## Holiday Memory

"My mother, who was from the South, continued the tradition of calling, "Christmas Eve Gift" on Christmas Eve. The first one to say it in the morning was allowed to open a present on Christmas Eve instead of waiting until Christmas morning. Even though my mother passed away in 1997 and the children are grown, when the family gets together for the holiday, we still say Christmas Eve Gift, hug each other good morning, and think of her."

> -Sue Stephens Hometown: Mt. Clemens, MI

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"Every Christmas Eve since I can remember our family sings Christmas songs with the "Sing Along With Mitch" Christmas album. We have gone from the record to the tape to the CD. Now our celebration includes our original family plus brothers- and sisters-in-law and grandchildren.

While singing the 12 Days of Christmas, we have the men sing the even verses, the women sing the odd verses and each respective group must stand while singing their part. It's hilarious every year!"

> -Michael Long Hometown: Traverse City, MI



