



Why I Admire my Grandma Sue

One of the most inspirational and influential people in my life is my grandmother, Sue. I have always admired her and tried to be like her for as long as I can remember. She shows citizenship by volunteering to serve on the local community planning board, even though it takes so much of her time. She shows caring by inviting my family to her house, cooking for us and letting us stay in her guest rooms. She showed fairness and ambition by becoming a certified public accountant back when women usually stayed at home. She has always been a strong and brave woman.

Sue demonstrates citizenship in her town of San Diego. She was selected by community members to serve on San Diego's community planning and zoning board. The meetings are lengthy and the workload can be tedious, but she always enthusiastically serves on the board. The planning board works to help people build things, but they also protect open space, enforce building and zoning rules, and help protect the environment. She helps to keep the views open and the beach clean every time a building is too close to the water for comfort. They help animals by protecting parks and the coastline free of intruding structures. She also volunteers for the University of California San Diego. She spends time looking at applications for scholarships for college for kids who would not otherwise be able to pay for college.

Almost every winter and summer, Grandma Sue invites us to her house. This might not seem like such a big deal, but she lives in California, and for an old retired couple, my family and I can be a bit of a handful. While we are there, she cooks delicious dinners for us all of the time. She also takes us to the beach and lets us borrow towels, sand toys, umbrellas and beach chairs, even when she can't go with us.

A long time ago, women used to work at home, doing dishes and folding laundry. My grandma showed fairness and courage by trying to be fair and going to college to be a CPA. Working mothers were often denied jobs by established accounting firms. But she kept working and persevering. Eventually she became an accountant for none other than the famous Theodore Geisel. This also shows responsibility and determination. Despite the roadblocks put in front of her as a woman, she continued pushing forward to get through college and get a job while there were seldom many women in her field of accounting. Even so, she never gave up, continued to work hard and it all paid off in the end.

Grandma Sue has always been influential and inspirational in my life. I have always admired her and continue to do so today. She lets me and my family stay with her over the summer and winter holidays and always cares for us. Sue volunteers on a local committee, the planning commission and for the local university, UCSD. She was always fair as she became one of the best woman accountants of her time, at least in my eyes, Grandma Sue is a true hero.