



# A Gift From Gramma Rosalee

**By Kevin Kelley**

My kids, Kristopher and Aubrey, currently 18 and 15 years old respectively, discovered archery in the summer of 2018. I have been an archer since about 1972, and a bowhunter primarily all my adult life.

Kris was given a "yellow fiberglass stick bow" by a family friend when he was three. In 2010 he mentioned he would like to try hunting deer with bow and arrow. He had harvested several Mills County deer with a rifle by then and he remembered the many good times we had sitting together in the ground blinds and tree stands when he was younger while I hunted and we watched the many creatures. He

was an excellent blood trailer then as well, good young eyes and built low to the ground! So, naturally, I bought him a youth compound bow for his eighth birthday – which he promptly lost interest in . . .

The summer of 2018, Kris and Aub dug out the little compound and the old yellow fiberglass stick and entertained themselves for many hours. When it was becoming apparent that they just might stick with archery this time around, Kris handed down his now too small compound to his sister, we got him another, and the three of us joined Brownwood Bowhunters Association to shoot at the 3D targets and enjoy many nice outings as a fam-

ily. Mom would walk along with us and make photographs and her little dog would romp and play and enjoy the freedom of the outdoors. We all enjoy traveling to the 3D archery competitions that are not too far away. Gramma Rosalee was so proud of her grandkids and thrilled to receive news and photos from these archery events. When we would be on the telephone, gramma would always ask Kris, being her only grandson, what game he was hunting at the time and if

he had been successful. This past season he spent all his deer hunting time hunting with his archery equipment.

Last November Gramma Rosalee took a pretty bad fall and was hospitalized for several days before being released to a nursing home with a prognosis of a full recovery. Her profuse apologies for not being able to get Christmas gifts mailed, like she had every Christmas before,

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Kevin Kelley with son Kris, 3, and his yellow fiberglass stick bow.