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The Best Holiday Tradition

Each year I look forward to eating lunch at my grandmother’s house on Christmas day. To begin, my grandmother is an extremely talented cook and, upon opening the door, aromas of traditional southern cuisine waft through the air. Of all the dishes my grandmother has perfected, collard greens, fried okra, macaroni and cheese, and cornbread muffins are my favorite. I have ordered these items in many restaurants, but none can compare to my grandmother’s delicious food, served with love. In addition to fabulous food, one of the best components of Christmas lunch is the energetic conversations between rarely seen family members. My great uncle Jim always makes us laugh by telling stories about his puppy, Obie, and his pet parakeet who likes to take naps on his shoulder. I have never met Obie and Peta, the parakeet, because Uncle Jim lives so far away, but his stories are so vivid that I feel the animals are in the room with us. Another Christmas tradition I look forward to is taking many pictures with various relatives and family friends. Each year, we take a picture with my grandmother and all of her grandkids. It is interesting to see how we each change from year to year. Christmas at my grandmother’s guarantees delectable eats, hilarious conversations, and quality family picture-taking sessions, so I look forward to this exhilarating experience every year.