

The person who I have decided to celebrate is my great grandmother. She was remembered as a humorous woman, who would always put others happiness before her own. Though my memories with her are little to none, I can tell, by many pictures, I loved her a lot and enjoyed her presence. I also recognize her importance to my family and I because of the many stories told about her. My great grandmother meant a lot to me, from bringing me a smile to my face on a bad day, to cooking the best of family recipes. I do not have many family members that have passed away, but my great grandmother will always be at the top of my list to choose to honor and celebrate. Her fun spirited personality allowed me to know she wouldn't want to be mourned. Saying that, what is a better way to celebrate the lost ones, than Dia de los Muertos and a sugar skull?

As you can see, the sugar skull and mask show very bright, happy colors and a lot of glitter. Although if you look at the mask closer, you can see that the bright colors are only over the dull gray color representing that my great grandmother did not allow her struggles to take over her mind. On the sugar skull, it shows the same gray color towards the bottom of her skull representing that she tried her best to keep her bad thoughts and days at the back of her head. On both the skull and mask, the brighter colors and glitter are towards the front of the face. This decoration is based off the smiles she would always have on her face and the happiness she endured. On the mask, there are 2 yellow pipe cleaners outlining the base of her mind. The color yellow represents cheerfulness, pleasance, joy, and positive energy, which is definitely a prime definition of my great grandmother. Located on and around the mouth of the skull and mask is glitter depicting the loving and caring words that she would say out her mouth.

Día de los Muertos has opened my mind up to celebrating the passing of loved ones. My family is not very religious at all to start with, meaning we rarely ever pray for the ones we've lost. I believe Día de los Muertos has given my family and I a chance to not only celebrate my great grandmothers passing in a positive way, but also doing it in a different way than we usually do because of the cultural differences. Día de los Muertos has also given me a new perspective on celebrations, and that they dont always have to be sad or for a holiday.

