

What were you doing when JFK was shot?

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I was living on an AF base in Germany with my parents and doing homework. It was about 7:30 pm. Our neighbor came over and said JFK had been shot. Until then, the only people I'd ever known to be shot were cowboys on tv shows. So, I imagined a cowboy had jumped out of the bushes on the White House lawn and shot Kennedy in the stomach.

I was still an egg, but I can tell you my mom was ironing, my dad was at work (but came straight home to be with my mom) my aunt was teaching school (this was before PA systems, someone came running down the hall screaming and crying) Most people who were alive know exactly what they were doing when this happened. For my generation the question is where were you or what were you doing when the Challenger shuttle blew up. (I was watching the launch in between classes at Jr. college)

I don't remember what I was doing, but I do remember what my mom told me. I was just a few years old and entertaining myself. My mom was scrubbing the kitchen floor when she heard the news. She was quite shaken by the news reports, as was my father. That must have been one of the few days they turned on the TV.

I was driving to a friend's house and heard it on the radio. I rushed in and told her then rushed home to tell my family. None of us had a phone. We spent the rest of the day glued to the TV. It was a horrible day. I admired him so much. I was 17.

Can you remember what you were doing when a major news story broke?
What were you doing when it happened and what did you do after you heard the news?