

Respect Life: Open Your Hearts to Life

There have been more than 53 million abortions in the United States since the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court case in 1973. This case made it legal to have an abortion. I can tell women that having an abortion is wrong, but it doesn't mean that they will listen, because they don't have to. I personally don't believe in abortion, and neither did my grandmother, Dolores Wiseman.

My "nana" had five children living at home when she had her first brain hemorrhage and then she had another brain hemorrhage later that *day* in another part of her brain. And almost a year later she had her third and final one before she got pregnant with her sixth child. The doctors, that had helped her with all five other children, told her that she could not give birth to her sixth child, and that she must get an abortion or she and the baby would die. My nana refused, and he told her that he couldn't be her doctor, because he wasn't going to watch her die. She *did* switch doctors and when the time came, she gave birth to a baby girl, my mother. My mom wasn't a perfect, healthy baby. In fact, my nana was on so many painkillers and medicine that my mom was addicted to them when she was born, and as my nana said to my mom when she was older, "she didn't look like her other babies." But my mom got older and was just fine, married my dad, and here I am.

My nana was an amazing human being. Unfortunately, she passed away in September of 2012, but she taught me a lot, just from this story. She was faced with the news that she might die if she gave birth to my mother, but she didn't panic or get an abortion, she fought it and won. It shows that when you face unimaginable or even simple challenges, you can overcome them and if my nana gave in and wasn't so headstrong, then my mother wouldn't have been born, she wouldn't have met my dad, and my brothers and I, wouldn't have been here right now, just because of one decision. Open *your* hearts to life, and show implausible obstacles that they can be beat.