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Timecode Notes

0:40	Introduction
1:07	What was your childhood like? Was a tomboy – country childhood in Pittsburgh.
2:12	Best part, playing outdoors, making up games and played games like softball.
3:04	Her family lived nearby. She would be told to go back home by other people than parents.
4:00	Relationship to her grandmother, character traits she picked up from her? Used to collect vegetables with her. Today loves vegetables and she likes to grow things.
5:35	Most memorable moments with grandparents or parents? Story of falling in stairs and having back injured. Mother took care of B at the time B already adult.
6:49	Looks more like her dad.
7:02	Would watch boxing matches with dad and grocery shopping with him – fun.
9:25	Now understands where conscientious shopping comes from.
10:16	Grandmother was best friend. She was the matriarch. Was very devoted to her. Learned to plant for her and be fastidious house keeper and compassion.
11:41	Were you a well behaved kid? Was bad teenager. She was “wild.” Was away from home for a night. Parents came to get her.
13:08	Took a long time to appreciate the fact that they never gave up on her.
14:08	What did they tell you? To keep my dress down.
14:57	Ended up having child at 17. Disappointment to them especially since did not want to marry son’s father.
15:45	Glad that things happened that way because mother was able to see grandson as an adult.
16:15	He was easy. Loved sports, easy temperament and loved his grandparents.
17:03	Was still living with parents when she had her son. In those days, you could not go back to high school if pregnant. Eventually made it to University of Pittsburgh.
18:01	Always wanted to go to school and be someone. She wanted to proved that she was more than this unwed mother.
18:48	Story of her 14 year old best friend who was ostracized after becoming pregnant.
19:55	She lost contact with high school friends because of same idea that should not be associated with.
20:50	Has gotten her Masters recently at 50. Circumstances that led her to go back to school to finish her Bachelor’s.
23:50	Decision to pursue Masters. She was encouraged by young women told she was capable and that she had responsibility to pursue it.
24:37	Responsibility? Now encourages women to go back to school.
26:05	Examples of how school work builds confidence.

27:01	Was inspiration for her when she returned to school as an adult...learned about herself in school. What about you?
28:48	She found out that she was smarter than she thought. Smart and getting tasks done.
31:24	Got highest grade in Masters course that she had been intimidated to follow. Now gives a lot of advice.
32:35	It helped also her son to go back to school.
32:59	How do you feel about yourself now? I still don't know what to do when I grow up.
34:47	Any questions for me? When are you going to pursue your Masters?
36:00	You have been my inspiration.
36:53	When are you going back to Pitt?