

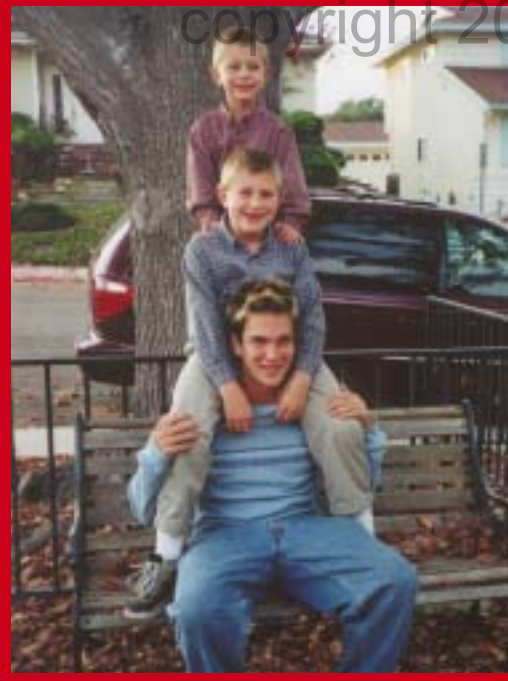
My Family





In my family there are 22 people and 2 parakeets and one goldfish. I have a grandma and grandpa, a mom and dad, 1 sister, 4 aunts and 3 uncles, and 9 cousins. I like having so many people in my family, especially when we all get together. My sister and I have nicknames. My name is Elizabeth and I am called LizzieB. My sister is named Phoebe and we sometimes call her Phebes.

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What talents does your family have?

I love magic. I like to do shows for my family and my friends. I think I am pretty good at the magic tricks. At least that is what I am told.

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Family Traditions

Do you have any special birthday traditions?



We always have breakfast in bed. I like to have the Pastry Streudels from the grocery store. Mom sings us a special birthday song which Mom and Dad made up for each of us when we were born.



Does your family have any traditions when you lose a tooth?

When I lost my first tooth it hurt a lot. I knew it was loose because it was wiggling. It fell out when I was eating an apple. I ran inside to get my mom. I was so excited! My mom got her camera and took a picture of my mouth. She called my dad. He said, "Wow, now the tooth fairy will come and visit!"

I asked my mom, "What's a tooth fairy?" She said, "She is a magic fairy who brings money for your tooth." My mom told me if I put my tooth under my pillow the fairy will come.

That night I tucked my tooth under my pillow and early in the morning before I got up for school, I looked under my pillow and I found \$100.00. I was so excited I jumped out of bed and started running all around the house yelling. "The tooth fairy came! The tooth fairy came!"

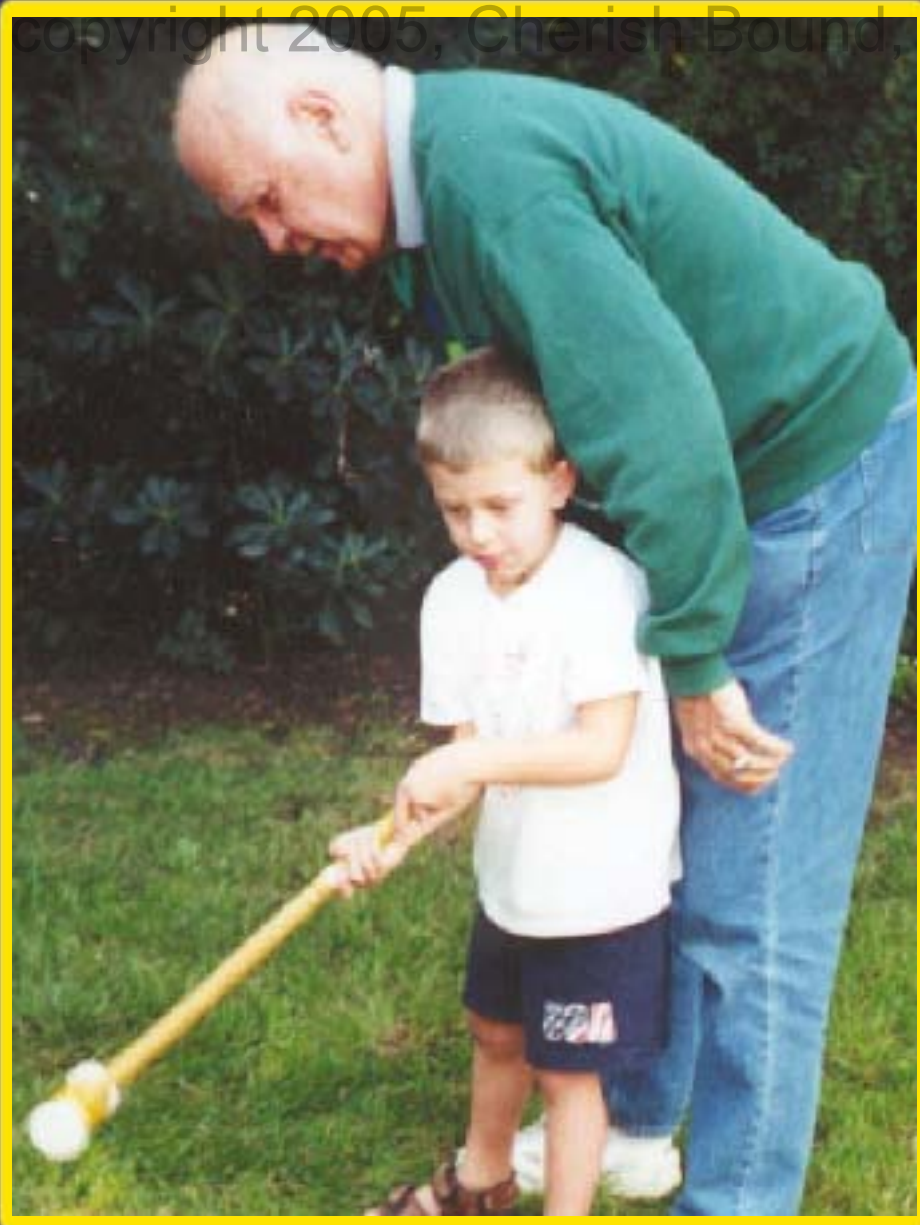


Mom, Dad, Blake (that's my brother) the tooth fairy really came! Come look! My mom, dad, and brother came running. They started laughing because I was so happy, jumping and waving the money. I took my family to Dairy Queen and treated them to ice cream. That was a happy day and I can't wait till all my other teeth fall out.



For Thanksgiving usually we fly to California to visit my Grandma Ann and Grandpa. Aunt Susan lives there too and Uncle Rick and Elizabeth. I like to play with Annis, my cousin! Last time we all went miniature golfing together. In Minnesota, the Miniature Golf is so small! They call it Putt, Putt. There are no castles or anything. When we are at Grandma Ann and Grandpa's house we play Croquet. Grandpa even made us certificates. We were all winners! Grandma has ice cream for us and she sometimes lets us have it for breakfast!





Every year we make Turkeys with Peanut Butter Cups, Ritz crackers and candy corn for the feathers. My Grandma Berta and my Papa say you are supposed to use chocolate bon bons, but we like Peanut Butter Cups much better. They say we are breaking tradition. My parents say we are starting a new one.

Easter is one of my favorite holidays. Our whole family (including Sugar Mama, Papa and Gigi) loves to dye Easter Eggs. Last year we bought 72 eggs to boil, but Daniel dropped them and about half broke. We need to be careful not to make The Brown Egg. That's when you put an egg into too many different colors and it turns brown. Katie made a few



brown eggs last year. We hunt for candy on Easter in the morning. We have to wait until everyone is awake and Mom and Dad have made their coffee. The eggs that are on the ground we have to leave for Katie. There is always one large egg with our name on it and that egg has money in it. !



At Christmas time, we go cut down the tree with Sugar Mama, Papa and Gigi. We look at lots and lots of trees before we choose one.

Everyone has to agree on the tree before we cut it down. We get a small one for my bedroom too. We put all of my and Daniel's ornaments on it.



I am not sure what we will do this year because we each have our own room.



The first time it snows, Mom calls to us to come see. I like to run outside right away and try to make snowballs. If it is too cold, though, the snow won't stick together. We like to go make snow angels, make snowmen, and go sledding as soon as there is enough snow. I like to try to snowboard and I am pretty good at it.

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