

Transcript

Jocelyn: Hello so I'm here to do the interview and my name is Jocelyn and the person I'm interviewing today is my mom and here she is.

Adriana: Hi, my name is Adriana Gomez and I'm Jocelyn's mom anyways so.

Jocelyn: Well, we're the, the topic we're discussing today is we're going to, I want to learn more about my mom's like back history, like how she grew up and like, like how she got to where she is today. So that's we're going to be explaining today and everything else to say. OK, so why don't we get started so. Where were you born?

Adriana: At in Mexico, in the state Zacatecs. Yeah, the country, Mexico. Well, the state was Zacatecas, and it's a little town called LA Villita.

Jocelyn: Hmm. Yes. So what are? How many siblings do you have?

Adriana: We're five sisters all together.

Jocelyn: Was it easy? Like growing up with them?

Adriana: Yeah, it was pretty much easy and normal like normal fighting. And you know Sister thing, yeah.

Jocelyn: Were were you like? The middle child, one of the oldest, the youngest?

Adriana: I'm one of the youngest, I'm second to the youngest second youngest, yes.

Jocelyn: How were were you lived with both my grandparents. Right growing up, yes.

Adriana: Yes, your grandpa and your grandma

Jocelyn: How is it like they're going up with them?

Adriana: Like they were more like old fashioned, like how they were raised in Mexico. They that's how they raised us. Like the chores. Yeah, Catholic going to church every Sunday, doing our first Communion, you know, baptisms. And all the all the culture, they hand it down to.

Jocelyn: Us like what they do like with my my pretty much and all them right there too, yeah.

Adriana: In California, yes.

Jocelyn: So how old were? You when you came to the states.

Adriana: Well, I don't even remember, but I was not even a year old when you weren't even a year old. So I was practically raised in California. I was just born in Mexico, but I grew up and I was raised. I went to school in California.

Jocelyn: So did you, like know the language and everything growing up?

Adriana: I learned it. Well, my parents were just your grandparents. They only speak Spanish. So at first it was only speaking Spanish, so I started going to school. That's when I started to learn more English.

Jocelyn: So how was your childhood? Do you have like any like memories any?

Adriana: Yeah, it was. It was nice. A lot of playing outside at that time there was, there was no Internet, there was no social media, there was no cell phones, so everything was playing outside. And of course, it was after doing chores, helping, helping your grandma do chores, you know, going to school. Coming back from school and helping out with chores and then we doing our homework and then we would be able to go and play outside.

Jocelyn: So you had to do everything. 1st and then yeah, yeah.

Adriana: Yes, since you're both Grandma and Grandpa used to work, they worked in the. So they were tired too, so we would help out with the house chores.

Adriana: And like so. You lived like at that my grandma's house. Like your whole life. Was that like the first house they ever.

Adriana: Bought too like yes at 1st and we're smaller, they rent, they would rent houses then like later on they were able to buy, purchase their own house and that's the house they still have till now.

Adriana: Ohh that's nice. So that house is basically like really old, older than. As all there's like.

Jocelyn: Maybe it's around? Years old, so almost as old As you yeah.

Jocelyn: So you have like a lot of memories there.

Adriana: Yes, a lot coming up. In the backyard and everything.

Adriana: Yes, playing a lot.

Jocelyn: Did you like going to school around?

Adriana: Yeah, I had a lot of friends.

Jocelyn: Right.

Adriana: And it was mostly the school was close. So it's a little town. So it was walking to school. Every day Yeah. Walking back and forth. And yeah, we had a lot of friends that lived around that area.

Jocelyn: Do you know, like it's like people like from middle school still live around there.

Adriana: Yes, a lot of people still live. Oh yeah, around there.

Jocelyn: Have do you like talk to them still or no?

Adriana: I have them on social media, yeah. I'll I'll talk to some once in a while, but not really. But yeah, there there's still a lot of. People that stayed there in the little town.

Jocelyn: So how old? Were you when you moved to Washington? Like with the.

Adriana: States I was like around. 21 yeah.

Jocelyn: But like need you want to move here or like what kind of like made you like choose this place over like staying in California. But my grandparents were like buying a house over there.

Adriana: Well, I wanted to be independent and then well, I. I got with your dad, so we decided to move over here and. Over here to see how life would be over here in Washington. And it's pretty good.

Jocelyn: Did my dad have family out here before?

Adriana: Or yes, he did. He had one sister over here.

Jocelyn: And you and my dad both met here, huh? And me not here in. California in California. So Oh yeah, so when I was younger, I was I was a.

Jocelyn: Baby, when we moved here, huh?

Adriana: Yes, we were. Born in California. So. So.

Jocelyn: In Kent, like you live there, where did? You live in like it's. Specifically in Washington.

Adriana: Well, here in Kent, yeah, we lived in Kent for like. 10 years, no more years. Like 15 years? Yeah, you can't.

Jocelyn: Was it a struggle like moving from California to here? Like, did you like, ever, like, feel like you were, like, homesick or?

Adriana: Yeah, a little, yeah. But then I got used to it.

Adriana: I have to start working and meeting people here. And start getting familiar.

Jocelyn: Oh, what was your first job here?

Adriana: And my first job was through a temp agency. It was the UPS warehouse.

Jocelyn: Oh, you worked. At a warehouse?

Adriana: Yeah. Ohh.

Jocelyn: So how long did you?

Adriana: Stay there for just for a few months.

Adriana: And I was, yeah. And I wasn't temp temp agencies. That's why it was. Like different jobs, they would. They would take us to different jobs. Jocelyn: And your second job was it? No or no. Adriana: I worked in here and there for a little bit and then till after. Yeah, I applied to this job where I work now. High tech finishes at Aerospace Company and that's where I've been for 16 years.

Jocelyn: Was it like a struggle, like trying to, like, save up money? Like when you guys first went here like, you know, working a lot because especially when you had Giovanni too, my brother?

Adriana: Yeah, it was a little hard, but.

Jocelyn: How did you manage?

Adriana: Saving and you have to. Well, it was. Something I learned from your grandparents like like learning how to save money and. Budget be on a budget.

Jocelyn: Was it a struggle like ever taking care of me and Giovanni when we were younger, like growing up since?

Adriana: Yeah, it was a little harder with the babysitting and stuff, so that's why I worked for Graveyard for a while. For like 5 or 6 years when you guys were. We're little so that way I would have somebody to babysit and and it was easier for me.

Jocelyn: Right.

Adriana: So I work the graveyard shift.

Jocelyn: Yeah, I remember that. I remember that. You would come home. Like at six, like at six in the. 6-7 a half.

Jocelyn: And how have you been ever since? You've you've got, you've. Got so much like from being honest, like as a family and just like as you as a person to grown so much.

Adriana: Yeah, but as the years go passed by. Everything starts getting easier. You Start learning, learning a lot of things, and it's like if your your. How do you say? Or on your own. And you stay in in one job, you know, if it's a job you really like and you know everything, you know, you start growing and getting better opportunities.

Jocelyn: Yeah, better opportunities like, do you ever wish like things were like, different or do you ever like, like, see, like, do you ever think about, like, how life would be if you were to stay in California?

Adriana: Kind of sometimes, but I don't regret it because I think everything I've done as of right now, it's. Been good and it's made me learn. Lot of stuff.

Jocelyn: Yeah, you're a strong mom. You made it. You you made a you made a good. You made me have a. Good time, you know like.

Adriana: Well, I'm strong for you guys, yeah.

Jocelyn: Now make it for you. Almost graduation 2023. OK. No, I think I think we're almost done here. Anyways, I just like to say. And OK, there you go. So I want to say thank you, mom, for your time and I'm about to graduate in two weeks. I'll make it for you, you know, try.

Adriana: To do better for you. And I'm so happy. For you, I know you. You're going to be something you know. You're going to make it in life.

Jocelyn: Anyways, thank you so much. Oh my God. Bye bye.