

# Memory Makers

*Olives on my fingers, dancing on my toes.*

*Spinning round and round*

*while Grandpa smiled and dozed.*

*Hotdish in the oven, pickles in a bowl.*

*Sunday dinner memories floodin' my soul.*

*Memory makers, old salt shakers.*

*Sprinkles of sugar and of fun.*

*Long hugs and kisses, Mister and Missus.*

*Popsicles melting in the sun.*

*Dressing up my doggies, singin' high and low.*

*Swingin' on the tree swing, drinking from the hose.*

*Singin' round the piano, laughing all the while.*

*Calling on a phone that you have to dial.*

*Memory makers, old salt shakers.*

*Sprinkles of sugar and of fun.*

*Long hugs and kisses, Mister and Missus.*

*Popsicles melting in the sun.*

All of our lives are made up of memories. Some good, some bad. Some we can share and some that are private. Some of my most wonderful memories are remembered by smells.

I remember the scalloped potatoes heating in the oven. The roast beef and the apple strudel smell all intermingled on a Sunday afternoon. I didn't live in a mansion or a fancy neighborhood, but my childhood couldn't have been better. The relatives filing in our front door, each carrying their own lives, memories and scents. The slight mothball scent of my grandma and grandpa up the hill. (They lived in Los Angeles on a hill) and grandma down the hill. (She lived in San Fernando on a regular street, don't really know where we got down the hill) and the distinctive scent of her house following her. I remember dressing up my dogs in the playhouse and making them sit in high chairs (we had very patient dogs!) Mom would sit at the piano and sometimes dad would have his guitar and they would play, "The Waltz You Saved For Me" or old hymns.

Many of my family members are long gone, but the memories linger and fill my heart with warm "fuzzies." I only hope that my boys will remember some of our traditions and meals as fondly as the childlike ones I hold dear. Memory makers...we all have them...forget the bad, and cherish the special times...memory makers.