made so much money from us and their cars and technology seems to be better than ours and they're competing but yet we, they don't even have to have an armed service and armed force we protect them. Just ridiculous, they can supply their own armed forces I think. We've spoiled 'em and now they have taken advantage of us and they're controlling us in a lot of ways I think.

M.J.: What U.S. president did you admire the most and why?

M.W.: Well I don't know, hmmm, Franklin D. Roosevelt was a good president. People

didn't know that he was paralyzed and yet he ran the nation and made some very good decisions.

I liked Harry Truman because he didn't have a college education but boy nobody pushed him

around and a he was the one that fired McArthur, General McArthur, and he had a lot of

decisions to make and he did well. I guess the one, the least respect is probably Nixon and I liked

Eisenhower and see I liked the democrat presidents there. I respect Bush. I don't like Clinton I

think he is corrupt, he is just a smooth talker and he a, he's corrupt, he really is, but people voted

him in so we have to support the president.

M.J.: What is the economical problem that you think our nation is facing?

M.W.: Well, I think where men make a third more than women. I think when women do

as good a work or better than men they should get equal pay. In the teaching profession it wasn't

true but in a lot of professions it is true and we need to a, ohh, I don't know, I think education is

important and kids are dropping out to much. These gangs we have in Salt Lake City are real

problems. They don't have that in Africa. In fact I was going to go shopping down in this big city

by myself and I said would I have to worry with all these blacks and they said no they wouldn't

do a thing to ya, they would do anything to help ya. Well you need to worry is in Salt Lake City.

And I said you are right. Look at the gangs that there are and the problems that they have. I don't

know if that's economic, but families are but these kids need to have a feeling of belonging and

drugs are a big problem. When Clinton put in NAFTA, you know, trucks go back and forth with

live stock from Canada and umm, Mexico and now this is a way of getting drugs in back into the United States and those trucks now are not even inspected. They just drive em up and flag 'em on and they are filled with drugs. NAFTA is a bad thing that has happened to us I think. Economics, well I wish we could have more jobs so that everybody could have a job, but if people want a job they'll get out and learn the skill and get out and apply for those jobs. People are lazy, they think the world owes them a living, and it doesn't. You have to do it with the sweat of your brow. And your intelligence.

M.J.: If you could live anywhere else would you go there or do you like it here.

M.W.: Oh, I like america, I do, we really have it pretty good over here but it's getting worse all the time. Our taxes are raising all the time. There are a lot of a fleecing of americans, like they pay subsidies of angora goat hair, and they pay subsidies on things that don't even exists that need to be taken out of our, and I'll tell you another thing that's bad in america is our justice system. It's just who has the most money, it's so unjustful. We've got to change the laws or get better judges and here the criminal get all the breaks. It's the honest people that pay their bills and pay their taxes that get the shaft. We have got to change some rules in our justice system. I think

M.J.: What about Ferron, would you move away from Ferron.

M.W.: Nope, no, not in a million years. Heheheh. No I love Ferron the people here have fellowshiped me, if they have parties I have always been ask. We were fellowshiped and

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befriended this is were I discovered the church and gave my testimony. Nope! you couldn't. Ray has wanted to move a lot of times and I said not on you life! Heehee. It'd take a herd of elephants to get me outa here. I love Ferron, I love the church, I love to work in the church and in the civic and helping my community if I can.

M.J.: What is the scariest thing that has ever happened to you personally?

M.W.: The scariest thing i have ever had happen. You know what my first year teaching, you wanna hear this?

M.J.: Ya.

M.W.: I really wanted to do well, and I went up at night and I just shampooed my hair and so i just put on my wig and I was, it was late, oh like nine o'clock at night and I was righting things on the board getting ready for my class and the fire alarm went off. And I thought my word there's a fire in the building, what do I do. Do I save the building or myself. I could jump out the windows and go home and nobody'd ever know and i thought no that's not the right thing to do. I'd better go out in the hall and see where this fire is, and it was dark out in the hall. And i stepped out there and somebody went BOO! And I jumped three levels up and I jumped so high I jumped right out of my wig, and it went rolling down the hall and there was Jack~~W~~wood and he was pulling on the fire alarm and he was rolling on the ground and I thought it was from the laughter and he told me later it was from fright because I looked like a peeled onion without that wig. And it was the band teacher Dennis Bacon, and Jack Wood, and Ruth Nelson that did this

and I guess I was busy talking to another teacher outside and they never thought I was never going to come in and they just waited for me, boy I was scared half out of my wits. That was, that really was. I said you guys can be thankful I have a strong heart, what if I'd had a heart attack then you'd felt really bad, heheheeee. That was really my biggest scare. ooooooh.

M.J.: What is the funniest joke you have ever pulled on anybody?

M.W.: Well I had to get even with Jack Wood. So he had his car parked out in front and we got, I had four or five people help me block it up so the tires were just barely off the ground, just barely. He jumped in that car and he started to go he couldn't go anywhere. The wheels would whip but he didn't go anywhere. That was funny that was really funny. hehehehe.

M.J.: How many children did you have?

M.W.: I had 3, two boys and a girl. Wills, Wills was born in '53. Kit was born in 1956 and ginger was born in 1959. They were all three years apart practically to the day.

M.J.: Were there any interesting trips you've ever been on?

M.W.: Ya, last year I went to Europe, 6 countries in 2 weeks and boy that was wonderful, but this trip to Africa to see these animals, I thought oh yes we'll probably see two or three and they'll say that's your safari thanks for your money and good-by. I have never seen so many animals and learned so much and been so excited and see my husband doesn't like to take vacations and I love to go. I usually have to go by myself, but he did finally decide he'd go to Africa. And he mentioned to somebody I'm so glad Maribelle made me come here. He went to

sleep one afternoon, we had two hours rest before we went on the next tour and I was out talking to friends and I heard this horrible scream and it came from my room. And I just hurried just as fast as I could to get back to the room and I said Ray what was that all about! He said Maribelle I was just resting, sleeping here minding my own business and I woke up and there was three baboons. One was staring me right in the eye. The other one was up on the dresser trying on your glasses and the other one was trying to get in your underwear. hehehehe, and he said the two little ones went out in a hurry when I screamed but that big one on my bed, he turned around and he challenged me and he showed his teeth. And I just had to pick up a stool and throw it at him and he finally went and they walked along this little rail, and we heard screaming from another room and it was Dennis and Claris. And these baboons went in and they stole Dennis' hat that he had bought in Egypt and he loved that hat. And they stole wore it out and they decided it wasn't very good to eat so they through it down two stories and they scampered down and they wet in that hat. And Dennis said I can't believe this, not only did you steal my hat but did you have to wet in it and you'll probably shrink. And he said that's alright you can have the hat. But see they were claiming territory and that night after dinner we wanted to walk out on the lawn, it was a beautiful lodge, and these people said you can't go down there. And we said why? And they said 'cause there's a hippopotamus out there eating our lawn! And they are the most wicked animals, they look gentle but they kill more humans than any animal because they look gentle and you get to close to 'em and they can run fast and they gitcha and they crunch you with that big mouth and



your dead and in the day time they sleep in hippo pools. I mean to cool off, invested with crocodiles and those crocodiles won't touch 'em lions won't have anything to do with 'em. So that hippo ate, crunch, crunch, crunch, all night long right in front of our room. Ray got up at four in the morning and saw him take off to the hippo pool. You went out and it looked like a lawn mower had gone, everywhere he wanted to eat he just had a path, just as wide as it's mouth. But anyway, we saw giraffes and monkeys. We saw lions bring down a zebra and eat it. We saw thousands of wildebeest and zebras and gazelles, thompson gazelles and grant gazelles, we had hyenas coming up to meet us in the road and they said if you ever have car trouble don't ever get out of a car and walk back to your home. Those hyenas'll getcha in a minute because they attack ya in a pack, so you always have to take a two way radio and just sit there until somebody comes in to getcha. And we could ride right up to the cheetas and the lions and the elephants. We went on this one little tour this one afternoon we went right through a herd of elephants and this young female, oh she got mad, she waved her ears, she trumpeted, she clawed the ground then she came right up after us and I, our guide just backed up in a hurry. Well, we had separated her and her baby and when the baby got there we watched it nurse. Where would you think, you know I learned something, where would you think a baby elephant nurses? Would you think they'd nurse just like a little calf.

M.J.: Ya, that's what I'd think.

M.W.: Well they don't. There are two mammary glands right behind there front legs, and

they nursed up in front. I was never so surprised! We had the wildebeest and the zebras, they mingle with each other. We saw a black rhinosorous we saw this pride of lions and a female lions over in between these land rovers and didn't come out on the other side, and another one came from the pride of lions and kind of joined her. We thought what is going on, so our driver drove around there. Those two lions were sleeping in the shade of the land rover. So here comes this big black maned lion he kind of surveyed the situation. You know what he did?

M.J.: What's that.

M.W.: He jumped right in the middle of those two females and pushed them out of the shade, and I said boy if that isn't just like a man. We had good times we really did. I just can't tell you what a good time. No Africa is fun place to be. In Amsterdam last year we went to the Anne Frank home where she wrote The Diary of Anne Frank, and I cried, and I cried from the minute I stepped into that house. You had to go up four stories to her little, and how they lived they couldn't make a sound during a day they couldn't make sounds at all at night. It was just, they had to rely on somebody else to bring them their food. Oh, I just cried and cried, and then somebody snitched on 'em and they were captured. About a week before they were liberated, she died from typhoid or something. But I cried, that was the saddest thing I have ever seen.

M.J.: What did you do for a career?

M.W.: For a career, I, I put my life into four parts. My first twenty or twenty five years I just spent growing up and getting a half decent education. My next twenty or twenty five years I

just became a wife and a mother of three children and stayed home and took care of my husband and my children and my third twenty or twenty five years I just taught school and you know what I am going to do for my last twenty or twenty five years?

M.J.: What's that.

M.W.: I am going to serve the lord I am going to get my genealogy as much as I can done. I am going to do everything I can in the church to fulfill my callings and, and I have been doing a lot of genealogy and I've done Ray's mother and dad's work, and Ray was sealed to his parents and a little girl who only lived one day was sealed and then I've done my mothers work since I have retired and had her sealed to my dad, and I was sealed to my mom and dad. My mom and dad were sealed to their parents. I'm doing, I'm doing and I'm thrilled and I am happy, so that's all I care about.

M.J.: What is your favorite kind of music?

M.W.: Country, I like country western music. I love it, you bet. None of this high classical and I hate rock and roll.

M.J.: What kind of instrument do you like?

M.W.: I wish I could have learned to play the violin or the fiddle. But I played the trombone. But I only played it until, I played it in my first of college. But I like the saxophone too. But I like fiddle music, I'm, I'm downtown kind of person. I'm not highbrow.

M.J.: What is your favorite song?

M.W.: Ohhhh, You Are My Sunshine, Don't Fence Me In, those are the songs I like.

M.J.: Who is your favorite singer?

M.W.: I love Bing Crosby. Ya, I love Bing Crosby and Eddie Arnold. Ya.

M.J.: Do you have a favorite poem?

M.W.: I always liked the Highway Man, uh, let's see when I was younger. Oh, I don't know there where lots of poems.

M.J.: Do you like sports?

M.W.: Oh yes, guess who's my favorite team? You know it.

M.J.: The Jazz.

M.W.: Well ya I like the Jazz, but football who's my favorite team?

M.J.: Denver Broncos.

M.W.: Denver Broncos I love the Denver Broncos and Ray calls them the Denver Donkos and he calls Elway, Elwit. He knows what buttons to push. But I love the Denver Broncos.

M.J.: Do you have a favorite flower?

M.W.: Oh I love roses. Oh, you bet a peace rose every garden should have a peace rose.

Yep I like roses.

M.J.: Have you ever met any famous people?

M.W.: Well, I shook Jimmy Carters hand up in Salt Lake City when he spoke at the UEA convention in 1976. Hmmm, I shook hands with Hobie Carmichael. Let's see, you know in

Colorado there's famous skiers and I, from Steam Boat springs is only 50 miles from us and I knew Skeeter Warner and Bev Warner, very, very famous olympic skiers well I don't know a few people.

M.J: Have you ever won any special awards or prizes?

M.W: Well when I was a sophomore or junior in high school. I remember me and friend of mine put on a demonstration of how to arrange flowers and we won state championship in 4-H and I performed in front of the governor Dan Thorton in Denver, Colorado and that was a big thrill. When I graduated from college I made Phi Beta Kappa, which is top 10% in my graduating class. Oh, and I was voted by my students to be in "Who's Who Among American Teachers." I've been voted that twice. Well I don't know. Those are the only awards I can think of. heehehe.

M.J: What is your favorite holiday?

M.W: Oh, I love Christmas. I love Christmas, because that is a time we can give and you have the spirit of giving and I love to bake and make candy and take it to all my neighbors and friends. I just love to do things like that.

M.J: Here is my last question. Do you have favorite story about a pet?

M.W: Well, I can tell you a true story. I told you I love horses and I had this little horse and she was beautiful she was half welsh and half quarter horse she wasn't a very big horse. She ran into a fence and cut herself really bad and I was just beside myself and the vet wouldn't

come. He would not come on that day, it was sunday. But do you know who came and sewed him up my family Doctor. Doctor Sudan, I remember he came and sewed my pony up and that was very, very special to me. The vet wouldn't do it but my doctor did. I have lots of other stories. I went to vacation bible school. I bought this horse for like \$80 and found out she could run, she could fly she could beat anything. And my dad put up a thousand dollars and this real fancy quarter horse only put up a thousand dollars for a match race. My horse was Trixy and no fancy name, just a cold-blooded horse. And their horse was MaryNyles just the fastest thing on four legs. And anyway everybody in town came to watch us but we had to break out of a gate and I beat that MaryNyles by maybe a head and I thought I had the best horse in the whole world. And I went to vacation bible school for a week just after that. One night I had this horrible dream that my horse was killed and the next day here my mother came, and she said Maribelle, Maribubbles I've got some bad news. Somehow your horse got out of the pasture and got on the railroad tracks and got killed. I don't know what hurt me so bad. I cried and cried, well I am very sentimental. It's the worst thing I've ever, ever had. But do you know that people on the race track felt very sorry for me, and this man by the name of Freddy Grimes came and said we need somebody to come and exercise these horses. We have four horses that need to be exercised on this track. Ohh, it brought me out of it. You know they knew I needed help and then I started riding and exercising race horses and I learned how to do crosses and how to ride a flat saddle. They taught me how to come out of a gate, but I had a problem I always fell off, a lot of times I

fell off. And I got nickname, this is another nickname they called me, they called me Pilot, and I said why do you call me Pilot? And they said because a pile lit here and a pile lit here and a pile it here. Heee heheh. I could have killed those guys. But anyway I learned how to stay on a horse after that. But anyway, I loved to ride and I rode for four years until I married Ray. That's a true story if you liked to hear that.