

“2014 AARP Grandparent of the Year”

My grandpa, Dick Wire, should be the AARP Grandparent of the Year. He is a really great grandpa. He teaches me about lots of important things in life like your family is the most important thing. My grandpa is not just my grandpa he is a business owner, a farmer, an outdoorsman, a sports fan and a friend. He is awesome! He learned how to be a good grandpa because he learned from his grandpa who was his best friend.

My grandpa is a business owner. He is an accountant at Wires Tax and Management Services. I work there with him. He teaches me to be responsible and to work hard for things I want. He also teaches me to save my money that I earn.

My grandpa is a farmer. He farms so that I can hunt on his land. He teaches me how to farm. When I farm with him he points out how beautiful the country is or tells me stories about when he farmed with his grandpa. I enjoy listening to all his stories when we're farming. It makes it fun.

My grandpa is an outdoorsman. He showed me how to shoot a gun and teaches me about gun safety. He takes me hunting all the time. I shot my first deer with him on his grandpa's farm. He passed up a big buck so that I could shoot my first doe. My grandpa put me first and showed me the importance of not being selfish.

My grandpa is my sports fan. He goes to all of my sporting events. Every year he takes me to watch the Madison Square Garden wrestling matches. He wrestled when he was in high school. He has taught me how to wrestle. He also played baseball when he was my age. He says that good sportsmanship is the most important thing when being in sports.

My grandpa is a friend. He is super respectful of everyone. He is one of my best friends. He is my friend because he is always there for me. He even leaves work so we can go get ice cream. Every year we go to Mitchell to a huge farm equipment sale. It's a blast! After that we go to Cabela's. We just love to be together!

My grandpa, Dick Wire, deserves to win the AARP Grandparent of the Year. Even if you don't think he does, I do because he is loving, caring and funny. He is an awesome person and teacher. He teaches me to be kind. He is the greatest grandpa a kid can have!

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