

Eleanor McKinley 0:07

Lucille, you wanted to go back and you remembered some things about the trips that you wanted to tell us.

Lucille Barnett 0:14

You know, I started I also joined the AARP and the Golden Agers when I started getting involved with the seniors. And the AARP had trips into Denver like the the theaters and went to Elitch's, or a lot of different places. And they went about maybe twice a month, an RTD senior ride, which was very helpful, they, they'd come out and pick us all up for \$1 apiece. So I started that time, there was another lady in AARP that was that was in charge of the the trips, and then she got where she was not feeling too well. So they appointed me as the guide for the all the trips that they did. And so that's one other way I got started with, with the senior trips. So we did probably sometimes probably three trips a month with RTD ride going to plays and theaters, Heritage Square, and museum, zoo, we just did about everything, which was we were very thankful for the RTD for for that service, because we could have never afforded if it hadn't been for them. And that still going on and even after I retired, I did that. Until I turned it over to the Senior Center, now they do it from the Senior Center.

Eleanor McKinley 2:03

So anything else about the the trips that you've made or anything else you want to talk about? I know you've taken lots of notes here.

Lucille Barnett 2:23

We've enjoyed all of them. And I think because of the being so involved with all the trips and everything, it was very easy to get involved with the Senior Center, and I was still doing that the trips with them. Until about two years ago,

Eleanor McKinley 2:42

it seems to me I heard you were instrumental in getting some of the seniors to donate some money to the senior center

Lucille Barnett 2:47

Yes, a lot of some of my customers at the bank, you know, they they would confide in me and of course I knew what they what they had and and I think a lot of it had to do with you know, if you donated money, it was a it was quite a help on your income tax. So we had one gentleman that had passed away and his family donated \$20,000 And that purchased all of the the furniture in the lobby, at the Senior Center, that's how much that the couches and tables and everything in there was purchased one by that \$20,000 given by this gentleman's family. We were very thankful for that. And there were several others that gave, of course the bank gave the \$5,000 to purchase the fireplace. Whenever they, my customers I knew they, you know could could spare the extra funds we I never asked them I just suggested if that's where they would like to help, help the community that was a good place. So there was quite a few of them like customers that donated money before we even built a senior center. Because we always had hoped someday we'd have a senior center so

Eleanor McKinley 4:25

did you know Mr. Huddard really well?

Lucille Barnett 4:27

Oh, yes. Yes.

Eleanor McKinley 4:29

Tell me something about him and how you knew him.

Lucille Barnett 4:32

Mr. Huddard, he, I remember when we were kids at home when my dad would go and buy lumber and things for whatever we needed around the farm. Mr. Huddard was a very good businessman. He made sure that whatever we bought was paid for at the time. But he ended up with quite an estate. And when he passed away his, he had no family to help him. So because of John Atkinson came and asked for my help, and I said, okay, but I said we, it'd be nice if we let Senior Center have half of it. Whatever we get from the garage sale, I said, we can get all the volunteers you need. And, and let the Senior Center have that part of the funds that you receive. So I'm not sure exactly whether we got a third or half but we did receive. It was \$15,000. From that sale. Could have been could have been \$10,000. I think we ended up with a third of it. It was \$30,000. We ended up not at all there was so many antiques, I was everything was he couldn't buy any better furniture, anything than what he had in his home. There was a lot of antiques, his wife used to travel to Europe a lot. And she'd bring a lot of things home. And she played piano. So she had a lot of music there. Say John, John Huddard used to travel with her and he had a lot of things there. So we did there was cars, cars and say a lot of furniture, lamps, beautiful lamps. So we were very, very happy to get part of that for to help build help with the furniture at the Senior Center.

Eleanor McKinley 6:49

Did y'all price each item? And did they did you really have an auction?

Lucille Barnett 6:53

No, we had? Well, we priced most of it. But some of it was priced by bids was done by bids. So the highest bidder was the one that received like the cars the things that I didn't do, John did all that

Eleanor McKinley 7:10

what happened to the rest of his money? If there were no heirs?

Lucille Barnett 7:16

Well, the rest of his money, he's, he did, he belonged to the Methodist church, they received part of it. We have pictures in our church. Now. He did help the church a lot he helped. let's see with the other things. There were about three organizations that he had belonged to that he, I think left quite a bit of his estate to. Can't remember some of the others. But he was done very well

done, had very well in in having everything. Ready when when he did pass away. Very good. It was very organized. So now we'd known Huddard Since we were kids,

Eleanor McKinley 8:18

You never did work for him did you?

Lucille Barnett 8:19

I didn't work for him. Two of my three of my sisters worked for him. Bertha was the first one. She worked for him and then my sister Darlene from Lafayette, she worked for him and then Dorothy.

Eleanor McKinley 8:32

stories told that he was a rounder. Is that true?

Lucille Barnett 8:35

A rounder?

Eleanor McKinley 8:36

Well, that he had a fancy for women?

Lucille Barnett 8:41

Well, he never. For me, he you know, I didn't know about, I did know there were a lot of women that are very good friends and he liked to go out to eat lunch. And so he had different women friends take him to lunch. You know, almost every day. My work with him was through the bank. He did some large CDs. And he talked call me on the phone and say, Hey, I lent so much in a CD. So I'd have to get it typed up and take it over to his house and then he gave me he didn't stay in his house. He stayed in that little house in the back. That's where he slept. That's where I'd go. He had all of his book, his book work there. Well, I'm sure he slept there. But all day he was in that little bunkhouse, it had a little cot. He had his typewriter in there and it's very nice, but it was small but he liked it there in his own little office. So I did for the bank. I did a lot you know, because he wasn't able to get to the bank those last few years. So I'd have to go back and forth and transfer money and CDs and a lot of things

Eleanor McKinley 10:01

So you knew him pretty well.

Lucille Barnett 10:02

Yes, I did. Stay there he'd like to visit when I went over there. And I think he just liked the company.

Eleanor McKinley 10:10

Cause his wife had been dead for a while huh

Lucille Barnett 10:12

she's been, they've been gone for quite a while.

Eleanor McKinley 10:16

Who were the other more fluent people in Broomfield in those early days.

Lucille Barnett 10:21

Well, the other other good customer, Miles Crawford. He was the postmaster in Broom-, first postmaster and he was there. 30 years I guess he was postmaster. He's the one that built that little first post office. You know, he's been a good friend of mine and his wife passed away pretty quite a few years before he did. So he went with us on all the trips. So I got to know a lot of these people through going on trips, and he just really enjoyed them. When he passed away his family, he had three children, they all live out of state. So they asked me if I would, that was my first garage sale. He'd asked me if I would do the garage sale. They did, the kids, and they would give half of it to the senior center.

Eleanor McKinley 11:16

You were certainly a good advocate for the Senior Center.

Lucille Barnett 11:19

I said, Okay, you know, how much would you get? So we ended up sometimes we'd end up 30%, sometimes 20% 10%. But we did have a lot of em. Mr. Crawford had a lot of antiques too. But his family did come in and take what they wanted, but because they were so you know, out of town, they didn't take a lot of the big things. We had couches and beds and they said and then he did call. Karen from the Depot from the Museum,

Eleanor McKinley 11:57

Karen McGuire,

Lucille Barnett 11:58

Karen McGuire, and he was very he wanted to have the museum have any of her you know, his old his antiques.

Eleanor McKinley 12:11

He saved a lot of memorabilia of Broomfield too.

Lucille Barnett 12:15

They said he had every Broomfield Enterprise that had ever been printed in his basement,

Eleanor McKinley 12:22

I believe that

Lucille Barnett 12:23

and they did all go to the museum. The depot.

Eleanor McKinley 12:26

Oh, that's wonderful. That was he was such a nice person too.

Lucille Barnett 12:31

Oh, he was really nice to to work with. He was just so

Eleanor McKinley 12:38

anyone else you can think of?

Lucille Barnett 12:42

Let's see, most of our, of course Mr. Sauers was one of my favorite customers, he passed away. Mr. Sauers, his family still live in Broomfield. So I did help them when they had there. And he passed away and they're the ones that donate quite a bit in his name from the senior center. So we're very glad to see that. When there's just about you know, all the seniors in Broomfield, I felt like I knew did something that they'd always when they'd come in the bank, why they come back to my office and they were kind of unhappy when I retired.

Eleanor McKinley 13:30

I bet they were. I'm sure they miss you over there.

Lucille Barnett 13:32

I think anybody can do

Eleanor McKinley 13:34

well, nobody has.

Lucille Barnett 13:37

Well, the time nowadays in banking is so valuable that and I did do a lot of talking about it.

Eleanor McKinley 13:47

made lots of friends here in Broomfield anything. Uh, one thing I was supposed to ask you in the very beginning is when and where you were born. And I didn't do that.

Lucille Barnett 13:58

I was born at a hospital in Longmont in 1929.

Eleanor McKinley 14:03

What's the date?

August 9, August 1929. There's a little story behind that, too. When I started working at Mountain Bell Telephone Company downtown, it was during while there was a right after the war, war going on. They required birth certificates before you got to work there. And I thought I asked my mom where my birth certificate, she said she didn't have my birth certificate so called all over I called the county courthouse in the Longmont nobody had my birth certificate, under

Velma Lucille Hulstrom. So, then one day someone called and I can't remember which place it was whether it was the weld count. No, it wasn't Weld County. It was the Denver county courthouse and somebody that had the birth certificate she says, Well, we do have someone on that date in Longmont, but the wrong names, the right first names. And I don't tell this to too many people, didn't like it. My mother's mother was named Fanny. My dad's mother was named Christine. Christina. So on my birth certificate it said Fanny Christine Hulstrom. So I had that, how, what am I going to do about that? And my mother says she did not ever intend to name me that.

Wonder if your dad gave that name

Lucille Barnett 15:55

I think it was my dad, you know, that sounded like him. Or she put my mother's my mother's name Fanny. First of all. I liked Christine. I would've like to keep that. But so it just happened that the doctor that delivered me still lived in Longmont and I called him and I went up there and he made me a new birth certificate. I think he only lasted another year or two, so I got it just in time.

Eleanor McKinley 16:28

You did it. Your mother probably could have gotten that changed though, too. Though, not as easily.

Lucille Barnett 16:35

So it was pretty easy so long.

Eleanor McKinley 16:36

Well, that was good when you needed that passport.

Lucille Barnett 16:38

Yeah, I got the passport and

Eleanor McKinley 16:42

got it all straightened out. That's a good story.

Lucille Barnett 16:45

I did. One of the other clubs was the DE club when I worked at the bank decades club. I had to I had to hire the kids from high school you know to work at the bank. So and I was there they were there. They were all very good. We just really had good luck with the high school kids and some of them stayed for years.

Eleanor McKinley 17:09

Oh, even in the bank

Lucille Barnett 17:10

even all through college. We hire them in high school and then when they get to college why they come

Eleanor McKinley 17:17

Did any of them become bankers.

Lucille Barnett 17:23

Yes, there were few of them became bankers. That was the name sort of. But one time when I was I was an officer at the DECA club and they had a convention down at Colorado Springs. Terry, still, I think the deck.

Eleanor McKinley 17:50

I know who you're talking about. Terry Bender

Lucille Barnett 17:52

Bender. He's still up there. And he says, Well, he didn't have anybody to escort the girls down to Colorado Springs. We have the thing, convention at the Broadmoor. She says will you do it? And I thought, oh my gosh, I mean, I just had boys. I really wasn't sure about how I would be with the girls. And so I thought, okay, I had a station wagon. I was willing to drive it down. There were six girls. So we had to take two cars for them. And one of the girls wanted to drive her own car. And Terry says no, you can't do that. And she just, so she rode with me and she cried all the way down there. But after we got there, she was just fine. And she did very well. So that was experience with six girls. But it was kind of fun.

Bet that was, anything else you have to add? About your life or.

I didn't know whether I had told anything about my children.

Eleanor McKinley 19:00

No, you haven't told anything about your children, what they're doing.

Lucille Barnett 19:02

I have two sons Gary who married Julie. Julia Watson. She's. They met in Vail. She he went to Vail after he got out of college Gary was went to CSU in about the second or third year in college. No third year in college. He says a lot of his friends were going to go to Vail and he says they were going to take a year off and then come back and graduate. And I says no you're not I says if you go to Vail you won't come back to graduate. So he was pretty upset with me but I kept my, told him that there's just no way I'd pay for him anything more. So he stayed a lot of his friends went to Vail for skiing that winter. He was pretty upset. So he graduated with an art degree. And he so after he graduated from college, he said, Well, he wanted to go up to Vail and get that skiing out of his system for one year. Then he'd come back down and get a job here. Well, he was, up, been up there for 15 years now. About six years ago, he married 1986 He married Julie Watson, and she was in Vail. She had come up there from back east or her

family. So they met up there and they married and now have a adopted a baby. Baby in China. Girl. She's 13 months old. We all really enjoy having her.

Eleanor McKinley 20:57
And Julie has her doctorate?

Lucille Barnett 20:59
Julie as finished her doctor's degree but she graduates really from DU in June. That's a graduation. She has a degree in education. She's been teaching most of the time that she's worked on her doctor's degree

Eleanor McKinley 21:18
and what does your son do?

Lucille Barnett 21:20
He works for Vail associates. He does all the signs up for Vail associates on the mountain and all over. They live right east of Avon about a half a mile, really pretty. You have a house right up against the mountains. So we get to go up there and stay with them.

What about your other son?

Okay. My other son, Les, he married Sandra Barnes in 1978. We have three children. Ryan is 15 Cory 13. And Kelly is 9. Ryan is in high school and well, he's played a lot of sports, soccer and baseball and things but he's never really been too, too interested in it too. But the second son, Cory, he's, he's going to be he thinks he's going to be a professional soccer player. He's very good. They go all over playing every Saturday. So I do a lot right now. watching him play soccer. Kelly, the little girl she's just not a lot interested in too much out of sports or anything. But we enjoy her too

Eleanor McKinley 22:40
what does he do?

Lucille Barnett 22:40
Les graduated from? Gunnison from college, Western western state. When he wasn't going to college either. In fact, the first year I think the first year after he was up there, he said he wasn't going to go back. He was going to work a while to get more money like Gary. Well, no, Gary went for sking, Les, thought he needed a new car and he wanted to buy all this stuff before he'd go back and finish college. And I says, No, you're not you're not going to stop and you're going to keep going. As he was backing out the driveway going back one weekend, why? I said you're going back? He says no, I'm not. He did stay and graduate, Western State and he met a lot of new friends up there. He's wasn't always the outgoing person like Gary was Gary had a personality that just everybody talk to anybody. So so he got a job. Got a job Degree in Accounting, Business Accounting. So he's had a few different jobs. He had his own mortgage business for a while. And that was at a time when it wasn't too successful. So he was been

working for other other mortgage companies. And right now he always went to work for the government and they had him going on all over cleaning up different areas like Rocky Flats. And quite a bit more money doing things like that than accounting. So check with that right now. And he goes he still does some traveling but not too much.

What about Quentin? Was he born near here, or

Quentin was born a mile east a mile west of where we live on Lowell. It's an old farmhouse where miners used to be in miners farm when he was two months old. Why they bought 20 acres on 144th and Zuni right on the north side of Mackay Lake That was a farmer's reservoir like, and his farm. His family farm, just the 20 acres. They didn't have too much as a farm. His dad was a came out here in two years before Quentin was born about 1917 in an old old car and homestead there are on that 20 acres. He was a he was a painter and plaster. He plastered homes and painted mostly plastered. So that's how they made their money. And then they raised a lot of turkeys on their farm there. He has his father, when they came from, he came from Kansas City, and they had quite a few came from a very pretty wealthy family. But he didn't want to have anything to do with it. So he came out here. And he, his first wife had passed away there and then married Quentin's mother, and her first husband had passed away too. So they, he, Quentin's dad had three sons with his first wife, when they all stayed back in Kansas City. And then this second wife, he had two brothers and a sister. And his brother, Jean, he built a house right next, next to our house. So there we both are on the same farm. His brother passed away. And then my nephew, he built a house right there. And then my sister Laura, she built so we're all family right in that 20 acres. So we have three acres there and two houses. We don't want to go anywhere else but the city is coming close to us

Eleanor McKinley 27:02

It is closer and closer

Lucille Barnett 27:04

too close we're used to the wide open space.

Eleanor McKinley 27:09

Well, you still have it

Lucille Barnett 27:10

We still have the lake. I mean they can't get any closer on that side. So we have a good time and then our family now is I'm sure Dorothy knows how many there are but there's over 100 I think when we all get together maybe it's more like 80

Eleanor McKinley 27:29

all living in this area.

Lucille Barnett 27:30

Oh living in this area. I have one sister that lives in Texas. El Paso, Texas and then some of my niece's have moved to other states Dorothy's daughter but not too many of them have moved away and we have mother it usually have Mother's Day they don't all come to the house but I have my mother and whoever wants to come but they go to some of their other families because they don't well on Mother's Day, I don't have as many my sister Phyllis moved out by in Weld County she has a pretty big yard and quite a bit of space. She had Easter and there were probably about 70 and I probably won't have more than 40 we have a patio but just hope it don't rain.

Eleanor McKinley 28:33

Those are wonderful family gatherings

Lucille Barnett 28:35

closed in on two sides. But the other two sides is you know if it rains very hard.

Eleanor McKinley 28:41

You sit around and reminisce

Lucille Barnett 28:42

and well yeah, we might just round and talk watches the little we have a lot of little grandkids you know, and it's fun watching them play. My sister that works lives down in the lives on the same farm she is Lois and Larry Smith. She has eight grandchildren so I get to take care of those are the ones I took care of today. So I help her she's keeps pretty busy. He's a veterinary over in Northglenn so we keep busy. And we usually try to help my mother she still lives by herself. She's 90. She'll be 91 in August. She still likes to eat so we all take her food and just plates we just make plates and take her everything there and you know all she has to do is put it in the microwave. She, her eyesight is getting her hearing is she's losing a little bit of her hearing. But her mind is as sharp as could be,

Eleanor McKinley 30:01

but she certainly doesn't want to go to retirement home. I bet

Lucille Barnett 30:04

No, this last spell she had before Christmas. She we thought this was it. She went to Avista hospital and we can't say enough good things about Avista. It's really good. So when she came home, and she's only stayed there two days, and I said, Mom, maybe we should go to a nursing home for maybe a week until you get stronger where you can do things, you know, on your own. Oh, no, she says,

Eleanor McKinley 30:31

she thinks you might leave her.

Lucille Barnett 30:33

Yes. I would never go to a nursing home because they'd get stuck there. She'd seen so many of her friends do that. So we took turns. We had a list on who's staying what night all the family that still live close. Stay maybe two nights a week and bring in all of her food. And the doctor had a nurse come in every day and check her vital signs and everything. Get along just fine. Now she's by herself. We still take her food.

Eleanor McKinley 31:12
But she's a wonderful woman.

Lucille Barnett 31:14
She just really she knows exactly. All the grandkids and what we're doing and if they she doesn't really tell us what to do. But she lets us know you know if things she doesn't think something's right, she will let us know.

Eleanor McKinley 31:33
I guess that's a mother's prerogative

Lucille Barnett 31:35
Oh, yes. And after 91 years, 10 children 27 grandchildren. I sort of lost track of the great grandchildren. I think there's must be at least 30 Probably more 35 and she's had Christmas dinner at her house. Except for this past year. Every year since we can remember since my grandmother stopped having it. Christmas Eve was always very important to the Swedish families. Santa Claus comes and so we had a good time every Christmas. Ever house it just stuff people all over that just

Eleanor McKinley 31:35
you have to bring your own chair.

Lucille Barnett 32:28
No. For Christmas Eve, my sister June and Harold. They always Harold always rents the chairs and brings him out that folding chairs. We each have our little duties you know that you just keep for years.

Eleanor McKinley 32:45
And you have your assignments every year.

Lucille Barnett 32:48
We have our assignments. My

Eleanor McKinley 32:50
What is yours?

Lucille Barnett 32:51
always cooking the mashed potatoes.

Eleanor McKinley 32:56

And how many pans you cook?

Lucille Barnett 32:58

Have to have at least 10 pounds potatoes or more. We don't cook them all. My sister in law Judy cooks. My brother Roland lives next door to my mom. And he really is so good. He just a saint and his wife too, his wife is so good to her. So she just knows she has to get up because Roland's going to bring her breakfast

Eleanor McKinley 33:26

but it helps her get up

Lucille Barnett 33:27

it does and she looks forward to it, and he stops on his way home and sees if she's okay. When she goes to bed he she has to have eyedrops because her eyesights now, puts eyedrops in her eyes. And I think you know she just looks forward to those visits from all of all the kids on this and my other brother, Ted, he build a house on one end of our farm, our 80 acre farm and he comes up a lot too. Roland build a house right next on our farms and the rest of the farm was sold, like five acres to different people.

Eleanor McKinley 34:08

What's gonna happen to that house when your mother passes on.

Lucille Barnett 34:13

Well, she never wants it to leave the family she has let us know that. Roland and I hang around you know I've helped her as far as doing things with the house. So she is she really hasn't said who she wants to live there but she does not. She wants somebody in the family to rent it to stay there. I don't know whether they would ever ever sell it. I don't know. So she's in she's well. She's got an old Chevrolet car that she will not let anyone she won't let us get rid of. She had an accident. In 1984, it was about her new car, not a new car car that she could drive easier. Power steering and things. And she had an accident. Threw out, it was on 144th, the car rolled over twice out into a field. She had no seatbelt. She had been sick that day and taken quite a bit of medication. But my sister Joyce was coming out from El Paso. And she had to go to the grocery store to get some things, even though she'd taken quite a bit of medication that made her but we wasn't sure really what happened. Where I think it was because she had forgot her purse because we found her purse at home. I when we after that accident, I went to the neighbor's there. And you know, anybody found her purse? No, it was still at home. And I think probably that I say that because of the power steering or the power steering. And she noticed that she had forgot her purse, she probably maybe turn the wheel too fast. And just rolled over. No, he won't let her drive. She wanted to. We thought she was gone. Then she had a really bad cut all the way down her head the back. Really bad. But she came out of it. She was in the hospital quite a while and had to have help then. That was after my dad passed away. So she's come

through a lot of problems. So she has the stamina to keep going. I think that's what keeps our family going.

Eleanor McKinley 36:58

Oh, I think that's wonderful because she saw that family together as a group and she with everybody meeting at her house every year. Anything else you can think I? Understand you had an honor, in the past that you'd like to tell something about?

Lucille Barnett 37:25

Yes, in 1990. Well, the AARP every year had a king and queen contest for to ride in the parade for Broomfield Days every year. And I was always had helped with that a lot. We have to pay \$1 for every vote. So that made money for the senior group. Mostly AARP at that time. So in 1990 that I was we'd nominate about six or seven couples. And whoever got the most votes out of those couples was king and queen. So that year Quentin and I did, were the king and queen so we were that was quite an honor. And they made money too.

Eleanor McKinley 38:15

And this was during Broomfield Days.

Lucille Barnett 38:17

Broomfield Days, Yes.

Eleanor McKinley 38:19

Did you ride it in a convertible?

Lucille Barnett 38:21

We rode? No, we wrote in a horse and buggy, a buggy that was lined with red velvet and a horse. Two horses. No, there was just one horse. So that was kind of fun. And then we got to ride in another the same type of buggy with a horse in 1993, I was asked to be Grand Marshal of the parade, Broomfield Days. So that was an honor too and I would not have, Quentin, Quentin went with me. So that was quite an honor.

Eleanor McKinley 38:55

Well, Lucille, you've been a real blessing to the City of Broomfield and, and contributed so much you just so many people know you and love you and and in particular the seniors of this community, you've done so much for the seniors. And I really appreciate you coming to give us this interview. It's been really special.

Lucille Barnett 39:15

Wasn't sure probably a lot of things that maybe I could have left out. But

Eleanor McKinley 39:22

oh, I don't think there was anything you said that could have been left. I get

Lucille Barnett 39:25

Once I get started talking and I'm not sure

Eleanor McKinley 39:27

I think you were fine and

Lucille Barnett 39:29

Jumping from one to the other.

Eleanor McKinley 39:30

And I really do thank you. I think it's hard for us to to keep everything on track because you remember things and you just want to want to make sure everybody knows about them. So that's fine. Everybody does that. Well, I appreciate all you've done and this will be a real treat for people to listen to. Thank you a lot.

Lucille Barnett 39:48

Thank you

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