

# GRANDPARENTS

I've had two of my grandsons visiting us for the last few days. They live in Houston, a seven hour drive away. I had forgotten how much I missed them. They have sapped all of my energy and taken up most of my free time, but what a joy to have them around. The following poem expresses some of the things I feel about being a grandfather and I imagine you feel the same way too....

A grandparent is warm hugs  
and sweet memories.

They remember all of your accomplishments  
and forgets all of your mistakes.

A grandparent is someone you can tell  
your secrets and worries to,  
and they hope and pray that  
all your dreams come true.

A grandparent always loves you,  
no matter what.

A grandparent can see past  
temper tantrums  
and bad moods,  
and makes it clear that they  
don't affect how precious you are to them.

A grandparent has an encouraging word  
and a tender touch.

A grandparent is full of proud smiles.

A grandparent is a person  
who loves you with all their heart,  
who remembers the child you were  
and cherishes the person you've become.

-- Barbara Cage

## **A Grandma is...**

A grandma is a lot like a mom,  
Except her lap is a little softer  
And maybe—  
there's a little more of it.

She always has a cookie for me  
In her cookie jar,

And a quarter for me  
In her purse.

Grandma likes to sing to me  
And read to me,  
Almost as much as she  
Likes to play with me.

When I have breakfast  
At Grandma's house,  
She always asks me,  
"What would you like to eat?"  
And that's what we eat!

Grandma likes to shop with me  
And I like to shop with her  
Because she almost always  
Buys me something I want.

My mother says  
Grandma spoils me.  
But I think she just loves me.

When I go to bed at night,  
I know that Grandma prays for me.  
I'm glad you're my grandma.

There's no one quite like you  
In all the world.  
Thanks, Grandma,  
for being my grandma.

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### **A Grandpa is...**

A grandpa is a lot like a dad  
Except he always spoils you  
And never spansks you.  
He has whiter hair than a dad,  
But not as much of it.

A grandpa asks me questions  
About me.  
He wants to know  
What other people don't even care about,  
And what makes me such a good boy.

A grandpa likes to say yes  
And hates to say no.

When I'm with Grandpa,  
I'm the most important person  
In the world.

A king or prince  
Would not get more of Grandpa's attention  
Than I do.  
When I go to bed at night,  
I know that Grandpa prays for me.

I'm glad you're my grandpa.  
There's no one quite like you  
In all the world.  
Thanks, Grandpa,  
for being my grandpa.

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