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Abstract: **Georgia Kovar Sury**

Ms Sury was born in 1918 near Damon, Texas, to a Czech farming family. As a child, she walked to school, rain or shine, hot or cold, along narrow dirt paths. She and her husband Arnold married in 1940 and raised 7 children on their farm.

Georgia talks about life on a farm in a small rural town of Needville, Texas. Work was from sun up to sun down with family gatherings, attending church, and church bazaars to liven up the days.

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Interview Summary

People (in alphabetical order)

Elizabeth Kovar Barta – sister
 Charlie Dybala – cousin
 Henrietta Bartosh Kovar – sister in law
 Joseph Kovar – father
 Joseph Kovar Jr. – brother
 Mary Kovar – mother
 Rosie Kovar – sister
 Annie Kovar Stavinoha – sister
 Frances Kovar Stavinoha – sister
 Mary Kovar Stavinoha – sister
 Arnold Sury – spouse
 Cathy Sury – daughter
 Donnie Sury – son
 Genevieve Sury – daughter

Jerome Sury – son
 Jimmy Sury – son
 Robert Sury – son
 Thomas Sury – son

Places / Businesses

American Legion Hall
 Blaise Store
 Brazoria County, Texas
 Czechoslovakia
 Dailey Brothers Store
 Damon, Texas
 Fort Bend County, Texas
 Rabinowitz Brothers store
 Needville, Texas
 Zero Market

Events

Born into a Czech family in 1918, the farm did not have electricity, refrigeration, indoor plumbing, or a telephone. Georgia describes life in rural Needville, Texas, with her parents and 6 brothers and sisters.

She walked about a mile to school sometimes in mud over her boots. Bathing was in cold water from the outdoor water pump and the bathroom was in an outhouse. Georgia talks about the excitement of getting electricity in 1941 and a faucet on the back porch for water.

Georgia married Arnold Sury in 1940 and raised 7 children on their farm. She made all their clothes often from sacks of flour because the material was strong. They raised corn, cotton, and vegetables along with fruit trees. She made dozens of quilts, many donated for church fundraisers.

Arnold passed away in 2005 after 65 years of marriage. Today, she still attends church and spends time with family.