

What Do You Remember

Do you have any antiques? How did you get them? What do they mean to you?

Barbara Brow - An antique is an item perceived as having value because of its aesthetic or historical significance, and often defined as at least 100 years old, although the term is often used loosely to describe any object that is old.

My grandmother was born in February 1891. Her birthstone is an amethyst. The year they were to be married, my grandfather gave my grandmother this necklace for her birthday. She wore it on her wedding day, June 29, 1915. They would have been married 55 years, had my grandfather not passed in March 1970.

My mother was born in May 1916. Her birthstone is an emerald. She and my father were married at her family home when my father was home on leave during the war, March 22, 1945. My mother wore the necklace on her wedding day. They were married just over 30 years when my father passed away in December 1976.

I was born in May 1947. My birthstone is an emerald. I wore the necklace when my husband and I were married in June 1970. We were married 48 years before my husband passed in October 2018.

Our daughter was born in May 1975. Her birthstone is also an emerald. She and her husband have been married since August 1999, and she wore the necklace at that time. Since they have two boys, however, it looks like necklace will not be worn again until one of them is married and has a daughter to pass on the tradition.

