

Topic: My grandmother experience La Guerrilla de Los Cristeros, and all the tremendous effect these had in many different ways towards people.

Abstract: In the following text the reader will learn about a guerrilla that was held in 1928 in Mexico. The guerrilla involved many people that were against catholic religion and how the catholic people defend their church rights. These will include how certain people survive this guerrilla like my grandmother did when she was a child. Also the effects people like my grandmother had related to la guerrilla de Los Cristeros later on, and what they did to overcome their unforgettable memories.

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My grandmother is a very hard working woman, she was born in the year of 1928 February 21, when "La Guerra de Los Cristeros" had already two years that began. Her parents didn't baptize her, and marriages weren't held. The reason why was because the government back then was against Christians, soldiers were called Los Carrancistas. This soldier actually torture and killed every priest in Los Pueblos. As a result, Los Cristeros rebelled against the soldiers; because they thought what the government was doing a tremendous mistake. Especially killing innocent people and also they were interfering with their religion. Cristeros fought with rocks and shotguns. The people that were against soldiers were the ones called Cristeros. At the end, they actually won the religion war; many Cristeros were killed having a giant effect in different Mexican families.

My grandmother's family was very poor, and it was even worse. The reason why was because during the war, men didn't go to work, because they were afraid they might be killed by Los Carrancistas. This had a tremendous impact in different families. Most of the people according to my grandmother actually got sick and died because they didn't have anything to eat except water. This is why the economic budget went down and people started facing economic problems. All this gave people to think of revenge, this is why most of the men that were still alive including my grandmother's dad, got together and form a small group compare to the Carrancistas army. Los Cristeros defended the "Cultos" refers to the church rights. According to my grandmother, Carrancistas kill randomly, meaning that if you didn't answer the question they ask you right, then you were shot and killed.

My grandmother's parents didn't baptize her until she was four years old. When, "La Guerra de Los Cristeros" ended in January 12, 1932. Unfortunately, her dad was killed in war and also her uncle. They both got shot in the head after they killed many soldiers. Many people that survived that war say that all people who got executed minutes before all of them actually scream proudly "Viva Cristo Rey". All this was to let the Carrancistas know that they weren't never afraid of fighting for their religion, and that they'll fight to the end.

The absence of her dad affected my grandmother's family status, because when she was ten years old, she started working with her mom in the fields cultivating corn. She went to school from first grade to seventh grade until she decided to drop out of school and start working in other places, but in the same pueblo to increase their income. She had three sisters including her and also four brothers and they all worked. She was

the second youngest in the family, and even though her dad had been killed in war all of them worked very hard to survive in a very poor pueblo.

My grandmother was affected mentally and still affects her in the present and through out her life stages. When she was a girl, she experienced a Guerrilla between two different religions and individuals who have power and that they were against the catholic religion. She lost her father, and as result she learned not give up and to encourage herself to achieve her goals. She never gave up in a way that she started working at an early age. Her goals were to grow up, get married, and have kids. Years passed and she found someone that really filled her heart with love.

At the age of twenty-two, she got married; she had four kids' two girls and two boys. Unfortunately, her husband got killed when she was twenty-six years old; nobody knew the reason why her husband was found dead. She had many difficulties giving her own children an education by working very hard, because back then it wasn't easy to pay for an education and school materials. The economic crisis had an important role with the low wage that people were paid for their work effort. According to my grandmother, people worked sixteen hours, and they basically got paid for only seven hours. My grandmother lived alone meaning that she never got married again. She hardly gave sustain to her kids in school all the way to eighth grade. Now both of her sons are married and both also have daughters. Now she visits her daughter and her son in the United States once a year.

The experiences life has taught my grandmother she will never forget. According to my grandmother "you really need to be very strong in order to get out of the whole". This means to try hard to accomplish all your goals you set yourself in life. The most

important one is not to give up no matter what. This is an advice from my grandmother that actually gave to all of my family to encourage us in school.