

Milestones Side - Lou

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Milestones & Moose Dancing

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FRANK

~~Thanks...(looking at her nametag)... Lou.~~ You must be from around here if your grandmother baked this cobbler.

LOU

Yes Sir. Born and raised about two miles from here, just off the Marshall highway.

(FRANK and SALLY enjoy eating and sipping coffee as they chat with LOU.)

SALLY

WE lived on the Marshall highway in a little white house on the edge of town. We saw that the house is gone. There's a Baptist church where it use to be.

LOU

Oh, I know the spot. My Mom tell a story from when she was a little girl. A man lived there who had been really sick. My Granny heard that the doctor wanted him to drink home churned buttermilk. She had a milk cow and a churn, so every day she would milk the cow, churn a quart of buttermilk, and my Mom would run up the road and leave the jar on the front porch, She said she felt like the Tooth Fairey because she would sneak up on the porch, knock, then run back home before anyone ever saw her.

(FRANK and SALLY look at each other and laugh.)

SALLY

Please tell your Mom and Granny that we said "Thank you."

LOU

Thanks for what?

FRANK

For being good neighbors. (Beat) What's your story, Lou? Tell us about yourself.

LOU

There isn't much to tell...YET. I'm just a student here at the college. Come back in a few years and my story will be more interesting.

SALLY

That's one of the good things about getting older. The stories seem to improve with time. What's your major?

LOU

Elementary Education. I'm single mom with a two year old daughter, and want a career with flexibility and free time in the summer. Besides, I love working with kids.

(LOU takes out her phone
and shows SALLY a picture of
her daughter.)

Her name is Kristina and she's a real live wire. It takes three of us to handle her. We live with Mom and Granny.

SALLY

What a cutie. I'm hoping to have grandchildren someday. You're very lucky to have family support.

LOU

I know I'm blessed. After Kristina's daddy informed us he "just wasn't ready to be a family man," my family and church friends stepped in and thankfully my baby girl is a happy, healthy, feisty child with a future.

SALLY

There's more than one path to a child's bright future, Lou. I'm so glad your family is here for you. Not every woman in your situation has such choices.

LOU

I know. I've loved talking to ya'll, but I just got a signal that I'm needed in the kitchen. How about more cobbler or coffee?

FRANK

No thanks. All we need is just a little more time to sit here.

LOU

Don't hurry. There's plenty of time to sit and relax around here.

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