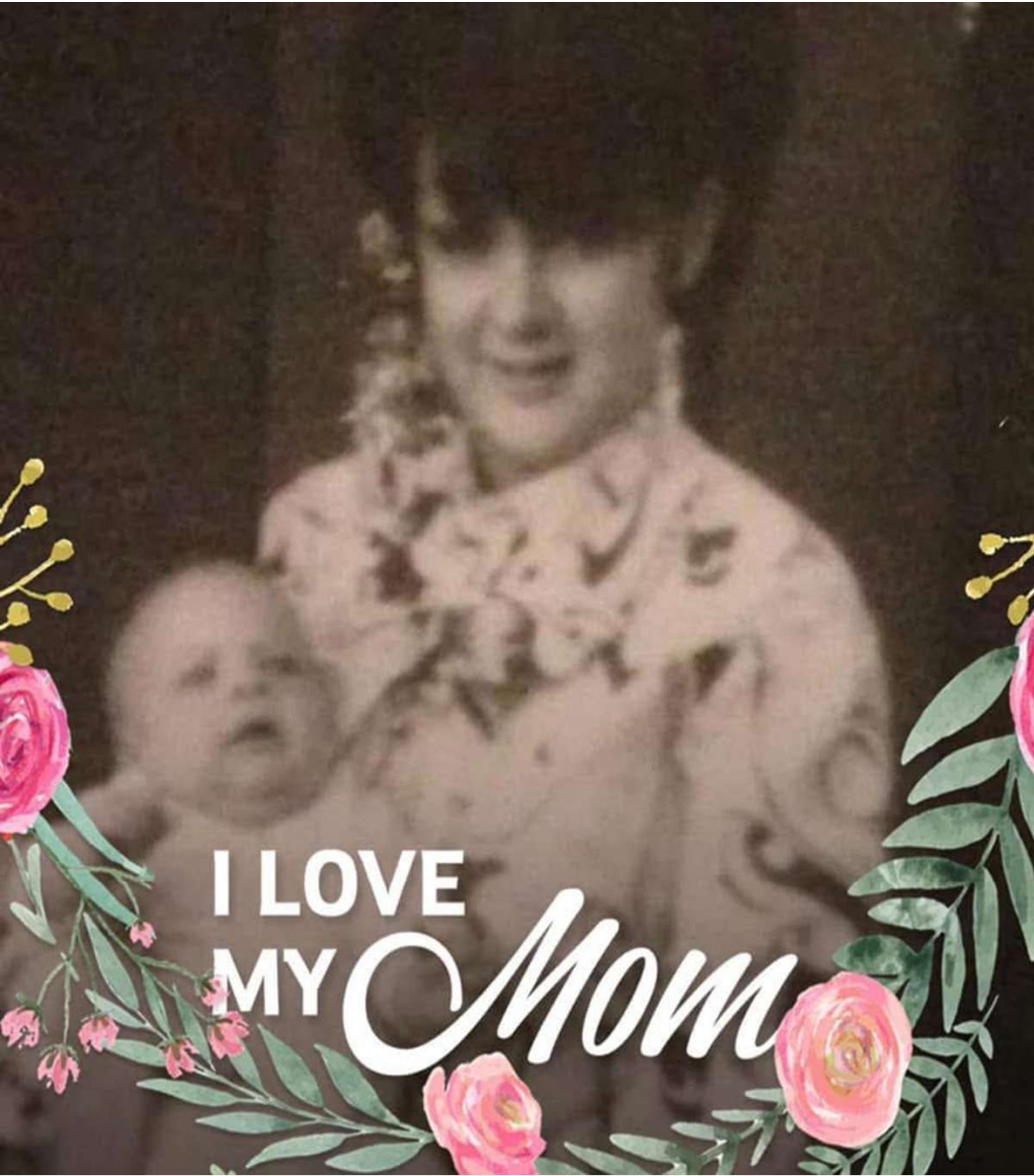


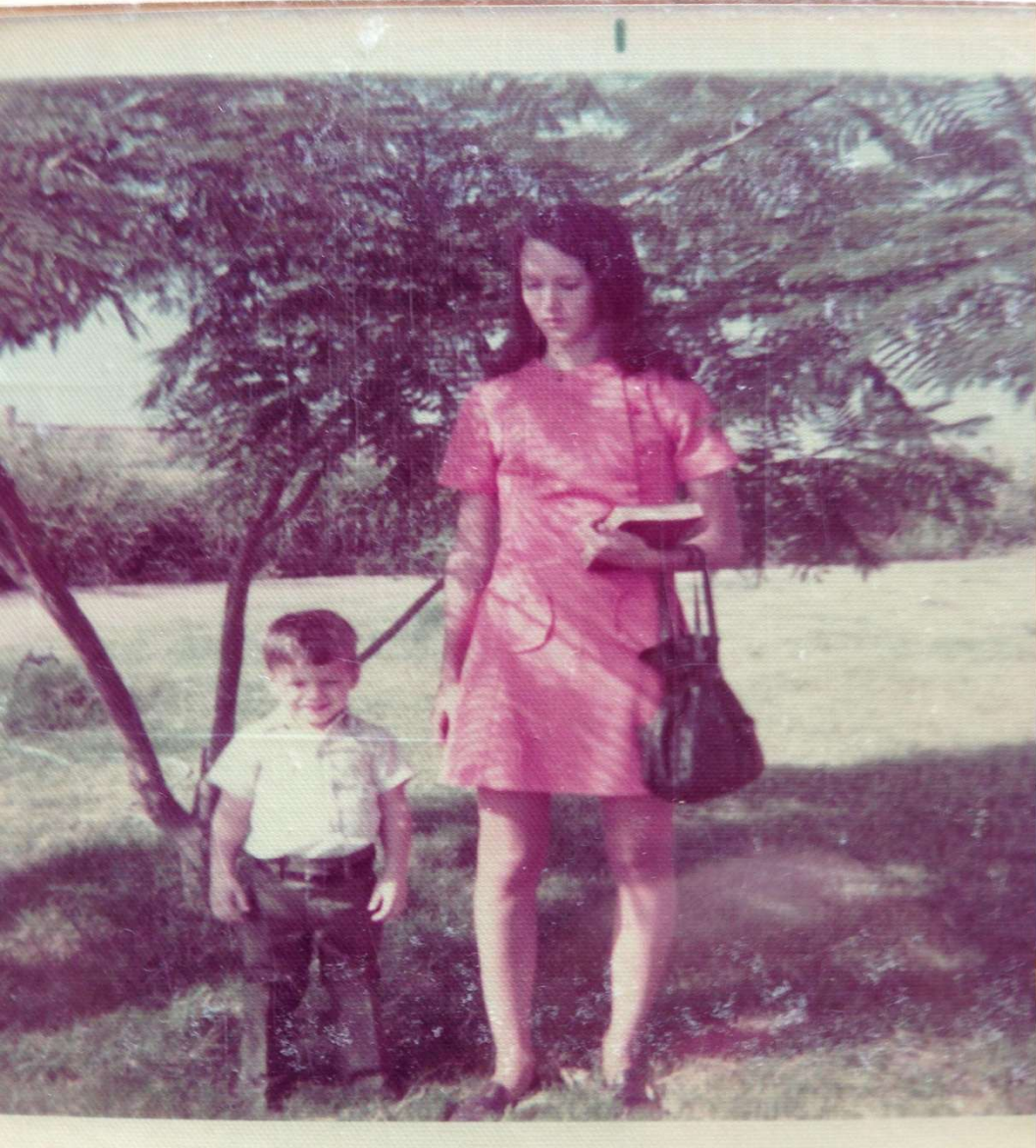


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I LOVE  
MY *Mom*







**Praying for my 92  
year old Grandma  
Christene Wilson  
at Baptist Village  
in Elk City.**



# **Generational Photo with Grandma O!**

**Oleta Harrel**



***HAPPY  
MOTHER'S DAY,  
JADA!***

***I LOVE YOU!***



## **2 Timothy 1:4-6 NKJV**

**4 "Greatly desiring to see you,  
being mindful of your tears,  
that I may be filled with joy, 5  
when I call to remembrance  
the genuine faith that is in you,  
which dwelt first in your**

**grandmother Lois and your  
mother Eunice, and I am  
persuaded is in you also. <sup>6</sup>  
Therefore I remind you to stir  
up the gift of God which is in  
you through the laying on of  
my hands."**

Timothy was a young pastor in Ephesus facing pressure, intimidation, persecution, and likely insecurity. Paul writes to strengthen him.

## **Acts 16:1 NKJV**

**“Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek.”**

## **We learn from Acts 16:1 that:**

- Timothy's mother was Jewish and a believer.
- His father was Greek.
- Timothy was raised with scriptural influence primarily from his mother and grandmother.

## **2 Timothy 3:15 NKJV**

**“And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”**

## **Meaning:**

- Before Timothy ever carried Paul's mantle, he sat under his grandmother's and mother's instruction.
- Before he preached publicly, they had prayed privately over him.
- Before he stirred up the gift, they first planted the faith in him.

**2 Timothy 1:4, "...being  
mindful of your tears."**

## **This reveals:**

- Timothy was tenderhearted.
- Their relationship was deeply emotional and spiritual.
- Spiritual strength does not eliminate emotion.

Mothers often see tears nobody else sees.

**A mother sees:**

- . hidden battles
- . silent disappointments
- . private fears
- . emotional exhaustion

But Moms also cry tears that no one else sees but God. The tears of a praying mother are never wasted.

**Psalm 56:8 says God keeps our  
tears in a bottle.**

**1. Genuine Faith Must Be Seen  
Before It Can Be Passed Down.**

**2 Timothy 1:5, "...when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you."**

## The Greek word for genuine means:

- unhypocritical
- sincere
- authentic
- without pretending

Paul says: **“Timothy, your faith is real!”**

This is important because Timothy ministered in a culture filled with:

- false teachers
- religious performance
- compromise

But his faith was authentic because it was lived before it was preached.

**2 Timothy 1:5, "...which dwelt  
first in your grandmother Lois  
and your mother Eunice."**

## **The word “dwelt” means:**

- . to inhabit
- . to reside permanently

Faith was not visiting their home occasionally. Faith lived there. Their home carried spiritual atmosphere. This wasn't just church attendance. This was lifestyle discipleship.

Lois and Eunice modeled authentic faith!

**Application:**

- Worship at home matters!
- Prayer at home matters!
- Repentance at home matters!
- Integrity at home matters!

# **Lois and Eunice passed down to Timothy:**

- Scripture
- prayer
- reverence for God
- spiritual sensitivity

Paul mentions the grandmother, Lois, first.

**That** **means:**

Generational faith matters!

A grandmother's prayers can reach grandchildren she may never fully see mature. Never underestimate what survives because a grandmother stayed faithful.

## **Acts 16:31 NKJV**

**So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."**

## **2. Generational Faith Creates Spiritual Stability.**

**2 Timothy 1:5, "...and I am persuaded is in you also."**

Timothy survived difficult seasons because he had roots.

Modern culture teaches children information. Godly mothers teach identity.

## **Illustration:**

A tree survives storms because of deep roots unseen underground.

## **Application:**

Mothers and grandmothers are root-builders.

Faith transferred generations. Not salvation automatically—but influence powerfully.

This is Biblical legacy. **Deuteronomy 6** commanded parents to teach children diligently.

Christianity is always one generation away from extinction if faith is not transferred intentionally and relationally.

## **Deuteronomy 6:6-9 NKJV**

**<sup>6</sup> “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.**

**<sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.**

**<sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”**

## **Psalm 145:4 NKJV**

**“One generation shall praise  
Your works to another, and  
shall declare Your mighty  
acts.”**

## **Proverbs 22:6 NKJV**

**“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”**

# **3. What Is Deposited Must Be Stirred Up.**

**2 Timothy 1:6, “Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God...”.**”

## **The phrase “stir up” in Greek means:**

- . rekindle
- . fan into flame
- . keep the fire burning

It paints the image of embers in a fire needing oxygen again. Paul tells Timothy: “What your mother and grandmother helped place in you—don’t let it die.”

## Paul connects:

1. Generational faith
2. Spiritual identity
3. Spiritual gifting

Before Timothy operated in his gifting, he first received foundation from his grandmother and mother. Gift without foundation creates instability. That's why the home matters!

There are prayers prayed by mothers and grandmothers still hovering over families waiting for fulfillment!

## **2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV**

**“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”**

## **Meaning:**

The faith of Lois and Eunice helped produce courage in Timothy!

Fear did not get the final word over his destiny!

Faith did!

**The greatest inheritance is not what a mother leaves behind when she dies, but what she places inside her children while she lives.**



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