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Stella DeLeon inspired me. Stella DeLeon encouraged me to never give up on hope it will eventually come around. Read on to learn more about this astonishing woman!

One thing that made me believe to never give up on hope is when Stella's sister, Janetta, died just 3 days before being deported! I can understand how depressing it can be to lose a love one, it breaks you, it makes you shut down, and pushes everyone you love away. I bet you everyone has lost someone But, Stella only had her sister at the end imagine how that feels. But Stella stood strong and she made it out alive with her sister Flora. After the Holocaust, out of their 2000- year- old community only 151 Jews survived the terrible incident including Stella and Flora.

A huge part that inspired me is when one of Stella's cousin sponsored them to come to America. After living in Los angles for 2 years, went on a trip to Seattle and met her future husband, Ralph DeLeon. Together they had two children. Stella and Ralph named their girl Rochelle and the boy Jack. You know where she got those names from? Those names were from her beloved siblings that passed away during the Holocaust. I know personally I wouldn't be able to name my children after my siblings that died. Sadly, in 2001 Stella died. I hope Stella is flying high in heaven.

Stella helped me open my eyes and see that everyone should Always be kind. If I could have talk to her in person I would have told her that she is and amazing person and that she helped me learn that not everyone has gone through what you have.