

From Bill, the youngest of the children:

Mom had a great silly side to her. She had a great laugh and/or giggle and would sometimes really get going to where she could hardly stop. When I was younger, she had a little saying that she would recite to me in something like a little girl's voice - and it went like this (say the letters one by one out loud and say goldfish like goldfeesh):

ABCD goldfish (first person - higher voice)

LMNO goldfish (second person - slightly lower voice)

OSAR goldfish (first person)

OICD goldfish (second person)

I always loved this little ditty and even into high school I would get her to say it once in a while. It is pretty obvious what the letters stand for, for instance ABCD is "Abey sees the" and OSAR is "Oh yes they are". But the one that I never understood was the LMNO line. When I asked Mom she did not seem to know either. One day when I had some high school buddies over I actually got Mom to say the above to them. When I asked one of my friends what he thought LMNO meant, he blurted out, "Well that means, Hell, them ain't no goldfish!". Mom got very quiet and then said, "Well, I guess you are probably right". It was a bit funny if you know how much Mom never liked "swear words". I was a bit worried at the time that she might scold my friend but she didn't. In closing those are the kind of things I remember most about Mom - being silly but also always being there if you needed someone to talk to.