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## **PROFILE of Edie Rhoades**

Edie came from a family of 10 children, 5 girls and 5 boys. She grew up in Atchison County, Tarkio, Missouri. Here is her story:

I was young when my Dad passed away so my Mom had to raise 10 children on her own. Charles is the oldest boy, Elma the oldest of the girls. There was James, Robert, Bill, Albert, Harriet, Rebecca, Alisa. Sometimes life was hard, but the boys protected the girls.

The thing I remember most as a child growing up was if our Mom caught us fighting, we had to kiss each other and tell them "I love you" and give them a hug. I did odd jobs when I was younger, like a paper route, and helped raise my younger siblings.

I have 2 children, my son was born 5/31/80, and my daughter was born 2/3/82. My daughter has 6 boys, 1 girl. My son has 2 boys. I have 1 great granddaughter, and a 2nd great grandson will be born in June.

I graduated high school 5/17/67. I attended Junior College in the Midwest. I got a degree as a key punch operator. I worked at a Beef Packing plant, as a waitress, and ran food service at a school in Kansas City, Missouri. I also worked at Disney for 22 years in housekeeping. I began helping Ada at Temple in 1992

The most interesting job I ever had was working in the Beef Packing plant in Omaha, Nebraska. I was one of the main butchers, the only female at the time, and I could outperform the men!

I read a lot of different books. I am currently reading a book by Belva Plains. I also like to watch movies on the Hallmark Channel.

I was raised by a Pentecostal mother. I was raised to respect my elders. My Mom and Dad had the biggest influence on my life. I was raised to always respect my parents.

My proudest moments were when my children started to make something of themselves. Austin and Rebecca both have 4 year scholarships to Georgia Tech.



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