

## **Transcript of Interview with Kathy Brooks by Joan Church**

**Interviewee:** Kathy Brooks

**Interviewer:** Joan Church

**Date:** 02/16/2021

**Location (Interviewee):** Tempe, Arizona

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**Abstract:** Kathy Brooks is a 60 year old woman who resides in Tempe, Arizona with her husband, son, and dachshund. This pandemic has hit all of us hard but it has hit some of us harder than others. Kathy has been retired for years now and usually would spend her days at home painting or gardening even before the pandemic. It seems now with the pandemic though she now feels the need to go out and do things that were possible before but are no longer possible. She loves shopping so this pandemic has helped her by stopping her from shopping as much as before, although online shopping is still an option for her. In this short oral history interview Kathy goes into detail on this subject.

**Joan Church 0:00**

Hi my name is Joan Church and I'm an undergraduate student at Arizona State University enrolled in History 494. The date is February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the time is 4:29 pm, and I am speaking with Kathy Brooks. Kathy, I want to ask you a question about your pandemic experience, but before I do I would like to ask for your consent to record this response for the COVID-19 archive. The COVID-19 archive is a digital archive at ASU that is collecting pandemic experiences. Do I have your consent to record your response and add it to the archive with your name?

**Kathy Brooks 0:32**

Yes, you may record my response.

**Joan Church 0:34**

Thank you. First, can you tell me your name, age, race and where you live?

**Kathy Brooks 0:40**

My name is Kathy Brooks I am 60 years old I am white/non-Hispanic, and I live in Tempe, Arizona.

**Joan Church 0:49**

Thank you, now I'd like to ask you a quick question about the pandemic. We've experienced a lot of changes in 2020 and many have been negative and disruptive. But perhaps it's not all bad. What's one positive thing you've experienced during the pandemic?

**Kathy Brooks 1:03**

One positive thing I have experienced during the pandemic is I have more money. I am retired and like to do a lot of shopping, but with the pandemic, I have not been able to go to clothing stores and spend my money.

**Joan Church 17**

Thank you for your time today.