Birthdays

Birthdays in our Family are special occasions. Mom always provided a special birthday cake, usually the favorite of the one whose birthday it was. All the family was invited. A good meal was served up by Mom – then finally came the birthday cake – the piece de reistance. My favorite cake was Mom’s Devil’s Food cake with chocolate fudge frosting. It was placed before the birthday girl or boy – the candles were lighted and a birthday witsh was made by the one celebrating his or her birthday. We all joined in singing “Happy Birthday” and then the candles were blown out by the birthday boy or girl. If they blew out all the candles in one big blow – then it was believed their birthday wish would come true. Then came the presents and as they were opened one by one you should have heard the ah and ohs! Back in my childhood days the birthday cake was served with whipped cream or a gelatin and fruit dessert. In later life ice cream became the main accompaniement. Birthdays came several times furing the year as there were six in our family – but as the children grew and became the parents and in turn became grandparents the number of birthdays multiplied – but they are still the brite spots in our lives – bringing together our loved ones – an event that being a grandmother brings much happiness into our lives. Birthdays are great!!

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