

MS. SENIOR MICHIGAN 1999

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A Day I'll never forget-the day I became Ms. Senior Michigan 1999. How exciting for an old gal of 67 from the small town of Algonac, mother of 3 sons and grandmother of 8.

How did I get there? My "Legendary Lawman" husband, Johannes Spreen and friend Reta Babisz talked me in to entering. My talent was motivational speaking. I had won a couple of speech contest in Toastmasters and thought -why not!?!

My philosophy of life - "I believe life is like a mirror. Frown it frowns back. Smile, it will return the greeting. Laughter, learning, love and my Lord equal my life.

My hope is to be a good role model for my grandchildren and especially my own age group. I believe in setting goals. My goal is to be interested and interesting all the days of my life, and write a sexy novel when I'm 90. I believe age is the top of the mountain; a long hard climb, a bit of fatigue, but oh what a wonderful view."

It was such a thrill to represent Michigan at the Ms. Senior America pageant in Las Vegas at the New York, New York Casino, with our Director, Francine Hachem, my roommate, taking care of me as if I were Queen - hey, I was a Queen-and wonders of wonders I made it into the Top Ten. WOW!!! I have the trophy to prove it!

The monolog I wrote on being Old titled "Life's Desserts" ends with the following words: "Auntie Mame said "All the world is a banquet" - I say- "Life is just one long grand banquet table just loaded with all sorts of good stuff.

Appetizer - infant years

Soup & salad - learning, youth years

Meat & potatoes - working years

And finally, finally our reward - the dessert in our old years!

I want to savor, I want to experience, I want to enjoy all the sweets that life has to offer.

Hey garcon! Bring on that dessert tray!

I'm Old - I deserve it, and I am ready!"