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I miss my grandfather, Pops. His warm smile and baby blue eyes. The way he was able to make you feel like you were the most important person when you walked into the room. The site of these boots. Sitting with him by the fire.

My last memories with Pops were some of my favorites. Helping him move the firewood and having him tell me I am stronger than most of the boys. Attempting to answer his medical questions that only a seasoned doctor would know the answers to, because he thought that highly of me.

One of the best parts of Pops was his ability to make a moment memorable. He had a way with words and always said the right things at the right time with the perfect delivery.

When these moments happened, sometimes I would write down his quotes because I never wanted to forget them.

One of my favorite Pops quotes was said in a discussion about Wyoming natives in the red Suburban on the way home from Snow King:

"We have a saying around here...if you're from Wyoming you're an OG...an original gangSTA!"

-Donald James Brunk: 6/23/19, 8:03 pm.

(And yes, he pronounced it gangSTA not gangster)