Is honored to be given name with family ties

CHISHOLM — It may come as no surprise, but there are more people in the world named Santa than the red-suited jolly man who delivers gifts on Christmas Eve.

Santa Williamson, born on Dec. 6, which happens to be St. Nicholas Day in Europe, and is into five Santas on her father’s side of the family. The eighth of nine children born in Caroline and Henry “Hank” Falzone, she also has the distinction of being the couple’s youngest daughter.

“I was named after my grandmother — my dad’s mom,” Williamson, who is one of three remaining Santas in the family, recalled.

It’s been some 20 years since Williamson has seen the other two Santas, but she holds dear a photo of all five Santas that her father took when she was a child.

The name Santa is of Spanish, Italian origin meaning “saint,” according to the website nameberry.com.

Williamson said growing up with the first name of Santa proved to be especially difficult at school.

“In the household it was fine — in school it was hard,” she recalled.

Williamson said she encountered wise cracks related to her name year-round, not just during the holidays.

What are you going to get me for Christmas? was a hurtful remark Williamson said she grew tired of hearing.

The insensitive jokes about her name weren’t limited to her childhood, as some immature adults also joked fun when hearing her name.

Williamson said she eventually grew to have an appreciation for her name, and began to realize its significance in her family’s heritage.

Chisholm woman shares on real life as Santa

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Zoey Mathson, 10, and her sister Avery Mathson, 8 play a bit of two on one hockey with their uncle Josh Dougherty Thursday afternoon on the Northside Rink in Virginia. The girls were off of school for the start of their winter vacation.

“A regular day,”’s tune of being the couple’s youngest daughter.

Avery Erving licensed family named Santa. Also pictured, from left, are her grandmother, her aunt, and two cousins named Santa.

Audit Joyce and Robbie Ev- ing, fourth-generation Northern Californians, were close in age, born three years apart, and even closer as kindred spirits.

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