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Summary:

It is a non-fiction creative writing essay narrative, about my experience with my ex-girlfriend Kristen; and her wonderful family and how it changed my life. Kristen was one of eight children born into a farming family in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. Told in the same fashion as the movie Forrest Gump, I narrate my many new and diverse experiences about her Byzantine Catholic faith, strong family love with old-fashioned values, and the lasting impressions Kristen and her family left on me, a curious, life-long electronics enthusiast from Pittston. This project is the work of the Slattery Center Humanities Fellowship Project.