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# Visiting Angels Times Pueblo

## Featured Client this Month

Blanche Springer

101 Years Young



One of 6 children

Oldest of 4 girls



It is an amazing day when you have the privilege of meeting a beautiful lady with 101 years of life experience. Her dear friend Christine answers the door to let us in. When entering her house, we find Blanche sitting on her lovely red sofa wearing a denim skirt and a striped button up shirt. Blanche has the biggest grin on her face and welcomes her visitors with an open hand. We brought her cookies because it is known that Blanche loves sweets.

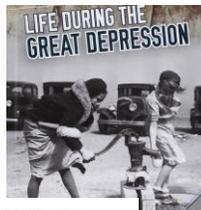
I had no idea how to start the conversation with Blanche because how can we squeeze in the immense life story of a centenarian. Not very many of them exist here in Pueblo, nor do we get the privilege to speak to them very often.

Ms. Blanche Springer lives here in North Pueblo and loves it here. She says it is a nice place to reside. She grew up in Trinidad, Colorado where there were many coal mines. Originally her parents, Frank and Rose immigrated from Austria. During those times it was an everyday occurrence for many individuals to immigrate to America from other countries. She said her mom always talked about her family in Austria. She was told they were a highly religious Catholic Family.

She was the eldest girl of 6 siblings in her family. There were 4 girls and 2 boys. All four girls, never had children. I laughed and found it funny to hear her explain that the girls picked on the boys "there was four against two". She wanted me to know that her brothers were very good guys. Both of her brothers served time in WWII piloting planes. She spoke of how one of her brothers was devastated to have dropped a bomb during the war, which killed many. She was very proud of their service to our country.

Growing up in Trinidad provided many memories for Blanche. Her family raised chickens and a garden. This helped during the depression or otherwise they would have gone without a meal on the table or starved. "The depression was hard", you learn to appreciate food and your family. The depression brought on so much poverty. Even tires were in high demand and it brought on a tire shortage. Her father would repair his own tires over and over to get by. Tires were so expensive to purchase during that time.

Her parents finally got a TV when she was an adult, but her dad did not understand it, he always tried to figure it out, which caused much frustration. When she was young her family sat around the radio together listening to programs. I asked her about Christmas with her family and Blanche said they would draw names out of a hat (she thinks her siblings cheated sometimes), they would have to handmade the gifts to give one another. There was no extra money to purchase gifts. The best gift was a good meal.



Happy Holidays