

**Topic:** Lifestyle of My Grandfather

**Abstract:** My grandfather's life as a young child living in Mexico and having the luxurious life, learning how to play the guitar and learning something about himself and creating a big family.

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### Growing Up Mexican

Have you ever wondered if you were wealthy and you have know one to tell you other wise? Well my grandfather at a young age lost both his parents and he was left in the care of his grandmother, she was very old and could not care for him so much. My grandfather was very curious person he started to explore the surroundings and the animals he had in his land. Besides the money he was left with he was also left with his father's guitar, he never knew how to play the guitar but had always wondered how it felt to play the guitar. He began to hear music more and started to play by studying sounds that the guitar made. He was always top of the class at school and also he worked as a child just to learn the value of money his parents always talked about. He worked as a baker, cleaning shoes, cleaning dishes, even machinery work just to explore what he wanted to do with his life. As he was growing up the person who was watching over him, his grandmother die. That's when he realize that it was time for him to move on and try to mature on his own.

At age eighteen he decided to join the military because he wanted to see his options, he came back after a year of service and he didn't really like war and its conflict at the time. My grandfather decided to work and live as a bachelor since he was young and had no

problems with any thing. He started to meet musicians at bars who were willing to teaching to play the guitar the correct way. He realize that there were many styles and he wanted to learn, he would go from town to town looking for musicians to observe them as they play. My grandfathers dream now was to become great as a musician in Mexico, and were to start than local bars to make small wages. He worked during the day and play the guitar during the night, his life was always busy and at the same time improving his guitar playing. My grandfather had a lot of girlfriends because of his outgoing and friendly personality, but at the ranch he grew up at there was a friend he left who he would visit, who some how later became my grandmother. Its funny because she was not at all my grandfathers type at all but some how they hade five kids, three girls and two boys.

Now he had a family and needed to step up his game, because my grandmother was very persistent of what she wanted. She wanted a house, money, and for her five kids to be stable with all there needs. My grand father was now working two jobs an just making, he realize that his music could bring him more money. He had two friends who played the guitar really well, he decided to make a trio to make more money at bars and auditoriums, which when really well, and were getting there name out there. Now my grandfather didn't ha to work two jobs because his musician career was going well. My grandfather decided that it would be better if they moved to a border town Mexicali Baja California which was better in jobs and the music business. My grandfather by that time had a great amount of money saved up and decided to make a house in Mexicali to give my grandmother which true. My grandfather trio built the house by hand because it would be cheaper, they work day and night to finish faster. After the house was finish it was back

to work for my grandfather, which this time was better because there more publicity. He played for many famous stars and played with many such as Juan Gabriel, Carlos Santana and others.

I believe that my grandfather has a great life and experienced his life to the fullest. Even though he had no parents growing up he made mistakes and made good choices in life that has made him the person he is now, and has always been a good provider and supporter for everything.