

# My Champion

I remember the echo of the words "I don't want you to feel bad buddy but your mom and dad are in jail for drug use!" Those words still dance around in my head as I have watched them try to piece their lives back together along with my grandparents. My grandma has been my world since this all began. She has become my supporter, my everything and this is one reason why I think she should be nominated for the AARP Grandparent of the year.

My grandma has been a strong influence in my life to help me make good decisions and not following the same path my parents took.

Grandma has always supported my pursuit of being a football player. She comes to all my games and consoles me when we lose. I know the importance of having support at home and my grandma is just that.

Even though I don't see my



real mom a lot, my grandma has taken the role of a mother figure in my life. She is always there when I need her spreading her wings like an eagle that protects its chicks from other predators. She was the one who fought for custody of us when nobody else tried. She stood up and made sure that I knew I was loved. Her positive attitude and outlook has helped me to see that I don't have to follow the same destructive path my parents took but a path I want to take that will lead to me fully filling my dreams.

My grandma has been behind me and supported through the hard times. Her patience has encouraged me to focus on my future and not dwell on the past. Our life has thrown many curve balls and my grandmother tries hard to keep her household positive even though I can see at times how difficult it can be. I love her so much and feel in my heart



that my mamal deserves to be the Kentucky AARP Grandparent of the year.

As you can see this amazing Mamal with the word "M.O.M" in that name is more than a grandparent to me, she is a mother, friend, supporter, and an encourager, a person who has shown loyalty. She is truly the candidate for this awesome award and nothing more would make me happier than to hand this award to her to show <sup>400</sup> my gratitude towards her dedication to giving me the opportunity to be somebody!

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