

## Playing Dead

Children have an uncanny way of finding and making friends wherever they go, but when Denise was a youngster that natural ability went well beyond the norm.

Denise has been psychic as long as she can remember. As a child, she used to hear choruses of whispers and feel people sitting on her bed at night. "They were so loud it would wake me up," she said. She could never understand their conversations because there were so many voices talking at once.

"I was scared of it, but my grandmother told me it was a gift from God," she said. Even as a small child, she felt a deep connection to God and felt protected. Sometimes she felt the presence of angels as well.

From the ages of five to fourteen, Denise lived across the street from a graveyard and often played there. "I would sit up in a tree and watch people get buried. I could feel them there."

Sometimes she would talk to the deceased inhabitants. "I used to talk to a child there who had died in a fire. I remember her saying that she missed her mother. We'd play hide-and-seek in the graveyard. I found out years later, as an adult, that there was a family buried there—a father, six children, and a grandmother—and everyone had died in a fire except the mother."