

*Interviewer 1:* So our first question, where were you born?

*Interviewee 1:* I was born in Shaktoolik, Alaska.

*Interviewer 1:* And how about you?

*Interviewee 2:* I was born in Shaktoolik also.

*Interviewer 1:* And that's where you grew up as well?

*Interviewee 1:* Yes, until I went to high school.

*Interviewer 1:* Okay.

*Interviewer 2:* Is it the same for you – did you also grow up there?

*Interviewee 2:* Yep.

*Interviewer 1:* And how long have you lived here in Unalakleet?

*Interviewee 1:* Let me see. For me I got married in 1960 and I lived here about maybe '64, I moved to Nome. And then I lived there in Nome for 12 years and back in 1978 I moved back here with my – my husband moved me back – us here – to Unalakleet for his work. Yeah.

*Interviewer 2:* How long have you been living here, L?

*Interviewee 1:* Seemed like all her life.

*Interviewee 2:* All my life – we lived in Shaktoolik for maybe four or five years after we got married. My husband had to find a job and he said he'd rather have his children go to Covenant high school. There was no high school at that time except Covenant high school. He's from here. And we moved over here – 19 -

*Interviewee 1:* Seems like 1965 because we were at Ugavik – 1964, some place around there we moved. Remember you stayed overnight at our tent at Ugavik – 1964 about. '65.

*Interviewer 1:* And what is your first language you grew up speaking?

*Interviewee 2:* Inupiaq.

*Interviewee 1:* Just like me. That's how we grow. Our teachers were real strict. We'd get punished if we'd say one word. At that time.

*Interviewee 2:* I didn't. I kept my mouth shut.

*[Laughter]*

*Interviewee 1:* I didn't either. I did too. except one time I had a cousin – she used to can't say some high words.

*[Coughing]*

And she couldn't understand what it mean. and the teacher caught me and I had to go \_\_\_\_ - in the corner.

*Interviewer 2:* And are you single, married widowed?

*Interviewee 1:* I'm a widowed person Eight years it'll be the 16 of May.

*[Crosstalk]*

*Interviewee 2:* \_\_\_\_\_ talk our language. That's why our children can't even talk our language – our own. I'm ashamed of it. We didn't want them to get punished from the teacher, that's why we talk to them in English. My older ones can understand if I talk my own dialect. But the younger ones don't. My older kids can understand, they'll talk back to me in English. They understand. And nowadays they get bilingual and they don't even pronounce them with them teachers. They pronounce them different ways sometimes when they have such a hard time then they call me. And you have to be careful –

*Interviewee 1:* Remember I worked there before. We tried our best.

*Interviewee 2:* They have two dialects to try – Malimiut and Qawiarraq? sometimes they mix them. My parents are like that. My dad is Malimiut and my mom talk the other way.

*Interviewer 1:* Oh, so you know them both.

*Interviewee 2:* My sister talk our mama side but I talk my dad side.

*Interviewer 1:* Oh. Interesting.

*Interviewee 1:* **Unalakleet** is all different language.

*Interviewee 2:* Some of them are same- same pronounce and same meaning. Up north and different area, same words, they have different meaning.

*Interviewer 2:* Are you single, married, separated, divorced or widowed?

*Interviewee 2:* I was married. My husband deceased five years ago. We were married for 54 years.

*Interviewer 1:* And what's the highest grade of school you have finished.

*Interviewee 1:* I graduate.

*Interviewer 1:* High school?

*Interviewee 1:* yeah.

*Interviewer 2:* And what about you?

*Interviewee 2:* Me I didn't I just go through seven.

*Interviewer 1:* How many people including you live in your home –

*Interviewee 2:* My – I was adopted them and they were older, took care of them.

*Interviewer 1:* Just you or two people?

*Interviewee 1:* Just two. Just two.

*Interviewee 2:* I tried to go back after. I couldn't study. It's tough when you go once. That's why I really push the young people, you stay in school. Stay in school even if it get tough. All of my kids graduated from high school. Even my grandkids. Some are still in college.

*Interviewer 2:* How many people are living in your home right now?

*Interviewee 2:* I've got my son and my other son and his wife and my grandson. Just a few days. I don't know what he's gonna do that one there.

*Interviewer 1:* And where do you want to live your remaining years? You want to stay here in Unalakleet?

*Interviewee 2:* I'd love to just live here.

*Interviewee 1:* I'd love to just live here too.

*Interviewee 2:* Because I've got a home. I'd rather be around my grandchildren and my children.

*Interviewee 1:* Hopefully by that time the elders bringing elders home is done – I'm getting there.

*[Crosstalk]*

*Interviewee 2:* I love that.

*Interviewer 2:* It's beautiful.

*Interviewee 2:* We need to have elder care – I like it when they pick me up once in a great time I wish that older one Marvin. He don't have to have a driver he hurt his legs so he's off - next fall. We have a new one, she's kind of slow. Because I don't pay much she iss just learning how. The older ones Marvin – the driver, when I call he's swift to help me.

- Interviewer 1:* So our first question, can you just share a little bit about how you became an elder, what your life has been like?
- Interviewee 2:* With me I – when I turned 60 I was the most happiest person. Here in Unalakleet, I guess, because my husband was six years older than me – no, seven years older than me. And there was elders lunch program going on and I used to tell him there's elder's program, you can go eat. You better go eat. They serve nutrition food you know, like for vegetables, fruit, things that you need to have for your body. And then he said, "No, I'll cook my own." So the first day I got to be an elder, I went right straight over to go and get elder's lunch. And I said, "Here I am! I'm 60 years old, I get to have free lunch."
- And those cooks were – you're not an elder. At that time my hair was real black. And they said, "Let me see your ID." and I left it at home. I was real active yet and I was still working. And I went home with two – for my husband and mine. My husband was upset with me. How could you be – I never did see a person so happy to become elder. I'm proud of it. So that's how I became an elder and ever since then whenever I could, you know, I get my own free lunch. I'm happy for it.
- Interviewee 1:* I'm happy for the elder's lunch but lots of time I can't even. I have to really watch what I eat.
- Interviewer 1:* So you worked at the school –
- Interviewee 2:* I'm at the school district with a young lady, the same age as my youngest son. She does wonders. She does – she teach the children, you know songs, the translated songs. And she's a good speller and I'm a bad speller. I was teaching you know, saying the words the right way.
- Interviewee 1:* That one – she knows how to pronounce. This one here.
- Interviewee 2:* Yeah, So her and me were just a good combination. You know like bad speller, good – pronounce the words right way. But I retired three years ago.
- Interviewee 1:* I used to sub in that school when they needed but I was working at this airport. When they need sub I used to go sub. My cousin, she is diseased, she used to call me and her mom talked in a different way. And when she pronounced them I would correct her and she can't get over it and she would talk to her older sister and her older sister pronounced it the other way. So one time we got together with my husband's mother in law and Martha and I and- both of them go the way I pronounce it not them . Not them two ladies.
- Interviewer 1:* So what has your life been like?

*Interviewee 1:* It's been good. I grew up the hard way. I work. I do stuff all the time. I never stay still. It's good to live that way. You have to be active. You have to eat right. I used to eat everything what I put away. Right now I have to be real careful. My inside is real bad. I had real bad accident in '72 and I lost part of my stomach and my gut is short and I've got to be real careful. I envy – when they really eat good I envy them. But I can't. Sometimes when my family gonna eat, I used to feel left out. But I'm getting used to it.

*Interviewer 1:* So you have shared how excited you are being an elder in your community. How does it feel for you to be seen as an elder in the community?

*Interviewee 1:* I think it's okay. I wish I could stay young. It's not fun to get slower. I like to do stuff – do them fast as I could. I grew up in the subsistence way. I know how to put a lot of food away.

*Interviewee 2:* I did that too but she knows a little bit more than me, because she is older than me.

*Interviewee 1:* And I grew up with the elderly people. I used to listen to them – to their advice, a lot of times. And they would say you have to do this right away, do this, do that right away.

*Interviewer 1:* So you had role models that taught you how to age well and stay active – members of your community.

*Interviewee 1:* Mm-hmm.

*Interviewee 2:* I did too. I grew up with my grandmother – my grandma. And I was the oldest among her grandchild –

*Interviewee 1:* She had a great, wonderful – her grandma. I had a lot of respect for her.

*Interviewee 2:* She was a widow for 37 years and then she passed away. And she couldn't wait until she become five generation, and she was five generation for exactly nine – no, eleven months. July 7 she passed away and my oldest granddaughter was born August 7. Yeah. Wow. She had nothing but girls –

*[Laughter]*

Nothing but girls. And you know what? I have 12 great grandsons. They've got lot of aunties.

*[Laughter]*

*Interviewee 1:* The opposite \_\_\_\_ got a lot to add this.

*Interviewee 2:* And 13<sup>th</sup> one will be coming maybe in a couple of weeks and I will go be with her. And I said, I'm gonna catch him! Him!

*[Laughter]*

I'll even cut the cord. My oldest granddaughter.

*Interviewer 1:* Exciting.

*Interviewee 2:* Yeah, one of these days I want to have pictures all over – my great grandsons. When I'm gone – when I come from the airports they'll come running to me – no, no, slow down, slow down, you'll knock me over. One of them I always just like my son she knows about it. So yeah. I'm happy the way I am.

*Interviewee 1:* I am too.

*Interviewee 2:* It was real hard for me when I first become a widow Miles left me a mom one week before our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary – May 16 he passed away suddenly with heart attack. And May 23rd was gonna be our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It took me two years to accept it. I was ever so mad at him. I feel guilty now after I accept it. After I forgive him, I'm always asking for forgiveness about the way I was with him the last two years, being a widow. But I'm used – I get a lot of advice from her (talking about her friend) She was my protector. She let me learn. And she became one too. We're always helping each other.

*Interviewee 1:* When I lose my sister she would be my little sister. It's tough to lose your other half.

*Interviewee 2:* Especially your helper.

*Interviewee 1:* I'm real thankful my children – my grandchildren – are real good with me. When you lose your other half, you look at faces, someone smile at you mean a lot from the bottom of your heart. I used to really pity her when she start crying when she see me sometimes. I would try to smile at her.

*Interviewee 2:* It was really hard.

*Interviewee 1:* Now we can really laugh sometimes.

*Interviewee 2:* Sudden, I find out – sudden you know deaths are so hard to accept. Hers she was expecting it because of his health.

*Interviewee 1:* He died in a plane, on our way – we were going to bring him to Nome so the family can be with him. Day in and day out they up there they were good day they could talk to him. We had three boys and three girls. Four girls. We adopted one from my half-brother. She live in Mountain. Our own are three girls and three boys. We had lots of grandchildren. One of my granddaughters still going to college. She's going to be a doctor. She was in the Navy for five years, she's got maybe less than three years to go

now. She was gonna go for PA but they push her to be a doctor. She's been having real good grades. And the other one is graduating pretty soon – the next month. She is going to be a counselor, that one, how do you call those – mental health counselor. She is going for that. The younger one.

*Interviewer 1:* What does aging well or aging in a good way mean to you?

*Interviewee 1:* It means a lot. It means a lot to me.

*Interviewee 2:* It means a lot to me. I find out as you get elderly – your health change. You know, like I got high blood pressure problem and you have to eat right. I wish I knew that while I was maybe 20 years old. I ate right all right, but sometimes I used to eat, you know, eat junk food – like to eat junk food. High cholesterol, you know, like things like that – I wish I knew more about that while I was younger. I should have take health while I was younger, you know, eating healthy. But I started eating healthy lifestyle way of cholesterol, and blood pressure, try not to have any stress. Try to live happy way.

Yeah. And it's best to choose the right kind of friends instead of going- you know, people that like to go party and have drugs. That's when I go after, you know, my young – my grandchildren.

*Interviewee 1:* Stay away from that kind of things. You can see it in people – the way they act.

*Interviewer 1:* You can tell if they're aging well or not?

*Interviewee 1:* Yeah.

*Interviewee 2:* Some are. You know the ones that are our age, they still like to have drinks and alcohol. That's not good for them.

*Interviewer 1:* So that would be someone who is not aging well?

*Interviewee 2:* Exactly. I know a couple of friends about our age – right in between me and her. I wish, you know, they would learn, you know. Realize it. But they never accept – they became widows too. And it's hard to grieve the heart that way.

*Interviewer 1:* How did you learn or who did you learn about aging well from?

*Interviewee 1:* I grew up in - two elderly people adopted me. I was kind of big when they got me. My parents let me stay with my uncle and my aunt. I thought that was my mom and dad. I used to call them mom and dad. They would give advice how to live. How to put food away. How to act when things happen. That's why when sudden things happen I have to be careful how I act. You have to be calm – a lot of times. Even though it's real tough. You have to be calm. Learn how to put food away. Learn what to expect. Be aware of

things. I learn a lot of those from the elderly people which is good. I always wish our young people know that. A lot of them don't know. The parents don't teach them those.

*Interviewer 1:* What about you?

*Interviewee 2:* With me I lived with my grandmother too. She taught me a lot. She lived the subsistence way of life too. Me helping her with whatever she need help. She saw wood, chopped wood, get your own water and I'd be there to help her. She passed away at 88, but she was real hunched –

*Interviewee 1:* I don't think she was –

*Interviewee 2:* She must have been maybe 100 years old.

*Interviewee 1:* I don't think she was even her right age. Some days they didn't know what year they were born.

*Interviewee 2:* My mom passed away about two years ago. She was aged 93. The way she looked – she was real hunched. My grandma. She – I really guess she must have been about maybe 100 years old.

*Interviewer 1:* Good role models.

*Interviewee 1:* She was a good Sunday school teacher along with her mom. Her mom was my first Sunday school teacher when I was \_\_\_\_.

*Interviewee 2:* I am so thankful and blessed. I have praying grandma and my mom was a praying. But my dad was something else – oh boy – if I see that I'd pour it down the drain. He liked to get into bad stuff too, sometimes. I wish I could punch him.

*[Laughter]*

These things are already passed and done. But I'm real thankful I have real praying grandmother and my mom too *[laughs]*. You know, things like that growing up, you know, it's never forgotten, it's always there in your head. The way you are raised.

*Interviewee 1:* One team I went home to Shaktoolik and I went to my parents were real elderly. I go visit. *[Laughing]* Our dad had Alzheimer's he had a big stick around the table he wanna whip her. I look at my dad – what are you gonna do– *[laughs]*. I said, "You go lay down in bed!" I don't know what I'm doing. He had Alzheimer's and they never put him in home –

*[Crosstalk]*

*Interviewee 2:* Hello, we're almost done. We'll get to you. Bye bye.



- Interviewee 1:* The kids were there to keep an eye on him real close, which they did. Our dad passed first and then her.
- Interviewee 2:* Yep, I am real thankful about my elderly grandma and my mom . they were real church goers, Sunday school teachers, both of them. I am so blessed with them.
- Interviewer 1:* So it sounds like you guys are both busy and active in the community. But what's your day to day life like today? Like what do you do on a typical day?
- Interviewee 2:* For me this morning I - since I retired this is my first third year – first two years I was a workaholic and I almost just go back to working. Since I have bad knees I like to put my knees under the feather blanket and drink coffee and I have my curtain up. You know, on things like today – our neighbor's son passed away. So I went to go get her and they really need prayer so we went to go pray for them and comfort them. And we got one more person to go. On things – in case of bad things like that. I learn to take over after my mom is gone. She used to be there two hours go comfort people and go pray for them. So my mom they are – I am following their steps. Following their ladder. I'm really happy about it.
- Interviewee 1:* If things happen like that they call me. These didn't call me. One time we had no pastor. This family – they don't pray. So they would call me every morning. Boy was I tired that day. I'd want to do my own things, but when they call me I gotta go to their home. And advise them what to do. They didn't know what to do. One night there was a bunch of people in that home. And the late pastor walked in and they were gone. The pastor's retreat. When he walked in first time I ever hug a pastor sober. I told him, "You take over now." I was ever so happy to see him.
- [Laughter]*
- Up to today he smile when he see me. And after that guy passed, not long after someone – they found the body. Away from here. He came and got me. He didn't smile. He said, "I need you. You've got to come with me." What happen? "They found the body. I need you. I need you to come with me." Our main pastor was gone. We don't' have pastors right now.
- Interviewee 2:* So I am happy to say that I am always willing to just go help them and comfort them and pray for them. Pray with the family. That's what we did this morning. I went to go get her first. I'm happy about what I'm doing right now. So whoever needs me, I'm ready to go with them.
- Interviewer 1:* Do you think aging is different today than it was 20 years ago?

*Interviewee 2:* I really think yes, we got it – you know, modern way live. My grandmother didn't have them **bra????**. All she did was talk, talk, talk, yap, yap, yap. And boy, I'm happy the way I am right now. Everything is a lot easier. But it was better the old way.

No bills to pay.

*Interviewee 1:* Nowadays, young people you tell them what to do, you see them playing with their phone. You see them watching TV, doing nothing and they get bored and pretty soon they do bad stuff sometimes with other kids. Too much TV. Too much games. Texting. Stuff like that. Sometimes you don't know what they say to each other.

*Interviewee 2:* My grandchildren some of them – I'm real glad. My oldest granddaughter she stayed with me too. And what she's teaching her children the right way. Kind of in the ways I taught her how to do things. When she was maybe eight years old I gave a clock – alarm clock to her. I'm not waking you up anymore, you're responsible to get up by yourself from now on. That's what she did when she used to sleep and spend time with me. And she's doing the same thing to her children now.

At eight years old they get up and go and change their own clothes. And then when they need to take a bath. They learn how to do things. They get responsible for themselves. And by the time she's telling them, "You're out of here by 17. You need to get out on your own. They talk to each other after I see them. I looked at them. The middle boy said, "Our mom is so mean."

*[Laughter]*

Our mom let go when we're 17 years old. The older brother say, "We'll stick together." So I taught her you know, things – she was raised with me. And I teach her when she go to college I was a big supporter to her. I go back and forth. And I still doing that. She's expecting a baby now so I'm going back to her on the 17<sup>th</sup>. So it's well worth it when you teach children while they are small growing up and they live within it. I could see that. And for the ones that are living in Anchorage, you know, there are big differences. They depend on their parents. And when they depend on their parents, you know, if you don't give them an alarm clock. You are telling them. I said, "It's time to give them alarm clock."

Yeah, and get dependent by themselves. So that's what I'm doing with my two greats that are staying with me. One is easy and the other one is hard. Yeah.

*Interviewee 1:* The **Horina** one is easy –

*Interviewee 2:* Yeah- the Horina one. He couldn't say – when he was five, six years old. He used to always, “Grandpa are you going Horina's tonight?” He would say L..

*[Laughter]*

*Interviewee 1:* I was so \_\_\_\_\_. I went yesterday.

*Interviewee 2:* I notice parents that teach their children, you know, like in a good way could tell the difference. Because my grandson – the one that stays with me about maybe two weeks ago they were down making big fort down there. And there was an eight year old boy stealing a snow machine. And he watched them and he started himself and he took off. And here I used to tell them – my great grandson he said, “You can't do things sometimes, you know, if a lot of times, you're gonna get into friends that wants to get yourself into trouble. If you see anybody stealing, you just walk away and go tell the older person.” That's exactly what he did. Went to go tell the owner of that boy – hey, Gerald, boy is stealing your snow machine.

See like I say, it's worth it like I say to tell children way ahead, very young, before they do it themselves. I'm glad I did. Because maybe he could have joined him and get himself. I told him, “Boy you do that – you join him, if you go and steal you're going to get yourself into a bad name, you won't be able to get your dividends no more. That's it. And I won't be able to help you no more. I won't give you spending money or nothing anymore.” So it's in his head, you know. I make him understand. I'm real happy about that. Kids are worth it to be taught right. I could tell you, now I was taught right. And you know, it's still with me. And I do things that I was taught to be, when I was growing up. You know like she say, you gotta work on things right away.

*Interviewer 1:* So what – how does it make you feel to share that with your – the younger people –

*Interviewee 2:* Boy, I just love to do that. I just want them to understand, if you make mistakes you'll have guilt within you. But if you do the right things, like the way I say to my grandchildren – you will live happily. You will have a happy life. I want you to follow, you go to Sunday school and church – you follow what you learn.

*Interviewer 1:* So it sounds like happy grandchildren make a happy elder –

*Interviewee 2:* Exactly, that connects. That really connects.

*Interviewer 1:* So why do you think some elders move away from the community?

*Interviewee 2:* Probably because of their– I know my – when they age – my mother in law, when she became an widow. She grieved so bad for

her other half. And then even the family members try to go to her and help her. She have grief and she got just like Alzheimer's and she had to be sent away to the **Quyanna House** and she got worse even from there. Not long after, she passed on. So it's sometimes the grieving and because of their health.

*Interviewer 1:* So you talked about how it's different for kids to live in Anchorage versus here. But how is it for elders to age here versus maybe living in anchorage as an elder.

*Interviewee 2:* It's the food and the language and the family. It's a big difference. They can't eat the restaurant food, go to McDonald's – there's too much cholesterol. I can't either. I can't stand that.

*Interviewee 1:* I get tired of anchorage foods when I'm there for a while. I am ready for home cooked when I come home.

*Interviewee 2:* Yeah, that's – that isn't my – yup. That's it. It's the food they're used to. They can't even eat it anymore.

*Interviewer 1:* So the last question – is there anything about aging or being an elder that you'd like to share with us that we haven't talked about?

*Interviewee 1:* Like what?

*Interviewee 2:* For me, I'm thankful for all I have. People like you are here to help with our community for the best. Not the people who come here for like drug people that comes in. I wish it would stop. I wish to God that would stop. Because I've got some great grandchildren. My youngest grandson is graduating. Now my great grandchildren will be taking over. And I've got five or six of them down here down at the school. I sure wish there would be a stop do drugs and alcohol. Even from here, there's connection to the villages by boat and by snow machine. Sometimes four-wheeler. And they really know how to do things – bad business like that. They're sneaky, they are not a good role model to the children.

I am happy with – right now, I don't want to change for my age. 73 – I'll be 73 for the next ten years.

*[Laughter]*

Yeah, so I'm happy and I'm thankful for you all. At first I think – boy I don't want to – I don't think - when I get to look at it, they're here to help us – the community. I'm aging and then, wow, I need to help out, you know, for people that are coming for a good cause. Like you all.

*Interviewee 1:* Thank you for coming or doing this for us.

*Interviewer 1:* Thank you for sharing. Do you have any questions for us?

*Interviewee 2:* What day are you coming back? I'm ready for the –

*[Laughter]*

*Interviewer 2:* The results.

*Interviewer 1:* Yeah, we're gonna work with each community to find out when the best time is. We've heard end of August, early September, end of October. But we'll let you know.

*Interviewer 2:* Do you have a suggestion?

*Interviewee 2:* When it's berry picking time, I love to be out berry picking.

*Interviewee 1:* When it's warmer, I can't stay here, berry picking time I'm out in the country.

*Interviewee 2:* Most everybody is always busy summertime. But it would be nice if you could come and go sample our berries and fish.

*[Laughter]*

*Interviewer 1:* Yeah.

*Interviewer 2:* Yeah.

*Interviewee 2:* It would be nice. I'd be glad to take time off. Maybe working. Take a rest from subsistence. And invite you to sample our fish and berries.

*Interviewer 1:* Sounds good.

*Interviewer 2:* Well thank you.

*Interviewer 1:* Well thank you for sharing, I know you're busy with the community today. So I appreciate you taking time to visit.

*Interviewee 2:* I'm glad it's done and over with. Like I say she's older than me and she knows more than I do but I follow her. Like for instance, I didn't know how to do – my son in law got a bearded seal, **ugruk** in the intestines. I never did work on them. I only work on seabirds puffins and like mom and my grandma used to but she would – she would go see it. I'm learning from her too. She's supposed to work on them right away. The intestines, take that dirty yucky out and they're good eating. But then you have to work on them to say right away, if you don't know it's no good. She's my teacher.

*Interviewee 1:* Which brought it to you? -

*Interviewee 2:* Son in law.

*Interviewee 1:* He should come by he said, boy, this looks sick to me.

*[Laughter]*

So I just tell her that it's got to be taken care of right away.  
Because her parents used to work on those and he knows. You got  
to cut out the liver and leave it out right there.

*Interviewee 2:* So the seagulls had a feast. They were happy.

*Interviewee 1:* She came over – look at my blubber that I'm gonna put away. She  
open it up, \_\_\_\_ like that –

*Interviewee 2:* Yeah he \_\_\_\_\_. Like I say she is older and she know. And I'm  
learning new things.

*Interviewee 1:* So I said I'll go see it –

*[Crosstalk]*

*Interviewee 2:* You have to smell –

*[Crosstalk]*

*Interviewee 1:* They are stinking blubber. I give it to seagulls give them all. It was  
so stink smells like gas. They never put away.

*Interviewee 2:* I said, "I could take care of this." She said, "You mean it. I mean  
it right now, I could help you." I said, "No, I don't want you to  
help me. I don't want you to work hard." She said, "I mean it. You  
mean it. I mean it." She cut it into pieces right away. She's fast.

*[Laughter]*

*Interviewer 2:* Serious. Now.

*Interviewee 2:* She wanted me to listen.

*Interviewee 1:* I didn't, make the same seal poke I never do that in a long time. I  
wanted to try it. My grandson must use it for something I was  
gonna put food away in it. When my husband was alive I made  
that same, it was about that big, it got real big when I do it and I  
hung it out. I was busy inside the house. L.? What? – go stop  
them kids. They're cutting your seal out. They thought it was  
alive. They'd get stick and \_\_\_\_ -

*[Laughter, crosstalk]*

*Interviewee 2:* You were there with a club trying to –

*[Laughter]*

They don't know – they were –

*Interviewee 1:* They don't know anymore.

*Interviewee 2:* - dumb.

*[Laughter]*

Swinging the club –plunk, still nothing happened.

*Interviewer 1:* Like a seal pinata.

*Interviewee 2:* Exactly like a seal. It was all bloated up. Blow it up like a balloon. It was bloated.

*[Laughter]*

When you hit it there was a loud thump. It's fun, you know, teaching. The ones that don't know. Like I didn't know anything about the intestines and she knew what to do and I didn't. There's some parents – I mean, my grandma –

*Interviewee 1:* I can't wait to go pick mushrooms \_\_\_\_\_ to go down.

*Interviewee 2:* My mom and my grandmother never let me you know, beat things like that. Only easy things like stuff like seal **oil** \_\_\_\_\_. They never let me want to smell, you know, they think that if I smell that yucky stuff, I might not want to work on things like that. So I didn't know anything about that. But she did. So I go ask her. Now I know. I'll be able to work on it right away. So you have to know. It's just like growing up in a farm too.

*Interviewee 1:* My kids and my grandsons know what to get when they go out there. They're that silver you don't hunt those with the blackhead those are kind of sick.

*Interviewee 2:* Yes. It's real yucky. While I was cutting it smell like gas – and I go, it smell like gas. And I work some more. Before I get halfway I'm like I better go get L. So she did. Like I say, I'm learning from her. Because I wasn't taught. Like I say, they just want me just keep working and not, you know, gross out from the intestine. I just got it like farm like what we work on. Exactly. But there are difference between animals, all right. But they're different. Well, I'm glad to meet you all.

*Interviewer 2:* Very nice meeting you as well.

*Interviewee 1:* I'm glad we did that.

*Interviewer 1:* We are too.

*Interviewee 2:* Good.

*[End of Audio]*