

Many things have changed over the years. She doesn't remember many horse and buggies; she remembers cars and tractors traveling on the roadways. She remembers the Great Dust Bowl in Trinidad and says there has not been those kind of events since that time.

She went to high school in Trinidad and later went on to become a teacher at the College in Greeley, Co. While she was in college, she met her husband and moved to Phoenix, AZ. She taught many years while in Phoenix. Blanche enjoyed children in the middle school age group. The tiny ones were "too little" and the high school kids were "too sassy", She chuckled at that comment. She watched the moonwalk with her classroom, that was a monumental day for everyone.



When Blanche drove from Arizona to Colorado to visit her family, she loved to see the Trinidad on the mountain, it welcomed her home. She spoke how the purgatory river ran through Trinidad and it would flood. It was noted that purgatory was not a good name for a river and that she lived already in purgatory so heaven will be waiting.

Blanche was very proud that she was able to see Eleanor Roosevelt speak in person. The room Eleanor spoke in was standing room only. Blanche states "Eleanor was a woman before her time". She was smart and wasn't afraid to speak out. In those days, women didn't speak up, Eleanor broke the barriers for women. We felt the admiration she had for the icon.

Eleanor Roosevelt



Depression hunger



Blanche unfortunately lost her husband when he was in his 30's. She remained a widower all these years. Her baby sister Helen, also a widower, and Blanche moved in together. They lived together about 30 years until Helen passed away this year in June. Helen was 93 years old. Blanche said she can never recall having a disagreement with Helen. She did say that Helen never let anyone forget she was the baby. Blanche says that Helen loved red and that is where her red sofas came from. You can see Helen got her way. Blanches favorite color was Blue. Blanche's other younger sister's names were Ida and Lee. Ida was what she called "Bossy", but I think she liked that about her.

The sisters have many beautiful pieces of artwork they collected together and they are displayed in the home. Blanche always loved the Denver Broncos and Helen was a Dallas Cowboy fan. That caused a lot of competition and discussions over the years.



Blanche loves the mountains and the outdoors. If she is at home and the weather is good, you will find her outside enjoying nature. In fact, Blanche has climbed many fourteeners in her life. Many of them were in San Isabel. Walking in the mountains was one of her favorite pastimes. She also enjoyed knitting, word puzzles and regular puzzles. She has a large one framed in her basement. She also loves bird watching from her porch and in the mountains.

She traveled to Old Mexico to see the old churches which was fascinating. Blanche is the last one of her siblings left. Some of the things she misses is her mom's homemade bread and her family.

Blanche has had a Visiting "Angel" for about 20 years. She says they are "special" people. We got a very sweet "I love you" when we left. Ms. Blanche is easy to fall in love with. We can all long to be as happy and caring as she is.

Artwork



Wrinkles only indicate where smiles have been.

San Isabel



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Blanche and Helen's red sofas