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I miss my grandpa.  
The one who used to  
Buy me gum.  
Take me to the park  
And push me in the swing.  
The one who used to  
Read me books.  
Buy me Cokes and tell  
Some jokes.  
The one who watched  
GUNSMOKE and POPEYE  
And fixed me lunch.

I miss my grandpa.  
The one who now  
Sits patiently waiting  
For whatever is to  
Come to pass.

The one who waits til  
Three o'clock to pick  
Me up from a school  
I no longer attend  
The one who has forgotten  
The past and asks  
Desperately for "Mama."

I miss my grandpa.  
The one who now has been  
Struck with some dreaded  
Spreading disease  
I miss the things he used to do  
Buy me ice cream  
And sing with me in the pew.

No, he's not gone yet  
He lives on in my heart  
As he used to be  
But still sits in a nursing home  
Waiting patiently.

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**Grandparent**

*When life can be worse than death*

**My Grandpa**

By Alodie Nimie

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**Executive Assistant**

*She may be nearly indispensable*

**Van Horn Is Named Representative**

By the SOSU PR Staff

Sara Van Horn, who has served as executive assistant for two presidents at Southwestern State University, has been named the Southwestern Representative to the Higher Education Alumni Council of Oklahoma by Southwestern President Dr. Leonard Campbell.

Van Horn, who replaces retiring representative Dr. W.W. (Bill) Ward, will join HEACO's effort to promote the interests of higher education in Oklahoma.

A native of Missouri, Van Horn received her Bachelor of Science degree from Central State University and her Master of Education degree from Southwestern.

In 1961, Van Horn was employed as secretary to Southwestern president Dr. Al Harris. After Harris' retirement in 1975, she continued as executive assistant to Dr. Campbell until she retired in 1981. Since her retirement, Van Horn has come back to Southwestern several months each year to work on the university's yearly budget.

"As I have been so involved in Southwestern's past," Van Horn said of her appointment, "I am very interested in its future."