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Abstract: **Joyce Earline Molly Bezecny Lolley**

Born on the family farm in Rosenberg in 1935, Ms. Lolley talks about life on the farm, attending the Catholic school and church, childhood activities, raising her 3 children, playing dominoes and eating out.

Joyce retired after working 25 years for the U. S. Post Office. She and her husband, Edward, traveled in their RV around Texas. Joyce has traveled in Europe and taken extensive road trips around the US since Edward died in 2004. She now enjoys being a docent at the Fort Bend Museum, an AARP member, a member of the Czech Heritage Society, a member of a few 55 Plus clubs, and a member of the Railroad Museum. She contributed to the writing of a book on Historical Downtown Rosenberg.

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Interview Summary

People (in alphabetical order)

Larry Barcak & Rene Butler – friends
 Edith Kalmus – mother
 Mary Bezecny – step mother
 Melvin Bezecny – brother
 Willie Joe “Bill” Bezecny – father
 Henry Brosch – uncle, orchestra musician
 Jimmy Brosch – cousin, veteran, polka band leader
 Grandpa Kalmus – maternal grandfather
 Jean Knolle – friend
 Edward Vernon Lolley – spouse
 Darlene Kay Lolley – daughter
 Susan Yvonne Lolley – daughter
 Vernon Eugene Lolley – son
 Mrs. Sitta – flower shop owner
 Wolfram Von-Maszewski – friend and former FBC Library genealogy department chair

Places / Businesses

Bergman Grocery Store
 Cole Theater

Events

Joyce was born in Rosenberg in 1935 on the family farm. Her grandparents had 5 farms in Rosenberg and property in the downtown area.

Her parents owned a café where Joyce made pies. Her favorite and that of customers was coconut cream.

Joyce worked several jobs before joining the U. S. Post Office first in Richmond and later in Sugar Land. She retired after 25 years. Her husband, Edward, worked for NALCO Chemical.

Joyce talks about growing up on a farm and then in Houston when her parents divorced. She frequently rode the train to visit her grandparents in Rosenberg.

Czechoslovakia
 Fairchilds, Texas
 Germany
 Holy Rosary Catholic Church
 Hocheman Store
 Imperial Sugar Company
 Kocurek Flower Shop
 Matagorda, Texas
 Noska Pharmacy
 Oklahoma
 Polly Ryon Hospital
 Praha, Texas
 Prague, Czechoslovakia
 Rome, Italy
 Rosenberg, Texas
 Sargent, Texas
 Schulenburg, Texas
 Sugar Land, Texas
 Switzerland
 The Flower Shop
 U. S. Post Office

Today, she remains active in many organizations including Czech Heritage, a docent for Fort Bend Museum, Rosenberg Railroad Museum, AARP, Fort Bend Historical Commission and several 55 Plus clubs.