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Canned Pie Apples

Recipe Number: 142

Prep time: 10 minutes 5lb Press

INGREDIENTS: 1 quart pie apples
1 cup sugar
2T flour
½ tsp cinnamon
¼ tsp nutmeg
¼ tsp salt
1 tsp lemon juice

DIRECTIONS: Combine ingredients, place in jars and process.

STORY:

When I was a little girl I would spend several days on my grandparents' farm in Ainsworth, Nebraska. I would look forward to tubing in the irrigation ditches, driving the 3wheeler, playing ping pong against my Grandpa Johnson & learning gardening & cooking techniques from my Grandma Johnson.

4-H was a big part of my summer & one summer for my photography project I photographed my Grandma Vivien picking cherries in her garden, cleaning & pitting the cherries, and making a cherry pie.

25 years later my own 3 children & I were visiting Grandma "J"'s farm & I showed them how to pick apples from the apple tree. My grandma has lost the majority of her vision due to macular degeneration & was not able to help us with this task. When we came in from the orchard, she asked us what the apples looked like this year. It broke my heart & brought tears to my eyes to think that something that she loved so much, she was not able to experience any more. (Macular degeneration patients are not to be exposed to sunlight for long periods of time.) I told that there were a few hail dents & a few worms, but otherwise they were beautiful.

I asked Grandma if I could copy her apple pie filling recipe so I could teach my boys how to make canned apple pie filling. She told me to keep her copy because she can't read the pressure cooker. Once again, I was overwhelmed with emotion. I did take the recipe card because it is in her hand writing & I will keep it & hand it down to my children.

My Grandma has a positive outlook & said that she has so many friends & family that care for & love her that she has nothing to be depressed about. She is absolutely amazing!

I have always loved cooking & baking & I owe that interest & hobby, not only to my Grandma Johnson, but also my Grandma Wasson, & my own mother!!!!



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