

Grandma Brad: I first gave myself to the Lord when I was 12 years old, and I was baptized after that. I'm 91 years old now, still love the Lord, I'm a prayer warrior, and I'm happy in the Lord.

Contessa Wolverton: And you were in California when you were raised?

GB: Yes, I was born and raised in San Francisco, California.

CW: So we have kind of a special relationship, Grandma, because you are not my blood grandma-

GB: No but I have been your grandma ever since you've been born!

CW: Yes! Where did you meet my family?

GB: I met your mom at First Baptist Kenai. You weren't even born yet, and your dad was alive, it's been a long time. I was there when Shanda (Contessa's sister) was born and when you were born, so hey I have been your grandma ever since!

CW: You sure have! Tell us your full name and your birthday

GB: Lovetta Pearl Rooker. I was born October 6th 1928 in San Francisco.

CW: Tell me a little bit about how you moved up here.

GB: I moved up here by Cliff draggin' me by the hair on my head! I had to leave my grandson out there. But he had a job up here and wanted to work, so we sold our house and up I came. I believe that was in 1976.

CW: How many children did you guys have?

GB: Cliff had two and I had two.

CW: How long have you been attending College Heights?

GB: Hmmmm, a long time!!! Before College Heights I went to First Baptist Kenai. It has been a long time!

CW: It really has! What have you most enjoyed about College Heights?

GB: Well, I enjoy Scott's preaching. And I love our Sunday School class, and I'm a prayer warrior for our class. Pam is a great teacher, and the people in there are wonderful.

CW: I was here the other day and you were telling me about missing working in the nursery and holding the babies

GB: Oh I did that for years! I worked in the nursery, oh I loved it. I loved the babies!

CW: Grandma what is your favorite color?

GB: Purple!

CW: Oh yes your house is FULL of purple! What are some of your hobbies?

GB: I used to crochet, I did a LOT of crocheting and I loved it. I loved to garden, and I'm just praying that with all this cold that God didn't kill all of my lillies!

CW: Tell me a little about fishing, i know you were quite the fisherwoman!

GB: Oh yes! I used to go down to Centennial Park and I'd go down there and always leave Cliff something to eat because I would always get up before he did and go down there in the dark and get my spot! One morning my pole caught 15 fish! I caught my 3 and I'd bait it and throw it out and hand my pole to someone else, and ended up with 15 fish!

CW: What has been one of your greatest joys in life?

GB: My greatest joy? Being a Christian. Really. Because I live alone here in my house, I have arthritis, have other problems, but God keeps me going! I've been praying that he would leave me here until he calls me home. So even though I am legally blind, and I can't hear well anymore, I still belong to the Lord.

CW: Amen! What is one of your favorite foods to cook, or for someone to cook for you?

GB: Halibut!! I LOVE halibut, and salmon too! And I love to cook it in cornmeal.

CW: You must have taught my mom that, we had that! Is there anything that, in your life, that people would assume about you or did you ever have a problem assuming things about others?

GB: Assuming, yeah I think so. I've been hurt a few times, but hey, I always ask God to forgive people and it went out of my mind. So that is the way I handled that.

CW: Let's see... I know you liked reading books a lot

GB: Oh yes I used to read books all the time, but now of course I can't. I use some devices to read books and the Bible now, that's the only way I can read.

CW: Are you spontaneous or do you like things to be planned out?

GB: I don't mind either way. It is okay either way!

CW: Did you ever play a musical instrument?

GB: Yes I played the piano for years. When we went to church in California I used to play for church. Oh and I played the saxophone! Alto and the regular, there's a big one and a small one and I played both.

CW: You're 91, seeing as you're a lot older than a lot of people in the church, what is one thing that you would like to pass down to the church or your friends and family?

GB: To tell them that with God all things are possible, and I pray that they will come to know Him. I pray for all 4 of my kids to trust God and that He will see them through anything and everything!

CW: Speaking of that to wrap us up, can you tell us about one of the hardest things you have gone through in your life?

GB: I have been married twice, my first marriage ended in divorce, and it was awful to go through. I would never want anyone else to have to go through that hurt. After that I married Cliff, he has been gone 26 years this month and I still miss him. He was a good husband to me.

CW: Aww. I love you grandma!

GB: (chuckles) I love you too honey, you know that!

