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## **Every Age Is The Best Age**

### *Family Reunions*

As I prepared to go to a small family reunion brunch, last weekend, I couldn't help but think about Olive, the 107-year-old blogger whom I wrote about not too long ago. The fellow recording her stories met her when she was on a trip to have a reunion with family members she hadn't seen in eighty years! It hasn't been that long since I've seen my relatives, but it is possible that there might be some whom I won't see for that long.

Almost everyone who made it this time, at my family's gathering is a first cousin. Most of them are around eight years older than I am, and I was the youngest first cousin there. I didn't expect them to have changed that much over the last ten to thirty years, although I was looking forward to taking photos to see how we all looked in 2007, for the times we meet again.

However, when my cousin's daughter greeted us at the door, I thought she was my cousin! I think this second cousin didn't mind the mistake too much, and that she found it amusing even. One of my other cousins wore a hat, and almost everyone has put on a lot of excess weight, and I told her how much she looked like Gram. This might have been a bit of a shock to her, and I hope it didn't upset her. I remember our grandmother being very beautiful, although perhaps she was somewhat plain, like myself, and just very colourful with all her big hats and jewelry and ensembles.

Amazingly, the rest looked like their parents from when we were kids. They were still beautiful, but we seem to be going through an awkward stage. I'm looking forward to when we are *really* old. Then what is getting old will be new again.

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