

# MEMORIES OF NORMAN PUGH

- ✚ *What is your full name and why were you named it?*  
Norman Clement Pugh- my middle name was after my Dad, Clement. Clement also was a saint. I don't know where they got Norman.
- ✚ *Where were you born and when?*  
Lura Township, Grant County, South Dakota.
- ✚ *Was there a chore you really hated doing as a child?*  
Cleaning the chicken house and the horse stall. I have always had trouble with things that smell bad, I gag easily!
- ✚ *What would you consider to be the most important inventions that have been made during your lifetime?* Exploration of outer space and television.
- ✚ *How is the world now different from what it was like when you were a child?*  
In the rural areas there was no electricity, and we only had phones with party lines. Our radios had batteries- big batteries, like car batteries. Our photograph was one that you cranked to play records.
- ✚ *What kinds of books did you like to read?* Westerns, like Louis L'Amour.
- ✚ *Do you remember having a favorite nursery rhyme or bedtime story?*  
No, learned some in school but no favorite.
- ✚ *Do you ever remember not having enough food to eat because times were hard for your family?* No, we always had food.
- ✚ *What were your favorite toys and what were they like?*  
A four wheeled wagon.
- ✚ *What were your favorite childhood games?* Marbles- big shooter
- ✚ *What subject in school was easiest for you?* Geography
- ✚ *What was your least favorite subject in school?* Spelling
- ✚ *Who was your favorite teacher and why were they special?*  
Mary Gannon, my 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher. She stayed with us and also helped us learn our catechism.

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- ✚ *How do your fellow classmates from school remember you best? One is dead and the other was my cousin. I wasn't too popular with either one of them around election time because they were all Democrat and we were Republican.*
- ✚ *What wise advice would you give to a grandchild on their wedding day? I would give them the advice six months earlier. "Be sure".*
- ✚ *What advice do you have for your children and grandchildren? Pray to God for good health and guidance and strength to do God's will. That is how I got to 85!*
- ✚ *Who was the person that had the most positive influence on your life? My Dad*
- ✚ *How would you describe yourself politically? Republican*
- ✚ *What U.S. President have you admired the most and why? President Eisenhower. Because he was a US Army General before he became President.*
- ✚ *As you see it, what are the biggest problems that face our nation and how do you think they could be solved? Debt to China- Quit spending.*
- ✚ *What color was your hair as a young child and then as an adult? Blonde to reddish brown. Uncle Ray called me Swede and Uncle Frank called me Dutch.*
- ✚ *What color are your eyes? Blue*
- ✚ *How would you describe your sense of humor? Good- kind of corny.*
- ✚ *What activities have you especially enjoyed as an adult? Delivering "Dinner at the Door" for 20 years, volunteering at West High school, driving the school bus for 6 years and being President of Timothy Owls (Organization of Wels Lutheran Seniors.)*
- ✚ *What is the most beautiful place you have ever visited and what was it like? Jasper Park*
- ✚ *What has been your favorite vacation? Our trips to Canada*

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## ✚ FAVORITES

- ✚ *What is your favorite style of music?* Old Time Western
- ✚ *What is your favorite musical instrument?* Accordion
- ✚ *Who is your favorite musical group?* Lawrence Welk
- ✚ *What is your favorite song?* There were a lot of them- I use to whistle a lot
- ✚ *Who is your favorite singer?* Bing Crosby
- ✚ *Who is your favorite movie star?* Roy Rogers and Dale Evans -John Wayne
- ✚ *What is your favorite movie?* Grapes of Wrath
- ✚ *What is your favorite TV program?* Wheel of Fortune
- ✚ *What is your favorite season?* Spring - winter is over and things start greening up.
- ✚ *What is your favorite tree?* Evergreen
- ✚ *What is your favorite flower?* Rose
- ✚ *What is your favorite holiday?* Christmas
- ✚ *What is your favorite color?* Green
- ✚ *What is your favorite sport?* Baseball, although I was not into sports too much. We used to go to the ballgames in the pasture when I was a kid.
- ✚ *Who is your favorite athlete?* Joe Lewis, the boxer
- ✚ *What is your favorite animal?* Horse
- ✚ *What is your favorite meal?* Roast beef with mashed potatoes
- ✚ *What is your favorite fruit?* Apples or peaches- I'm not much for fruits, have to stay away from seeds
- ✚ *What is your favorite vegetable?* Corn or beans
- ✚ *What is your favorite candy?* Snickers
- ✚ *What is your favorite cookie?* Chocolate Chip
- ✚ *What is your favorite drink?* Diet Pepsi
- ✚ *What is your favorite restaurant?* It used to be Pearson's, but they are gone.
- ✚ *What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?* Chocolate
- ✚ *What is your favorite card game?* Solitaire