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A 70 year old pot on a 21st century stove

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Last week DH & I played Mom & Dad to 3 teenage grandkids while DD#1 & her DH were out of town.

We brought with us a mountain of green beans from our garden. I've always used a pressure cooker a LOT so I brought one along with me. THIS ISN'T IT.

When I put MY pressure cooker on HER stove, the pot "wobbled." 40+ years of use must have warped the bottom. This isn't an issue on the burners of my electric stove.

In the basement I found my Dad's pressure cooker. He bought it after WWII and used it his entire life. He used to tell me that it was more nutritious to cook food this way.

Although many people are afraid of pressure cookers, they were a normal part of my childhood. Dad bought me one after I married and I used it to save time. I could cook a 4 pound roast in 40 minutes. I was always looking for ways to shorten my time in the kitchen. Julia Child I am NOT!

Somehow Dad's pot wasn't warped.
Maybe because it was made of stronger metal?
Maybe his gas stove had more even heat?

DH, the engineer, checked the seal and pronounced it safe to use, although I did monitor it VERY carefully during the 3 minutes of cooking. The beans turned out just fine and the kids ate them up.

Dad's been gone for nearly 20 years, but his pressure cooker lives on.

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I remember my mom using her pressure cooker to can, but don't remember her using it to cook meals. Maybe I remember the canning because it was such a "big production."
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MISCHAKEO

That is impressive that it still works. I love my pressure cooker. My mom never used one.
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SWEETNEEY

Love cooking with the pressure cooker. Need to take it to the Antique Roadshow and have it

assessed.

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MARYJEANSL

That is such a cool story! I never saw one used growing up, because my mother never had one. I have been kind of wanting one - but I bet they don't make them like they used to and I'm sure a new one of today wouldn't last seventy years - probably not even twenty.
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DOVESEYES

Great blog

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WALLAHALLA

I've never used a pressure cooker. Maybe it's time I tried.
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KURTZIE1998

My mother in law used a pressure cooker all the time. I was afraid of them. We have a new one (Don does the cooking) he loves it. I don't mind using it seems safer to me. Thank you for sharing.
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SUBMOM2

I need to learn more about my pressure cooker. The only thing I use it for is artichokes. Habit, I guess.

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KRISZTA11

Lovely memories... my granddad used his pressure cooker a lot too.

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LINDAKAY228

Wonderful story. I remember the one my mom used to have. I don't know what ever happened to hit because she didn't have it in her later years before she passed away. Unfortunately, I never learned to cook in one or have one. So glad yours has worked so well for you over the years and his still worked well too

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PRNCSCUP1-2FULL

I am having a tough time finding a new stove/oven. Everything is either flat or gas. I'm blind and don't feel safe with either! I'm no Julia Child either and can be a bit careless! I want a good old fashion electric stove. Anyhow, this was a wonderful blog! A nice memory and a fabulous meal! I so wish Hubby had planted a second planting of green beans! He usually does, but not this year! Fresh beans sound fabulous!! Good job!

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BBEAGAN

How wonderful!

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IFDEEVARUNS2
I love pressure cookers!
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LIVEDAILY
That is amazing!! Yes, I agree, things were made better back then, but still, a 70 year old pressure cooker working well - that's amazing!! Did you bring it home with you??



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Back when things were made of higher quality.
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What a great memory and useful tool, all rolled into one!
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Wow! My grandmother had one just like that! Brings back memories.
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