

MY MOTHER'S DOLLS

My mother loved her dolls. As a child in 1930's rural Ohio - a girl whose father had died two days before she was born - dolls and toys were not in abundance in her early life. But she did have her *one*, very special doll (pictured at right).

When I was a teenager, knowing the stories of my mother's childhood, I decided to give her a doll one year for Christmas. Seeing the joy my gift brought her, I began giving my mother dolls at nearly every occasion possible. Soon, my mother began seeking out dolls on her own at auctions and antique sales. And eventually, even my dad joined in the gift-giving of dolls (*though - as they occupied more and more of the house - he often joked that I'd "created a monster" in rekindling my mother's love of dolls*).



Yes, my mother's doll collection grew. And grew. And grew...

At the time of her recent passing, my mother had well over 400 dolls of varying sizes, ages, and faces. I asked each of my mother's close friends to pick one or two as a remembrance of her, but that barely put a dent in her massive collection.



So now, these loved and cherished creations are in need of finding a *new* home and a *new* owner to once again gaze upon them - and find joy.

The images on the next page - though in no way professionally photographed - give a nice representation of my mother's collection. Some dolls are over 3-feet in height. Others fit snugly in a pocket. A few have even been "*accessorized*" by my mother - now holding tiny dolls of their own, fashionably showing off a necklace, or carrying a basket of flowers.

Please keep in mind that these images were never intended to be shared publicly. They were simply shot as a rough inventory while the dolls were being packed. As a result, you'll find a few are hiding behind others and are difficult to see. Some even decided to lay down and take a nap while being photographed.

Still, all are worthy of finding a new, safe haven - and a new owner to love.

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