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In 1996, when I was only two years old, my Paw Paw Doc Kennedy caught a fish that had the world talking. A new world record Red Snapper weighing an incredible 50 pounds 4 ounces! Newspapers around the country posted this top story everywhere.

Although he passed away in 2000, he hasn't been forgotten. Today, I have the privilege of telling people that my Paw Paw caught the world record Red Snapper. Now when I see someone who thinks they have caught a pretty big Red Snapper, I get to tell them what a big Red Snapper really is.

I never stop thinking of him and his fish especially when I round the corner to my room where it is mounted on the wall. We have kept lots of newspaper articles featuring his top catch and now that I'm older I read them once in a

while. I love opening the 1996 edition Guinness World Record Book and seeing my Paw Paw and his fish next to his autograph that he signed while in the hospital.

My family and I love to go offshore fishing and I try to follow in my Paw Paw's footsteps. My biggest Red Snapper weighed about 28 pounds and it was really hard to reel in. I can't imagine my Paw Paw reeling in two fish that weighed 50 pounds. That's right, he actually had two record qualifying fish on his line, but only one made it to the top.

Today I still can't believe that we have the world record fish in our living room. What makes me really happy is that the record hasn't been broken. My dream is to see the record stand forever and hopefully no one, not even me, will to break it.