Carter Garrington  
Period 4  
Thanksgiving Invitation  
Due Thursday November 11

*Thanksgiving Guest*

First thing that comes to mind when I think of people I would like to meet or experience their presence would be my grandpa, Jon Hanson. My mom’s dad was a man of lessons and experiences; my mom and dad told me great stories about him. He used to own Clear Lake Boats, which was called Hanson’s Marine, and he was a very successful man. My dad always said that Jon would’ve loved to see me grow up and be with me. He was a great man in his heart and out of his heart. He would always do things for others, and he loved to gamble and have fun. Jon would always say, “Don’t Worry, Be Happy.” Grandpa was a man who enjoyed life and action. He would always go to NFL Vikings and Cowboys games. If I could describe him in one word from what my parents have told me, that word would be “happy.” He spoiled my mom and dad and made sure they were happy.

People invite celebrities and famous people, and to me, my Grandpa John is a celebrity to my family and me. He is someone who will eat as much as me and everyone would look at us instead of just me. Another thing he had was manners, and he always respected others. John would probably eat a lot, but make sure everyone got enough before going up for seconds. I could picture his big smile brightening up the whole room and make everyone feel warm and welcome. One thing famous people or people in general don’t have that my grandpa has is life the way he saw it. He saw life as a gamble, and he loved to experience things that were exciting and fun. The thing celebrities don’t also have is a big heart as great as his, and his main goal was to share it with everyone. My grandpa is someone who would change my Thanksgiving dinner, but most of all he would change my life forever.