

MYMEMORY / FAMILY STORIES

The Reyes Family

A sample MyMemory book · fictional family and illustrative photos



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STORY 01

Where it began



The day Rosa and Frank married ·
1969

Rosa and Frank met in 1968 at a church picnic in San Antonio. Frank brought a guitar he could barely play. Rosa brought her mother's lemon cake, and that was the part everybody remembered.

They married a year later at Saint Anne's, and half the parish came out to throw rice.

STORY 02

Summers at the lake

Every August the whole family drove six hours to Lake Travis. Dad drove, Mom navigated with a paper map, and the three of us fought over the window seat.

We swam until our fingers wrinkled and ate dinner on the dock while Grandpa told the same three stories. Nobody ever minded hearing them again.



On the road to Lake Travis · 1978

STORY 03

Sunday dinners



Sunday dinner, as always · 2003

Sunday dinner was not optional. Grandma Rosa cooked enough for twenty, even when we were eight. Her rule: you could bring anyone, as long as they stayed for dessert.

STORY 04

Grandma turns seventy

Forty people came to the backyard for Rosa's seventieth. Her grandchildren made the cake, a little crooked. She said it was the best one she had ever had, and she meant it.



Rosa's seventieth birthday · June 2018

From the family album



Dad and Ana at the lake · Summer 1994



Three generations at the kitchen table · 2023

For the next generation

For Rosa and Frank, who taught us that the best stories are the ones you tell at the table.

This is a sample book. The family is fictional and the photos are illustrations.