

Not Much Time for TV

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I didn't have much time to watch TV in the 60's or 70's. I was raising five kids and had little time to myself. But I did love Mr. Rogers' program that came on about the time I started to make dinner. The TV was right by the kitchen and it certainly entertained my kids very well. In fact, I went to see the new movie called *It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* with Tom Hanks. It was fun when my youngest daughter here in Denver and her kids took me to the movie last year. The song brought back fun memories.

*It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood,
A beautiful day for a neighbor
Would you be mine? Could you be more?*

And the movie was fantastic to see with grandkids and my youngest daughter.

I recently read Fred Rodgers had a large problem with some health condition that made him want be alone a lot of the time. He learned how to be alone often in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. He frequently went swimming in a nearby creek.

My other favorite TV show from the 60's was *Captain Kangaroo*. That came on in the morning and it let me have some time to myself. To clean things up. I can still hear that song also.

As the kids grew up we moved the TV down to the basement and they watched it downstairs. By that time we had finished off the basement, the two oldest boys shared a room and we had a family room where we would gather after supper and watch TV and play games. The show we often watched together was *Mary Tyler Moore*. Eventually one of our daughters, who loved this show, worked in Minneapolis and walked down the same street Mary Tyler Moore would go down at the beginning of every show.