The quiet life of Huguette Clark

Do you know who Huguette Clark was? *(Yes, she was... / No, I've never heard of her.)*

Vocabulary

1. wonder 2. decades 3. fortune 4. grand 5. wealthy 6. solitude

True Story

Huguette Clark was a very rich woman, born in 1906 in the United States. She was the daughter of a _____ businessman. Despite having so much money, she decided to live a quiet life away from other people.

For the last 20 years of her life, she lived in a hospital room, even though she wasn't sick. She was happy there, surrounded by her dolls and paintings. People often wondered why a woman with many big houses chose to live in a small hospital room.

When she died in 2011, people were surprised to learn she still owned _____ empty homes. She hadn't visited them in _____ because she didn't like to go out. She had a huge _____ but lived like a normal person.

Huguette Clark's life is a unique story. It shows us that money can't always bring happiness and sometimes, people just prefer simple things and _____.

Quiz

1. What was Huguette Clark surrounded by in her hospital room?
2. Why were people surprised when Huguette Clark died?
3. Did Huguette Clark like to go out?

True or False

1. Huguette Clark was born in France. True | False
2. She was a very poor woman. True | False
3. She didn't like to go out. True | False

Conversation

A: Hi Huguette, how are you today?
B: Oh, I'm fine. Just enjoying my paintings.
A: They're lovely. Have you thought about selling them?
B: No, I couldn't. They mean too much to me.
A: I understand. Well, I'll come back and check on you later.

Discussion

1. Have you ever lived alone?
2. What is your favorite thing to do when you're alone?
3. Do you think money can buy happiness?
4. What is the most important thing in life?

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