

What were your favorite toys as a child?



Since we were a large family, my toys were whatever was passed down from my older sisters. I remember a box with dolls and doll parts (legs, bodies, heads, and arms) but not a specific doll that was mine alone. According to my sister Norma, I ruined her Shirley Temple doll. She still, to this day, insists I did. Oh well, it's not fair she got one and I didn't.

There was also a little china tea set to play house with and I remember a set of wooden blocks with numbers and alphabet letters on them. There was a wooden jointed man with a wire in his back. Somehow we used a slanted table board, and he would dance on it.

Looking this up on the internet I found one that looked the same. It said it was a toy of the 1920's.

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I loved to play school but Norma, who had to be the teacher, always wanted to quit long before I did.

We had sleds, a wagon, a swing in the tree, and a bicycle. I loved riding the bicycle. We were definitely kids that played outside. One of my favorite things was making a house in the grove. I used twine strings tied from tree to tree to make rooms. We would use stumps for chairs and old crates for cupboards and any other useable junk we could find. One day Darrell and I picked berries from a tree in the ditch and squeezed them through a screen to make juice. Had to have been a terrible mess but Mom let us do it.

I was six when my sister Lavon married, and she and her husband John got me a red scooter. I rode it to country school. A neighbor boy liked it so well that he got one too. John also gave away marbles when kids bought shoes in his store, and he supplied us with lots of marbles. Darrell and I played marbles a lot.

We had a monopoly game. To this day I hate monopoly. The only way the game ended was with an argument about who was cheating.

We had roller skates and we would clean the alleyway in front of the cows when they were outside and roller skate there before putting down their food for milking time.

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In the winter Mom helped us build snow tunnels and forts.

Seems we did ok without a lot of expensive toys.

