

## Kathy (Krczynski) Ebert Mount Clemens Memories

### A Walk Thru My Childhood

My first memory in the late 1940's early 1950's was sitting on my front steps waiting for my mother to come home from work. She worked at the Mount Clemens Pottery. I would run down Robertson Street to meet her. Sometimes she would have a lump of clay wrapped in a damp towel. I would play with it and try to make a coffee cup like she made at the pottery.

We lived on Robertson Street and sometimes we would walk to the movies. We would walk down South Ave to Cass and Walnut where the Emcee Theater was. It was inside the old Monitor Leader Building.

There was also the Macomb Theater on Walnut Street which is now the Emerald Theater. Further down our walk was the Jewel Theater on Gratiot. That was the prettiest one and the most expensive. I got to go inside once and I thought it was beautiful. After the movie we would walk home in the evening and we were never afraid. Back then there was not much crime in the neighborhood. Sometimes we would go into town and look around in the stores. There was Priehs Department Store on Macomb Street and it was the biggest store. There was Fanny Farmers candy store on Macomb and Walnut. My favorite was the Five and Dime store on Walnut Street. It was filled with everything a little girl could want.

In the summer my cousins and I would go to my grandmother's house on N. Rose Street. We would walk to the back of her property past her chickens and a cow. We would cross the street, which was Groesbeck. It was just a two lane highway then. On the side across Groesbeck was a gravel pit that we would swim in. Now there is condos there. Some days my grandmother would give us some pennies. We would walk down Rose Street cross over Cass Ave. to a little store named Yde's and we would buy penny candy. My best memory is feeling safe living in a small friendly town like Mt. Clemens.