

Someone who is very inspiring in my life is my grandpa. He takes me hunting and out for walks in the woods and does whatever I want to do. But what sticks out to me a lot is that he never puts himself first. He always helps with my grandma, who is in a wheelchair, and that is a lot of work. He and my grandma have started a nonprofit organization called Lori's Voice. What it is, is an organization that covers all the bills and medical equipment for children with disabilities. They have done it for 10 or 11 years now and just retired. However, what is most important is his love for God and others. He goes to church every Sunday, and if my grandma can't go (mainly in the winter), he will always bring back the Host for her.

If I ever ask my grandpa to spend the night, he always says yes, even if he is busy, He can always make time for everybody, but my mom usually says no. I have so many memories of riding the golf cart or 4-wheeler down to the farm. He would let me drive at the age of around four or five. I have shot three deer, and all of them have been with my grandpa. My grandpa gets sick really easily because he has Multiple Sclerosis (MS). But whenever we are sick, he will bring us popsicles and Gatorade and other good snacks. He just got a new gas station by his house, and whenever we go over there, he lets us get whatever we want. He lives in Coopersville, Michigan, in the country and owns a lot of land. He and my grandma host a "camp" every year called Camp David. It started off with just my brother and me. We made popcorn over the fire and made root beer floats and hot dogs. After that, we went to my grandpa's screen porch and watched Lightning McQueen and slept under the stars.

It is a tradition that my grandpa takes his kids/grandkids on a vacation when they are 12. So, last year, when I was 12, he took my brother and me up to Lewis Farms. It is a "zoo" up north that has paintball, exotic animals, and a huge slide that you go down on a carpet on, and a lot of other things. We also went to Mac Woods Dune Rides and jumped the dunes. We went to a farm

called Country Dairy that has the best chocolate milk in the world! We got bottomless cups of milk for \$1.

He always makes our birthdays the most important day of the year for us. He will come pick us up, take us wherever we want, and then take us to our favorite store to pick out a gift. If we are lucky, and it's a weekend, we might spend the night and have never-ending root beer floats. For these reasons, and countless more, my grandpa is very inspiring in my life. He is my Michigan hero.



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