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- AT: 00:12:13 And then uh, can you tell me about, uh, your experiences? Um, the day that Pearl Harbor was?
- JM: 00:12:27 Yeah, usually on Sunday we went out as a family. Yeah, well Sunday ride or we'd go someplace near the Columbia Gorge or Mount Hood or someplace. And so this was a regular Sunday and we were all planning to go out. And then on the radio we heard that, you know, Pearl Harbor was attacked. We couldn't believe it, but we thought, well, we'll just continue our daily or weekly thing. So we went out for a ride and we must have, come back about 4 and then we had supper and then, around, then my Mom went to take a bath. And around 6, my Dad answered the door. I don't know where my sister and I were, maybe we were in our rooms? And the next thing I know these two guys are taking my Dad away and my Dad said, well, they were taking down just to ask a few questions. And we said, well, Mom's in the bathroom so bathed up, so should we go tell her? And they said no, you can't do that. So, uh, yeah, I could still see him at the top of the steps, you know, going down with these two men on one, on either side of him. And so when my Mom came out of the tub, you know, we told her what happened and I didn't know what happened after that. I, I do remember we waited you late waiting for him to come home and he didn't come home. But then at that time I was in school. My sister was out of high school, so she, um, she knew what happened. But you know, I'll always really too dumb to even ask what was going on at the time.
- AT: 00:14:47 How old? How old were you then?
- JM: 00:14:50 I had just turned 16. I was a junior in high school.
- AT: 00:15:01 That must have been really hard.

JM: 00:15:01 Yeah, because then I went to school and the next day and these two gals that were Japanese, I asked one, gee what, you know, did they come and pick up your Dad? And she didn't even know what I was talking about. And so I was kinda shocked because I kinda assume everybody's Dad was picked up, you know, but she wasn't. And then the other gal, hers, father wasn't picked up either and I couldn't understand what was going on. So, uh, yeah, that's the way it was.

AT: 00:15:41 Do you remember the, the conversations with your Mom after he left?

JM: 00:15:49 No, I don't remember anything at all. One thing I remember is we didn't know where he was and we used to talk about that in one week went by and two weeks went by, three weeks went by and then my Mom said she found out that they were in the county jail. So uh about a month, you know, we found out where he was, you know, I guess my Mom and sister must have gone to visit him because I was in school so I don't know what was going on and we didn't, I don't remember talking about it, but my Mom said, you know, Dad was at the jail so you better go visit him. And I did. I remember going down to visit him when he was in jail. I've visited him. You know behind bars and I don't remember what we talked about except when I was leaving he said to me, well we may never see each other again so take good care of yourself. And I remember leaving crying. But other than that I don't remember, you know much.

AT: 00:17:33 That must have been really, really hard.

JM: 00:17:33 Yeah.

AT: 00:17:39 So do you think it was about a month after he was gone? That you went to visit him?

JM: 00:17:43 Yeah, must have been a good month.

AT: 00:17:50 And

JM: 00:17:50 Well, the sad part of that was what he told me that I may never see him again. Is he died and I never did see him again. So.

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