



Vendor Spotlight June 30, 2017

Howard County Farmers' Market

Ms. Edna Morris



Hello - my name is Edna Morris. I was born November 14, 1923 and grew up in the small community of Frog Level which is southeast of Horatio. I now live in Unity and am retired from Mount Aire and Pilgrims. I am 94 years old.

Cecil and I got married when I was 23 and raised chickens together for 28 years. We have 3 sons, 1 daughter and 11 grandchildren. We never did much gardening. Raising chickens was a full time job for both of us. So we always got our produce from Ross's Farm in Bengin.

My sister and I started making pies when I was just a little girl. My mother died when I was 14 months old. We had a wood burning cook stove and my sister and I would cook them on top of the stove, not in a pan, just right on top of the stove. Now I fry them in a skillet. I usually make a batch of 4 dozen and I can fry five pies at a time. My back and legs have just about worn out so I sit at the counter on some high stools. I've started losing the feeling in my left hand, but rolling the dough for the pies actually helps bring back the feeling.

I started making pies for The Dinner Bell in 1987 and worked there for 3 years. Then I sold them at the Stock Yard Sale Barn. I've sold them all over. The recipe was given to me by a friend many years ago. It came from the Nashville School cafeteria.

Glenda Rice introduced me to the Farmers' Market. She knew of me during the time when I was selling my fried pies at the Dinner Bell. It's out of business now. Anyway, Glenda asked me to make some fried pies for the Peach Blossom Festival and then encouraged me to sell them at the market. And I'm so glad I did. I also make baby quilts. I've got four shelves of books on making quilts. I don't like wasting time.

Something I've learned in life is to just be yourself. I ask the Lord every day to help me accept the things I cannot change. I hope the market continues to grow. It's been a real blessing for me. I enjoy every minute of it, from mixing the dough to bringing the pies to the market. I sell apple, peach, chocolate and apricot. And I'll definitely be back next year. I love coming down here and meeting people. If anyone wants to come by my booth at the Market and just talk, I'd be happy to meet you too.