

My name is Jane Mlinar, and I was born and raised on a farm in Echo, Minnesota. I am currently 85 years old and have fond memories of growing up on a farm.

Living on a farm was a wonderful way to grow up. I learned some life skills like gardening and canning and animal care that I still use. I still have a small garden and make pickles like we used to do when I was growing up.

I had 6 sisters and 1 brother and we all helped with the farm work. We drove tractor, milked cows, fed chickens, and helped make hay or whatever needed to be done. There was no distinction between men and women, or boys and girls – we all helped and did what needed to be done.

There is a good feeling of accomplishment when you harvest what has been planted. I enjoyed being outside in the sunshine and fresh air and still feel like it is a great way of life for anyone.



*My siblings and me: Roland, Alyce, Florence, Delores, Norma, me, Gladys, and Lorraine.*



*We all pitched in to help add on to our house.*