

### **Interview with my Granda Andy Scannell by Aoibheann Shiels**

1. **Did you come from a big family? How many brothers and sisters did you have?** Yes, there was 9 of us. I have 5 brothers and 3 sisters.
2. **Where did you go to school? What was your favourite subject?** Kiskeam N.S., Cork. My favourite subject was Arithmetic (Maths).
3. **What games did you play at school? Who did you play with? Did you like to read books?** Football, football, and more football with the whole school. It was a very small school. I love reading
4. **What was your favourite book?** Whatever I was reading at the time, most likely a Western. If I'd to pick one I would pick Riders of the Purple Sage by Zane Grey.
5. **What was your favourite time of year?** Summer as we had no school
6. **What kinds of occasions did you celebrate? Where did you celebrate them?** Birthdays. We celebrated at home. We nearly had one for every month of the year!!
7. **Did you have a best friend?** No one in particular, there were four boys in my class, and we were all best friends.
8. **What kinds of things did you do together?** We always played football.
9. **Did you have a pet?** No pets.
10. **What was your favourite food?** Mince and spuds.
11. **What do you remember about your First Communion or your Confirmation day?** I remember on our confirmation day, the Bishop pulling up at high speed and we were all told to stand back.
12. **What were your favourite prayers growing up?** The Our Father
13. **What do you remember about the time when I was born?** It was a great day. It was a lovely sunny day, it was nannie's birthday and I retired from An Garda Siochana on the same day.

### **Interview with my Nannie Valerie Scannell by Aoibheann Shiels**

1. **Did you come from a big family? How many brothers and sisters did you have?** No, there was 4 of us. I have 2 brothers and 1 sister.
2. **Where did you go to school? What was your favourite subject?** Presentation Convent, Mullingar. My favourite subject was Irish.
3. **What games did you play at school? Who did you play with? Did you like to read books?** Basketball with her friends. I like reading.
4. **What was your favourite book?** Enid Blyton Mysteries
5. **What was your favourite time of year?** Christmas
6. **What kinds of occasions did you celebrate? Where did you celebrate them?** Birthdays. We celebrated at home.
7. **Did you have a best friend?** Two best friends, Liz and Sheila. We are still best friends now.
8. **What kinds of things did you do together?** Played music, played tennis, dancing, and going to girls club.
9. **Did you have a pet?** A rabbit called Skippy
10. **What was your favourite food?** Sweets!!
11. **What do you remember about your First Communion or your Confirmation day?** Going to the Zoo for a family day out
12. **What were your favourite prayers growing up?** Memorare

13. **What do you remember about the time when I was born?** It was the best day ever. I was super excited to share my birthday with you, my first grandchild. You were the best birthday present. Granda retired from An Garda Síochána on the same day. We became grandparents for the first time.