



John Michael

My Autobiography

Birth

I was born on August 29, 1999 in Santa Rosa, California.

My mom and dad named me John Michael.

They named me John because that is my Grandpa's name and my great grandpa's name. They named me Michael because that is my Dad's name.

Family

There are four people in my family. I have a mom and dad. I also have a little brother named Matthew. He lives with us too.



I have two grandpas. I call one Gramps and one Grandpa John. I have one Grammy. My other grandma died before I was born.

I have a great grandpa and a great grandma too.

When I Was Young

I grew up in Petaluma, California.

When I was young, I liked to play baseball with my Dad, watch cartoons, and learn about space.

My favorite planet was Pluto. My favorite food was Pesto Pasta. My favorite color was green.

I was always really good at Math and Science. I learned to add and subtract really huge numbers when I was only four years old.

I also liked to help my Mom cook.

My favorite thing to do after school was to go up to the golf course or play baseball with my Dad.

The hardest thing I had to do when I was young was homework. Even though the work wasn't that hard, I had to do it before I could play outside or watch TV.

The most important thing I learned from my family was that practice makes perfect and to never give up if you want to be good at something.

Family Tradition

My favorite family tradition is going on "big ideas."

Big ideas are surprise field trips or vacations we go on as a family.

My favorite big idea ever was a trip to the Chabot Space and Science Center and the planetarium.



Treasured Keepsake

My treasured keepsake is a box of cool rocks that my great grandpa gave me. He collected rocks he found while he was at work.

My two favorite rocks are called obsidian and pyrite. Pyrite is also called fool's gold.

Some day I will pass these on to my children.

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My Career and Family

After I finished college I went to work at NASA.

I worked as an astronaut and went on a space mission to Mars. I was an astronaut for 30 years. I became famous just like Neil Armstrong because of my voyage to Mars.

I also got married and had a family. I had two boys just like my mom and dad did. I taught them both how to play baseball just like my Dad taught me when I was young.

New Tradition I Started

I started a new family tradition. I call it Tuesday Talks.

Every Tuesday, no matter what, all of our family members make time to talk to each other. Sometimes we talk in person and sometimes on the phone. Even if we don't have a lot to talk about that week, we make the time to meet and say hi.

I think it is a great tradition and I hope it is one that my children pass on to their own families some day.

Starting a new tradition is one way you can make a difference.

My Greatest Accomplishment

The greatest thing I ever did was to fly to Mars.

When I was a little boy, I wanted to fly on a space mission to Pluto, but I am happy with my mission to Mars.

