



2018 CSCGP Middle School Teen Essay Contest

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Grandpop Dying

My family and I were out to dinner one night when they said “we have to tell you something” I asked “what” and they said “Grandpop is very sick” so after we left there we went over to my grandparents’ house to hang out over there . In the middle of the night my mom comes bursting through the door and yelled at me to wake up and get ready I Looked over at the clock it was 4:40 am I yelled why are we up “we have to leave in five minutes people “.We loaded in the car .I asked ,”where are we going “? I got really worried so my mom said “you and your sister are going to Aunt Nora's and Uncle Jeff's” and me, your father, Aunt Nora and Uncle Jeff are going to the hospital with Grandma. My sister and I got woken up a few hours later. The whole family was around me and my Aunt sat next to me. I laid down on her lap. Then my mom said “ Girls Grandpop died this morning” and I started to cry because I remember when I was 4 turning 5, he went into a coma for 2 months and I just remember when he came home helping him with anything he needed and helping nurse that came out to his house with taking care of him. .My aunt wiped away my tears. She said “I Need you too to babysit but we aren’t gonna tell the girls yet. So then they went to get everything done with the paperwork at the hospital and went to my grandmother’s house to get stuff done there for the family to come over. My cousins woke up and we got them dressed fed them breakfast and we went outside just to get me to calm down a little and my cousin said “I can't wait to go to Grandmom and grandpops house tonight to see Grandpop and I started to tear up so i went into the house and told them i needed to blow my nose so I went in and I wiped my tears and acted normal. A couple hours later everyone came home and we took my baby cousin with us over to my Grandmom and grandpops house and on the way there my uncle sat and told my cousin and when she was walking up the stairs my cousin yelled “Grandpop you have to come back and then went up to his bedroom and laid on his bed and cried for like 15 minutes until we4 went and got her and I didn’t know what he died from so I talked to my grandmom about it and she said that he had cancer in his bladder and it spread to his heart and brain. Even to this day I don’t go a day without looking at his picture and think of him. For my aunt’s wedding went and took all the money she received from the wedding and gave it to fox cancer to try to find a cure.