

Old as Dirt

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Willard Scott babbled some of his usual nonsense as I waited impatiently to hear my name. I had to send it in because there is no one in the family left.

“Lucille Swartz, from Tuscaloosa Alabama is 104 years old. Her secret to a long life is to drink a shot of Jack Daniels just before bedtime.”

I like the way Willard said my name, “Luceeel Swartz.” Love that deep voice of his.

The paper dry skin on my arms is as dry as desert sand, and as rough. Nothing left of me but my wits, thankfully. Sometimes I think if I stripped down and lay on the ground it would it would absorb me, suck me in, and take me back, because it is time to return from where I come. At this age it would be an easy transition for me to make, a welcome one now that Willard said “Luceeel Swartz is 104 years old.”