

Re: oldest American skull found!

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Erik A. Mattila *emattila@oco.net* wrote:

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>>> *Imagine how you would feel if you knew*

>>> *that your great aunt was in a display in a museum.*

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>> *I would feel kind of proud. Wouldn't you?*

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>*No, I wouldn't.*

Well, I suppose you have a reason to prefer your ancestors be buried forever. Others are not as ashamed of their lineage as you appear to be.

>*But then, Roy Rodgers had Trigger stuffed,*

Trigger was a horse, you dummy, not his great aunt.

>*so I guess it's different strokes for different folks.*

Yes, it is. It's sort of like the bone reliquiae of various saints on display in churches and museums all over Italy. Initially I found that sort of display to be a bit bizarre and morbid, but hey, when in Rome

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I would feel very fortunate and privileged to have an ancestor deemed important enough to have his/hers bones displayed in a museum. I think it would be great to take your date to a museum and say "Look, there is the shinbone of my great-great uncle – he used it to kick the living shit out of Custer at the Little Big Horn". I would guarantee that alone would mean you'd score that night. And that's pretty much all that really matters, no?

Quit worrying about the bones of ancestors you never met. Concentrate instead on being a decent human being. That's really all that matters in the end.