

The Antique Engine Club of Freeport, IL (founded in 1970) holds a threshing show every summer. Folkert and Ann Saaijenga were charter members. Each year one of the older ladies of the club is chosen to be the queen of the show. In 1978 Mom was chosen as the queen and her 3 granddaughters were her royal princesses.



She sewed all 3 of the girls' dresses as well as her own. I can't imagine any of the 3 wearing those dresses today....but they would have done anything for their grandma. By the way, after their grandma's reign was over and they were done riding in parades with her, the bottom tier of those dresses was whacked off and they were still able to wear them.

Mom's dress is now hanging in the Silver Creek Museum.



As queen, Mom wore a pretty tiara. She was able to see that tiara used in her granddaughter Lori's wedding in August 1987. After Mom passed away in November 1987, the tiara was used in the weddings of her other 4 grandchildren as a way of including her in their special day. Twenty four years later (in 2002) it was used in the floral bouquet at my wedding to Jim. It is now packed away for any of her great grandchildren to use if they so choose. Mom would be so very proud if that happens.

