

Questions answered by Carolyn Fisher Johnson, August 23, 2023

1. What do you remember most about your mom and dad?

They were always there for me with love.

2. If grandma and grandpa had a message for you and their grandchildren, what do you think it would be?

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3. How did you choose your career and what was your favorite part about it?

I knew that I needed to get some college education, so decided on a 2yr. diploma which was secretarial. Got a good job. Can't say that I loved it.

4. What made you successful at work?

Did what I needed to do , and did it well. When I left after approx. 7 yrs. of working at Madison College, I was told my the Registrar that I was a good secretary. I was the assistant secretary. When the secretary became the Registrar, I became her secretary.

5. What's your wow factor (what makes you uniquely you) and what are the moments that helped shape it?

Out-going personality.

6. What's a moment that made you feel incredibly humble?

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7. What's your greatest fear?

Losing a loved one.

8. What an awe-inspiring moment?M

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9. Which 3 events most shaped your life?

Married a wonderful Christian man.

When in NC we were in amazing Bible Studies.

Blessed with 4 wonderful children.

10. What do you remember about when each of us was born?

Neil, born March 4, 1968. He was 2 weeks late, never dropped. C-sec. was done. He weighed 9 lbs. Dr. said that both of us would have died if we didn't do C-sec. He was a fertility drug baby.

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Jamie, boy number 3: August 26, 1972. Planned for you to come 2 yrs. after Billy. I patiently or impatiently waited, Did not get a fertility pill. You weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. I think you were the perfect size baby. Fertility drug babies were larger, and Billy was obviously brought too early. I always saw my boys right after they were born. I was on a stretcher, being rolled to my room, when I remember telling the guy who was rolling me down the hall saying that you looked like the man, I named you for, Jamie Buckingham.

Dr. Zirkle told me that I was fine and could have another C-sec. He said Ethel Kennedy had 5. I wanted a baby girl. An article came out in the Life Magazine telling what to do in order to get a boy or girl baby. So, I went for a girl. At this point, I will say that my daughter-in-law Tina had to have C-sections and had 2 boys. She was only going to be able to have 3 babies. She asked her doctor about the magazine article I told her about, and he said there was something to it, but not guaranteed Tina got her girl.

After 3 months of fertility drugs, I got pregnant with my girl.

Carolyn Jane-Marie, August 14, 1975. I said that I saw all of you boys as soon as you were born. When I was told that Carolyn was a girl, I remember making a happy sound. Dr. said that I tried to sit up to see her, so they quickly knocked me out, so I didn't see her until I got to my room.

11. Were you ever scared to be a parent?

On No. I wanted to be a parent. Tried to get pregnant after being married 6 months.

12. What 3 words represented your approach to parenting and why?

I wanted to have babies. I remember when I had the first one, someone said that being a mother was natural to me. I didn't act like a new mother.

13. What message do you have for [spouse] that you want her/him to always keep in mind?

Noone is perfect, but he was the most perfect man that I ever knew. He was a devoted Christian and was very close to God.

14. Which 3 words best describe how you want to be remembered?

Well, Are you are writing my obituary? No Way.

15. What do you think the world needs more of right now?

More honest, dependable people.

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Sorry I erased that. I don't know what people want most in life, in this day and time. Maybe money.

17. What were the 3 best decisions you ever made?

Was to get married. To have children.

18. What are you most proud of in life?

My family

19. What were 5 of the most positive moments of your life?

Would be repeating them all over.

20. What message would you like to share with your family?

I love every one of my children and grandchildren, and want the best of everything for them.

21. What are you most thankful for?

My family. So thankful that I have a lovely place to live, that my family prepared for me.