

Why My Grandma Should Be The AARP South Dakota Grandparent of the Year

Hi, my name is Logan and I am going to tell you why my Grandma Adeline should be the AARP South Dakota Grandparent of the Year. I will tell you a little bit about her background and why she is such a special grandparent.

Adeline was one of the youngest in a family of sixteen children and she was born in 1933 on her family's homestead outside of Grenville, South Dakota. Her family was very poor, but very rich in love and faith. She did very well in school and graduated at the top of her class. After graduation, she married my grandpa Eugene Tracy in 1952. Together they had twelve children that they raised on a farm in Waubay, South Dakota. She and Eugene also took on the task of raising one of their grandchildren. They raised my mom, Angie, too. My mom and dad are now foster parents because of what they did for her.

While raising thirteen children and helping my grandpa run a dairy farm, she took classes to become a nurse. She first took classes in Watertown to be an LPN. After a few years she went to Presentation College in Aberdeen. While she took classes, she drove back and forth almost every day to take care of her family. She became an RN when she graduated from college at age 52. This was a very proud moment for her and our family. When my grandpa became ill and lost a leg, she took very good care of him for the last five years until his death in January 2012. He died a few months before their 60th wedding anniversary.

Today, she has thirty six grandchildren and forty five great-grandchildren with more babies on the way. She knows and remembers to send a card on everyone's birthday. She always does her best to attend everyone's special events. She retired in November 2012 at age 79 after working at the Webster Hospital and Bristol nursing home for many years. Now she travels all over visiting her children and grandchildren. Otherwise she keeps up with all of her family on Facebook. She also stays busy bowling, doing church activities, and she is part of the Red Hat Ladies. She still has everyone over on the holidays and cooks for a lot of people. She is full of love, hugs and good advice. She tells me to do well in school and always work hard.

In conclusion, my Grandma Adeline is a very special person and grandparent. She loves her family very much. She has worked hard her whole life and she still does amazing things for her age. In February, we will celebrate her 80th birthday. It will be a special day for our whole family. It is clear to me why my grandma should be the AARP South Dakota Grandparent of the Year.

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