

*Governor's
Century Club
of Utah*

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Greetings from Governor Herbert



Utah is known for many things: our beautiful and rich natural resources, our variety of outdoor activities, the theater, arts, and music, the Greatest Snow on Earth®, and most importantly, the quality and character of our people. Because of Utah's wonderful people, our quality of life is extraordinary.

Utah claims many incredible natural resources and beautiful landscapes, but I believe our greatest resource and most enduring legacy is our people, and the richness and diversity of the lives they lead. Utah's people truly enhance Utah's beauty. Chief among these are our Centenarians – remarkable people who have reached the incredible milestone of their 100th birthday.

It is my sincere privilege and honor to recognize these Centenarians, who have helped strengthen the legacy of our great state through their example of healthy living, maintaining a positive outlook, and setting an example for multiple generations. Over

their lives, they have seen incredible changes which those of our younger generation cannot imagine. They are our living connection to the founders and builders of our state and great inspiration to all.

Since 1987, the Office of the Governor and the Division of Aging and Adult Services have recognized these amazing individuals and honored them for the tremendous contributions they have made to the history of Utah.

It is my privilege to welcome each new Centenarian into the prestigious Governor's Century Club of Utah. To both honor their lives and help preserve their legacy for those who will follow, the Division of Aging and Adult Services works to collect life histories and photographs from Utah's Centenarians. This year, we are pleased to present the ninth edition of the Governor's Century Club of Utah Yearbook. The remarkable histories of our treasured Centenarians are inspiring to those who read them.

I am confident all who read this book will gain increased admiration and appreciation of those who have lived such long lives and seen such vast changes in the world.

History of the Governor's Century Club of Utah

Times were when the popular belief was people of advanced age should be left alone and not bothered. In 1985, with the intent of proving many older people enjoy socialization and activities in the community, Lynn Peters Alder implemented the Phoenix Centenarian Program. In 1987, the National Institute of Aging established a National Centenarian Recognition Day and in her role as volunteer consultant, Ms. Alder contacted every state in the country to encourage local participation.

In response to this request, the Utah State Division of Aging and Adult Services contacted Governor Norman H. Bangerter who, along with Mrs. Bangerter, graciously invited all of Utah's Centenarians to the Governor's Mansion for a light brunch in their honor. The tradition, which came to be known as the Governor's Century Club Celebration has continued under Governors Michael Leavitt, Olene Walker, Jon Huntsman, and Gary Herbert.

The celebrations initially were held in the mansion's ballroom and later in the mansion's gardens. After a fire damaged the mansion in December 1993, the event was held in various locations before it returned to the mansion's gardens. As more people were living longer, healthier lives, the Century Club Celebration outgrew the mansion. The celebration was moved to the Utah State Fairpark and in 2008 and 2009 it was held in the restored State Capitol Rotunda. In 2010 and 2011, the celebration was held at the new Multi-Agency State Office Building. In 2012, it was held at Noah's Reception Center in Draper. Since 2013, the Governor's Century Club Celebration has been held at the beautiful Viridian Event Center at West Jordan Library.

In 1987, thirty-two Centenarians attended the Governor's Century Club Celebration. In 2009, fifty-seven Centenarians came to the celebration in the State Capitol Rotunda, along with their guests. In 2012, fifty-eight Centenarians and their guests attended the celebration. In 2014, forty-three Centenarians and their guests attended the celebration. Although the number of attendance to the party fluctuates with every passing year; one thing is sure, Utah's Centenarian population is growing bigger and bigger every year.

The number of Centenarians known to the Division of Aging and Adult Services database peaked in June 2010; when there were 156 Centenarians on the list. The oldest person in the history of the Governor's Century Club of Utah was Joe Begay, a Native American living on the reservation near Bluff. He was born on March 15, 1886, and passed away in late 2001, just a few months shy of his 116th birthday. When he was 112, his children had to "take away his car keys" by refusing to let him continue to ride his horse.

It is hoped you will be inspired by the stories of Utah's wonderful Centenarians.

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Celebration



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Bertha Elthera B. Adams

Bertha Elthera Brems was born in 1910 in Lehi, Utah, the fifth child born to John Brems and Margaret Wilcox Brems.

Outstanding memories: Bertha tells her story as follows: I was named after my mother's sister Bertha, because my father loved my aunt's pies. In 1924, when all the church stakes were one, I had the honor of standing at the front of the stake parade and holding a big flag with an "A" on it for Alpine Stake.

My grandmother was Anna Christina Peterson Wilcox, the baby left on the plains. I wrote and published her life story. I spent many summers with her in Cedar Fort. She was a midwife and delivered hundreds of babies. After church one evening, a friend of mine who sang in the choir with me wanted to know if I wanted to meet a couple of her friends from Alpine. She said the name of one of the boys was John Quincy Adams, I replied to her "I always wanted to meet a president", my curiosity got the best of me and I agreed to go with her. Little did I know that John Quincy Adams was very interested in meeting me. In 1930, Quincy and I were married at the Salt Lake Temple. We had to ride the interurban into Salt Lake. Our wedding dinner was purchased for thirty-five cents and it was wonderful. We went to Daynes Jewelry Store to purchase my gold wedding band. We rode a street car to Quincy's Aunt Rose's home where we stayed the night. I had to share a bed with the kids. My first home was a sheep camp.



My father and husband built a small two room home near Quincy's parents' home in Alpine. We added rooms when we got money for lumber. We never went into debt. We herded sheep, farmed and later, Quincy got a job at Geneva Steel. We raised a family of three girls and three boys. Life was not easy. We had our trials, but we had each other, our family and strength in the Lord's protection and blessings; we were truly happy. My husband passed away when he was ninety-eight years old.

Favorite accomplishments: Being an active member of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers for eighty-three years. One of my favorite accomplishments is singing with an old folk's band. I enjoy making quilts, sewing, cooking, playing organ and teaching Sunday school. Having teenagers come to my home and discussing the plans for their future. I would encourage them to go on church missions and find good companions, and to always have integrity in their dealings with others.

Impressive changes: I can't keep up with it all; however, it has been impressive to go from horse and buggy to automobiles, computers, television, phones, and houses galore. It's all good except for corruption in government; but it's always been good versus evil, and we need to stand up for good.

Hobbies and activities: My hearing and eyesight are failing, but I still love to read, crochet and have a good chat with people coming to visit, especially the youth.

Secret to longevity: Living close to the Lord, never go into debt for anything, eating my dessert first – especially, chocolate. Always be of service to others.

Best advice: Remember the past. Always keep those who have passed on in your heart. Fight for freedom and what is right, remember the Lord. Learn from the struggles of your elders.

Descendants: Six children, thirty grandchildren, sixty-three great-grandchildren, ten great-great-grand-grandchildren and five great-great-great-grandchildren.

Edith Allison Akers

Edith Allison was born in 1915 in Dupu, Illinois, the third child born to Phillip Arthur Allison and Mildred Berry Allison.

Outstanding memories: Edith's family and friends like to call her "Edie" for short. Edith's parents were divorced when she was about five years old and her mother supported the family through her job as an x-ray technician. Each time her salary increased they would move to a better place resulting in many school changes. Edith attended five different elementary schools in a

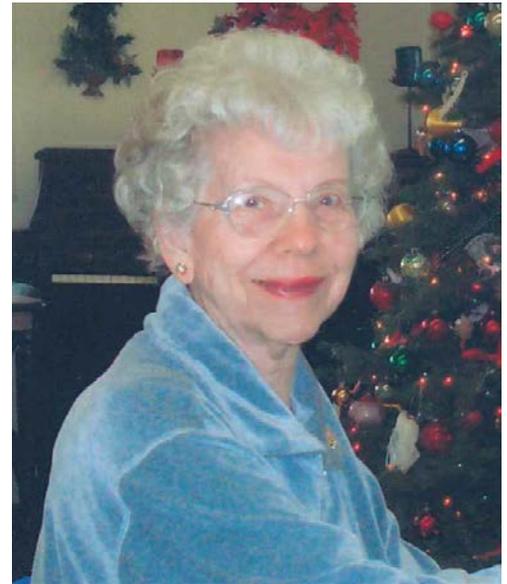


Edith 1929

period of six years and three different junior high schools in a period of three years. She spent a full term at Soldan High School, St. Louis, Missouri, graduating with honors in June 1932. After Edith's husband's death, she took night school classes in medical terminology, typing, office machines, bookkeeping and accounting.

Favorite accomplishments: Edie's family was so scattered that they were strangers until she took it upon herself to write letters and travel long distance to establish a new feeling of love and kinship among cousins, uncles and aunts. This bond is still strong.

Impressive changes: In 1927, Charles Lindbergh was the hero of everyone in St. Louis. One day Edie and her brother, Bobby, packed a lunch and went to Forest Park for a picnic. A sudden rainstorm drove them to seek shelter in a nearby memorial building. A large party arrived to look at the Lindbergh artifacts on display. Edie realized that one of the ladies was Lindbergh's mother. Edie timidly approached her and asked if they could shake hands. Mrs. Lindbergh agreed



Edith's Sons Thomas (L), Robert (R) 1977

with a smile. That has been a nice memory for eighty-eight years! On another occasion, her family went to Lambert field. The caregiver rolled Lindbergh's plane out of the hanger and Edie took pictures of it with her Brownie Box camera.



Howard and Edith's wedding day 1937

Hobbies and activities: Edie enjoyed needlepoint, flower gardens, collecting coins, stamps, spoons, fishing and bowling. She bowled in local leagues as well as city, state and national tournaments. She was forced to give it up when she developed arrhythmias in later years. As a volunteer in WWII, Edie became a member of the Auxiliary Police

(Civilian Services). The auxiliary police took over some of the duties of regular police so the policemen could go to war. Duties included directing traffic and patrolling the beach at night on the look-out for Japanese submarines. She also served as a den mother in Cub Scouts, an income tax consultant to the elderly and low income individuals for twenty years, and as an officer in a chapter of Golden State Mobile Home Owner's League.

Best advice: "Never hurry, never worry. Trust in God. Choose to be happy."

Descendants: Two sons (both deceased), three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.



Bobby, Edith, Howard and Thomas 1946

Gilbert C. Allington

Gilbert C. Allington was born in 1913 in Holladay, Utah, the sixth child born to Walter Henry Allington and Elizabeth Howard Allington. He and his sister outlived their siblings.

Education: Gilbert went to Irving school for nine years, graduated from Granite High School, and went for a year to LDS Business College.



At Fort Douglas



Wedding day 1937

Outstanding memories: Gilbert was raised on a two-acre farm in which he learned how to grow and care for fruit trees, vegetables, horses, cows, cats, dogs, pigs, and sheep. As a young boy, Gilbert took violin lessons and played with his school orchestra. His first job after college was as a clerk at a grocery store; he did various duties including stocking and delivering goods. He later went to work as a bookkeeper at a tailor shop and then he went to Fort Douglas. While at Fort Douglas, he served two years, ten months, and ten days. In the military, he had the opportunity to serve in Australia and New Guinea. When he came back, he was stationed for a while in Texas. At one point, he was sent to California to assist at the United Nations Conference. Gilbert married Naomi Gatherum in 1937; they were happily married for sixty-eight years. In 1942, Gilbert remembers moving into his new home on “Washington’s Birthday”. The house was beautiful and had mature fruit trees and berries. This inspired Gilbert to grow his own variety of vegetables for many years to come. Gilbert and Naomi bought a pick-up truck and a camper, which made it possible to enjoy family camping trips in the following years. Gilbert especially enjoyed fishing and rifle hunting deer. He cherishes all the special moments shared with his daughter and later with his grandchildren. Gilbert was able to go bowling until he was ninety-six years old, but his all-time favorite hobby has been, and still is, gardening.

Favorite accomplishments: Graduating from high school and bowling in the National Senior Tournament. Gilbert has always experienced good health and he is thankful for that.

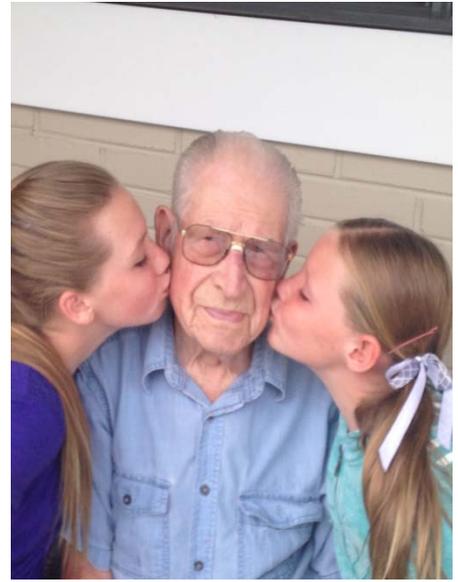
Impressive changes: “The growth of population all around the places I grew up. Seeing the creation and evolution of technology, television, movies, automobiles and air traveling.”

Hobbies and activities: “I just try to do the best I can with the abilities I possess.”

Secret to longevity: “Keeping busy and watching out for my health.”

Best advice: “Look for the love of life and appreciate what comes your way.”

Descendants: One daughter and eight grandchildren.



Gil with granddaughters



Mowing his lawn

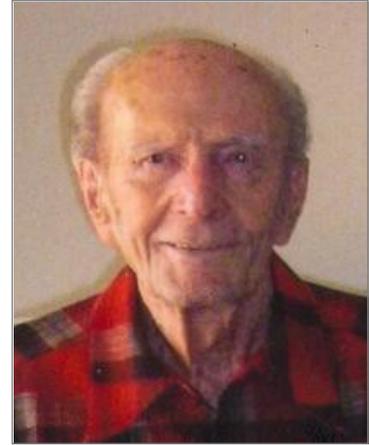
Elvin M. Anderson

Elvin M. “Andy” Anderson was born in 1912 in Oasis, Utah, the first of two children born to Peter M. and Tora Marie Jensen Anderson. He outlived his sister and two half-brothers.

Education: Elvin attended Grammar School of Oasis, graduated from Hinckley High School, class of 1930, took a number of real estate related courses at UCLA, and received his real estate license from the State of California.

Outstanding memories: Andy lived on his family’s farm for nineteen years. One day he decided to ride the Union Pacific to Los Angeles for a two-week vacation. He loved the weather and after smelling the orange blossoms he decided to stay in Los Angeles. In 1936, Elvin married June Diebold. After working in real estate, Elvin and June retired and moved to Oceanside, California, where they lived for thirteen years. The couple decided to buy a house in St. George after realizing while on vacation the clean air made June feel much better. Elvin enjoys everything about St. George including the beautiful scenery, clean air, classes and tours for seniors, cultural activities, and good health care.

Favorite accomplishments: Elvin says he kicked around for two years working odd jobs between Los Angeles and San Francisco before working thirteen years for Chevron Standard Oil, three years in the Marine Corps stationed in the South Pacific, seven years running a service station, garage, and tow trucks and twenty-one years working in a wonderful office selling real estate in Malibu, California.



At a geology trip with
Dixie State College 1991

Impressive changes: Elvin says, “Economics are the most significant changes. You worked for a dollar a day if you could find a job. Today a tradesman makes \$50 to \$100 an hour. In the Depression days, money was hard-earned and not wasted.”

Hobbies and activities: Elvin started golfing in 1976 and played until he was almost ninety years old. He enjoyed traveling throughout the United States. He once took a three-month perimeter trip from Los Angeles to Key West to Quebec to Washington State, and back to Los Angeles in an Airstream trailer. Andy and June would take two months every year to explore the states, parks, and Indian sites. While traveling they enjoyed good music, dance, and arts. Elvin cherishes his continued activity in Rotary, Lions, American Legion, and Elks Clubs.

Secret to longevity: “I keep breathing in and out!! Live healthy, eat healthy, and exercise. Keep mind and body active with current news and what is going on around you.”

Best advice: “Stay active and be interested in people, State, and Nation.”
“Be aware. Be positive.”



Married couple

Walter S. Bailey

Walter Shaw Bailey was born in 1912 in his parents' home in North Ogden, Utah, the fourth of six children born to James Alma and Ellen Louise Shaw Bailey. He and his younger brother outlived their other four siblings.

Education: Walter attended school in North Ogden, graduating from the new Weber High School in Ogden.

Outstanding memories and favorite accomplishments: Walter had a great childhood surrounded by loving family members in a small community where many of his friends were also his cousins. Walter remembers his father coming home with an \$800 bonus and struggling to decide if he should spend it on a new Dodge or two Fords.



**Walter with his older siblings
(L to R): Floyd, Lottie,
LaVerne, and Walter**

When Walter was eighteen his father died leaving his mother with three children at home as the world spiraled into the Great Depression. Shortly after his father died, Walter met Margaret Harding at a church dance. They started dating, but because of the economic condition they waited eight years before they finally felt they could support a family. They were married in 1937 and were sealed for time and all eternity in 1978 in the Ogden LDS Temple.

While working as a carpenter, Walter had an accident and severed his right index finger at the first knuckle. Walter later drove a delivery truck for Coca Cola of Ogden. His two most notable stops were the Italian POW Camp in Ogden and the Bushnell Army Hospital in Brigham City. The Italians were one

of the happiest groups of men he ever met. His most memorable day at the Bushnell Hospital was the day a couple of psychiatrists wrestled him into a straitjacket and forced him into a padded room.

Walter and Margaret's two sons were born in 1940 and 1944. In 1948, Walter became a partner in a gas service station in Burley, Idaho. Within a few years, Walter was awarded a Phillips 66 bulk jobbership for Cassia County. With a lot of hard work, their service station thrived.

In 1950, a third son was born. In 1952, Walter and Margaret purchased a house on 2.5 acres in Burley, Idaho, with space for horses, cows, chickens, dogs, and cats. Their last child, a girl, was born in 1954.

Walter later joined the Cassia County Sheriff's Mounted Posse. He loved his posse friends and performing in fairs and rodeos. In 1962, the posse was selected to represent Idaho at the Seattle World's Fair.



Walter as a baby

**Walter loved horses
from a young age**

Walter's Phillip 66 service station business was devastated when the new interstate highway was built, bypassing Cassia County. In 1964, he sold the business, his home, most of his horses, and returned to North Ogden. He joined with a group of investors to form North Ogden Finance Company where he was a principal until he retired in 1978. Eventually he sold all of his horses, but kept fishing, his one remaining hobby. Walter and Margaret also began spending their Winters in Mesa, Arizona.



War Department ID

Walter and Margaret loved to travel, often joining with Walter's sister, brother, and their spouses to travel around the western United States. In 1978, the three couples loaded into a motorhome for a three-week church and U.S. history tour. They also traveled to Hawaii, cruised to Bermuda, and made numerous trips to New Jersey to visit their son and his family. Their son loved taking them to places up and down the East Coast.

Margaret passed away in 2004 after sixty-six years of marriage. Walter continued to drive and live independently in their home until a nasty fall slowed him down in 2009. He now lives with his son and daughter-in-law in Ogden. In 2012, more than 250 people gathered to celebrate Walter's 100th birthday. For the party, he wanted a family softball game with hot dogs and root beer. However, the day of the celebration he was too busy greeting people to take his turn at bat as he has done in previous years.

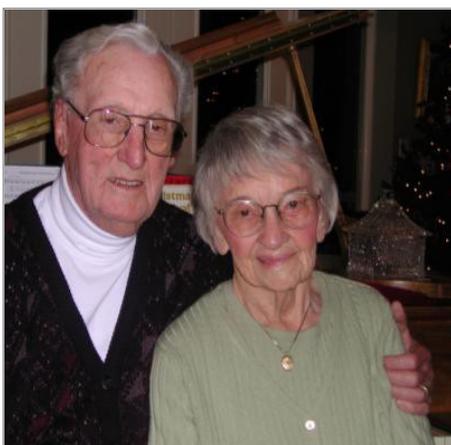


Walter and Margaret in the late 1930s

Hobbies and activities: Walter keeps his mind sharp by reading the newspaper daily. He's a big fan of BYU football and Utah Jazz basketball. He loves family gatherings and has a special affinity for his little great-granddaughters who like to cuddle.

Secret to longevity: Walter credits his good health to his love for taking long walks. When asked his secret, Walter replied with a twinkle in his eyes, "I certainly didn't plan it. I just wake up each morning and discover I'm still here."

Descendants: Four children, eighteen grandchildren, and fifty-nine great-grandchildren.



Walter and Margaret, Christmas 2002



Walter and Margaret with children Jack, Kent, Bob, and Ann 1955

Reed W. Brinton

Reed Wollerton Brinton was born in 1915 in Salt Lake City, Utah, the first child born to Wollerton Huffacer Brinton and Jane Hamilton Brinton. He and his sister outlived their two siblings.

Outstanding memories: Reed tells his story as follows: My father bought a ranch just west of Mt. Pleasant, Utah. I grew up with a host of good friends. In the summer, I worked on the ranch and whenever possible went swimming in the nearby “crick” – in the nude. I was active in scouting and became an Eagle Scout. At sixteen, I joined the National Guard, in order to get paid one dollar each week for attending drill (I should have been eighteen). I took a correspondence class in wrestling, but my parents and sisters didn’t want me to practice wrestling with them. At my first encampment at Jordan Narrows, I signed up for wrestling and got in the ring with my opponent. Within thirty seconds he had broken my arm. I spent the summer at Fort Douglas Hospital. Later, I went on the



Eastern States Mission, which was everything north of Kentucky and east of Ohio. My first assignment was to Palmyra, New York (home of Mormonism) for the dedication of the Angel Moroni Monument on the top of Hill Cumorah. I was appointed leader of the Pittsburg area. Soon after, I created a radio program that attracted many members of the church from outlying areas to our Sunday services. As a result of these programs, I was appointed Publicity Director for the entire mission. As I neared the end of my mission, I was invited by my uncle, Luis K. Sims, to come to Los Angeles to become an agent for the New York Life Insurance Company. My uncle loaned my wife and me \$100 a month until we could get



Reed and Helena

started. I took to the business like a golf ball takes to water and was number two in sales in the company in 1946, and number one in 1947. I remained one of the top agents for many years. I started in the business in 1937 at age twenty-two and retired at age eighty. My wife Helena and I enjoyed a very happy family life raising our three sons. It was a delightful time with trips together, picnics in the mountains, playing golf and watching them learn to play the games children play. They were all healthy children and grew to have happy families of their own. My eldest son became a lawyer, my middle son went into business in Park City and my youngest son took over my insurance business. My middle son passed away from cancer.

Governor Dewey H. Clyde appointed me to the Board of Trustees of the University of Utah. I served on the Board for twenty-five years. When the University Hospital was built on the eastern campus, I became a member of that Board as well and served for twenty-two years. The experiences with the University changed my life. It gave me perspective of college academia. I was impressed by the enormous dedication and hard work of the faculty and the administration as well. In addition, I enjoyed getting to know the interworking’s of the University of Utah and meeting delightful, brilliant people. Over the years, it is estimated

that I raised over fifty million dollars directly and indirectly. Community and research support of the University has helped it become one of the ten leading State Universities in academic research in the United States.

Impressive changes: During my growing up years, we went to town in a horse and buggy over unpaved roads that became heavily rutted and slippery in bad weather. Then we were able to buy a Ford Touring car with curtains on the side. In 1928, we bought a Ford with glass windows and a heater. Along with the automobile, came the radio that kept us entertained and informed until television was developed. In 1934, I went to the World's Fair in Chicago; where all sorts of innovations were exhibited, but the one I thought was the most impressive was air conditioning, which proved to be true. It had changed the lives of millions of people. Computer chips were developed at the laboratories of Bell Telephone. That chip has grown into a tremendous computer industry. Today, more information is circulated in minutes than used to be circulated in weeks. Computers have changed our lives in the most dramatic ways.



Reed in the middle with his two sons

Hobbies and activities: Golf and skiing were my principal hobbies until my early nineties when I fell and injured my back. My wife Helena and I started playing bridge when we were in our forties. Much of our social life was spent going to dinners and playing bridge. After my wife died, I started playing bridge with the fellows at the Alta Club and the Country Club. I play four times a week with the fellows. I go to the Palm Springs area for five months of the year, where I find bridge to be one of my major activities.

Secret to longevity: My secret to longevity is having strong parents. My father lived to eighty-one and my mother to eighty-six. Access to good medical care due to my relationship with the University Hospital has helped. Good companionship and a loving family. Over my lifetime I have been able to socialize with many people following my wife's death. She passed away twenty years ago. After she passed away, I have dated wonderful ladies and I still enjoy the companionship of wonderful people. (Today, I never date a lady under eighty.)

Best advice: Develop an optimistic outlook. Everyone has something interesting about them. Look for good in others and compliment them. Eat well and get plenty of exercise. Strive for as much education as you can get. This is a complex world and you have to compete. Remember that love and companionship are basic to our nature. Find someone to love and someone who loves you.

Descendants: Three children, six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.



June Brown

June Larsen was born in 1915, in Salt Lake City, Utah, the first of five children born to Emil Christian Larsen and Grace Addie Stewart Larsen.

She spent her childhood years in Ogden and in 1934 she married John Paul Brown who had eagerly courted her for many months. Work was hard to find in the middle of the Great Depression, so June and Paul moved often during the first years of their marriage, taking whatever was available in northern Utah and southern Idaho. In 1935 they were blessed with a daughter, and then six years later along came their son.

Although primarily a homemaker, she also worked at Hill Field as a parachute packer during World War II, and then when the soldiers began to come home, took a position at the Utah Unemployment Office. When her children grew up and were married grandchildren began to come along. June is officially "Grandma June." Grandma June spent many hours tending, creating "magic" and "adventures," for her grandchildren as they recall.



June also developed a love of quilting, making hundreds and hundreds of colorful quilts, which she immediately gave away to family, friends of family, family of friends of family, and anyone with a new baby. Her quilts are all over the world with the children of servicemen and women and children in shelters and hospitals. To this day, she has a quilt up on her frame in her assisted living apartment. June is a long-term member of Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, has loved "cutting" books for her book club, and has compiled huge, detailed "Books of Remembrance" on family members and ancestors.

Most of all, June loves to spend time with family members, and appreciates the kindness, good food, and tender care she receives at her assisted living facility. She remains in good health, and when asked how she is doing, she invariably responds, "I'm very blessed!"

Descendants: Two children, seven granddaughters, twenty-one great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Frank John Caputo

Frank John Caputo was born in 1915 in Sunnyside, Utah, the third child born to Rosario and Christina Bruni Caputo. Frank and two sisters survived all their siblings.

Favorite accomplishments: Frank graduated from West High School in 1934. He was an avid player of football, basketball and track. Frank grew up in Salt Lake City, at the family neighborhood store called “Caputo’s Grocery” on 3rd North and 6th West. The grocery store and upstairs living quarters became the center of the Caputo family existence for fifty-seven years. In 1940, Frank met and married Nellie Vaderward; they had two children. Frank worked as a machinist for Union Pacific Railroad for thirty-seven years, he retired at the age of sixty-two, he has been learning to golf and he used to go jogging every day at Liberty Park until the age of ninety-five.



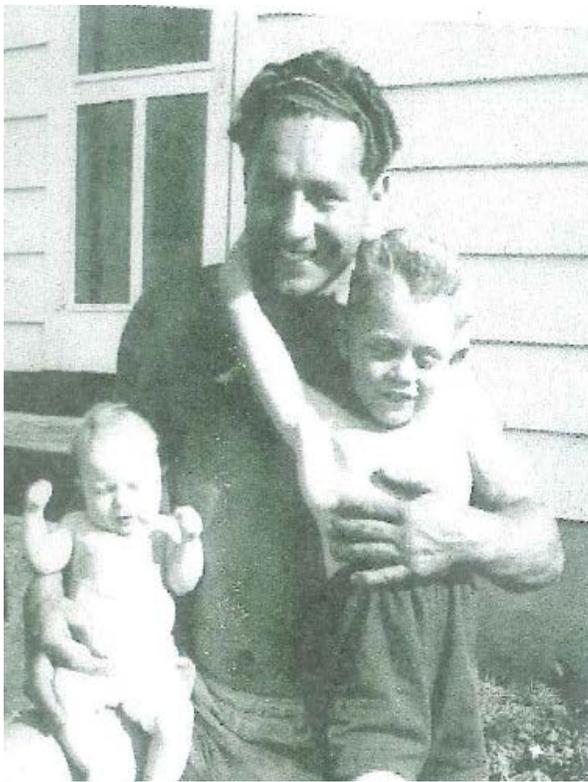
Frank’s most memorable experience was traveling to New York City in 1956 on the train with his son. They both watched the 1956 World Series Baseball game in which Don Larsen pitched a perfect game. After the game Don Larsen signed a card and gave it to both of them. Frank likes to garden, coach little league baseball, American League baseball. He likes to bowl, golf, jog, play bridge and always help a neighbor or a friend in need.

Frank has definitely experienced a lifetime of memorable moments. He is loved by everyone whose life he has touched for his kindness, friendship, loyalty and his endless generosity.

Secret to longevity: Frank’s secret to longevity is a good glass of red wine, eating pasta, exercise and thinking positive!

Best advice: “Life is not a matter of counting the years; it’s a matter of making the years count.” His favorite saying is “Every day is a bonus.”

Descendants: Two children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Frank with his children 1950

Ruth Christensen Conger

Ruth Christensen Conger was born in Bear River City, Utah in 1915, one of three children born to Hyrum Erastus Christensen and Inger Jorgine Sorensen.

Outstanding memories: My mother died when I was seven years old. Believing her illness to be contagious, it was thought better for the children to be kept from her direct contact. My father was very busy working on the farm, so my two brothers and I were left alone much of our early years. We had housekeepers come in to care for us occasionally, but for the most part we cared for ourselves while our father tended the farm. I attended elementary school in Bear River and later went to Bear River High School in Garland, Utah. I had a great desire to learn to play the piano so arrangements were made for me to receive piano lessons from a neighbor. To pay for my lessons I brought eggs from our chickens and watched the neighbor's children. I married my high school sweetheart, Warren Conger, just before graduating from high school in 1934. My husband was a farmer when we married, but received his commission as a Lieutenant in the US Army just prior to World War II. We had three children by this time: a son and two daughters, one of whom only lived two days. My husband was called to active duty in Fairbanks, Alaska six months before the war started, and we had our fourth child in August of that year. We had one more child in 1943. We joined my husband in Great Falls, Montana, where he was stationed as a member of the US Army Air Corps until the conclusion of World War II in 1945. He was then transferred to Guam but there were no provisions for his dependents so my four children and I relocated to Ogden, Utah. We lived in Ogden until the Korean War caused my husband to be assigned to Tachikawa, Japan. We boarded a military troop ship in San Francisco and spent two weeks following in the wake of a typhoon before finally arriving in Yokohama, Japan in 1951. We lived there for several years until he was transferred to Georgia and later to Miami, Florida. I have had the opportunity to live many places around the world due to my husband's career. It has been an exciting life and generally one I have enjoyed. I have especially enjoyed meeting and becoming acquainted with people of different beliefs and cultures.



Ruth with her brother, Chester a former Centenarian

Impressive changes: The most outstanding changes I have seen are the changes in transportation and communication. If I was told when I was a very young girl living in the tiny town of Bear River City that I would have the opportunity to teach and mingle with the peoples of many cultures and beliefs, and that I would have the privilege to influence many lives for their good, I wouldn't have believed it! I had never been more than ten miles from where I had been born!

Hobbies and activities: I like to read good books and study the scriptures. I also still play the piano and keep a journal.

Secret to longevity: Be positive. When difficulty or trouble comes, I believe, "This too shall pass," and "It is not as bad as it could be."

Best advice: Look for the good in life around you. I believe that as long as we are true to our heritage and the freedoms our ancestors have fought and died for, we can and will do much for ourselves and for those around us.

Descendants: Five children, twenty-eight grandchildren, 109 great-grandchildren, and fifty-one great-great-grandchildren.

Eleanor Piacitelli Dalpiaz

Eleanor “Nora” Piacitelli was born in 1911 in Majestic, Colorado, the third of eight children born to John and Helen Williams Piacitelli. She, one brother, and one sister are still living.

Outstanding memories: Nora’s early childhood was spent in Colorado. Her father worked in the machine shop for a coal mine and the family lived nearby in one of the camp houses. Nora recalls how hard her mother worked to keep their family’s living quarters up to her standards, often working well into the night cleaning. The idea of cleaning after midnight must have appealed to Nora who, like her mother, is known for staying up into the wee hours of the morning to finish cleaning projects, laundry, or to get a batch of nut rolls out of the oven.

When Nora was four or five years old, the family moved to Sunnyside, a mining camp in Carbon County. With five children in the family, the train trip stands out in her memory to this day as quite an adventure. She recalls those days in Sunnyside, “Our big entertainment was the newspaper, especially the big Sunday paper.” Nora survived the 1918 influenza epidemic in Sunnyside. “Every day a funeral procession would pass by our house going from the church to the cemetery,” Nora remembers. “The mourners walked and the casket was carried on a horse drawn cart. Everyone in our house was sick with the flu except my older sister, Millie, and me. We were the nurses for the family. It felt pretty scary.”

When the United Mine Workers went on strike in 1919, Nora’s father had to find a new job. The family moved to Price where he found work in a garage as a machinist. Nora finished her school years there.

Nora met her future husband, Frank, at a church carnival. A year later they became engaged and were married in 1938 at Notre Dame Catholic Church in Price. They made their home in Helper and raised their family, Nora working as a nurse and Frank working for the United States Postal Service. During World War II, Frank served in the U.S. Navy in the Philippine Islands. Nora and Frank were active in the Helper community and in St. Anthony’s Catholic Parish. Nora joined the parish choir soon after she was married and was still an active choir member when she moved from Helper at age ninety-five.

Nora says Frank was the “ideal husband, so kind and patient” and they were “very compatible.” They were married fifty-eight years when Frank passed away in 1996 with Nora at his side. Nora continued to live in their home in Helper, concentrating her energy on keeping up a spectacular yard and beautiful home and singing in the choir. In 2008, Nora moved from Helper to Tooele to live with her granddaughter’s family in an apartment they built especially for her in their new home. It was difficult to leave behind the people and places, which had been part of her life for most of her 100 years, but Nora was grateful to be closer to family. She feels blessed to have her own space with her granddaughter’s family, with room for company and all her own favorite treasures, complete with a walk-out patio and garden. She enjoys daily visits from her great-grandchildren, which keeps her feeling young at heart.



Piacitelli Family 1921
Nora is fourth from the left

Favorite accomplishments: Nora said, “Being in a loving marriage, having good and hard-working children, and caring family and friends are what I count as my most cherished accomplishments.” She believes next to being a wife and a parent, nursing was the most important thing in her life.

Nora fondly recalls being among those chosen as the best spellers in her elementary school class and traveling to participate in a spelling bee. In high school, she sang the part of Queen Isabella, the lead, in her high school operetta, “Captain Crossbones.” Nora wanted to audition for the part but only those in the music class were expected to have the talent to perform. Nora hadn’t been in the music class the first part of the year. She joined the class mid-year in order to try out and she got the part! The operetta traveled to all the camps and schools in the area to perform. “It was a very big affair for me!” Nora remembers.

After graduating from Carbon High School in 1930, Nora worked in the court house doing odd jobs for the county clerk. She then worked as a restaurant waitress and enjoyed meeting people and serving them. In 1933, Nora decided to pursue her dream and went into training at Holy Cross Hospital School of Nursing. She graduated in 1937 as a Registered Nurse and began a long, successful nursing career including positions at Holy Cross and Carbon Hospitals. Many families grew up knowing her as the nurse in Dr. Demman’s office and preferred her painless shots over the doctor’s accurate but “dart like” injections. She later served as Director of Nursing at Carbon Hospital and then as Nursing Administrator at Carbon Nursing Home where she completed her “official” career as a nurse, retiring in 1979.

Hobbies and activities: Nora enjoys reading the newspaper every day and especially loves working on the daily puzzles. She attends church almost every Sunday and cherishes frequent visits with her family.

Nora continues to enjoy the spring and summer months. She loves to garden and believes cold weather is never good. Nora enjoys pampering her plants and flowers, especially her roses, her favorite flower. She also nurtures her rhubarb plant (brought from her garden in Helper) so she can enjoy her other favorite hobby baking! She is famous among family and friends for her rhubarb custard pie, cinnamon nut rolls, red velvet cake, honey dew cookies, Hungarian cookies, banana cake, and many other delicious treats. As an avid baker and an excellent cook, she enjoys teaching family how to prepare traditional family recipes.

Descendants: Two children, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.



Age twenty-three



Age twenty-seven



Wedding day 1938



Fiftieth anniversary

Mildred Olsen Del'Andrae

Mildred Olsen was born in 1911 in Salt Lake City, Utah, the first of four children born to Oscar and Bertha Jane Bowerbank Olsen. She has outlived all of her siblings.

Mildred was born of full English descent. Due to her mother's illness, she was raised by her aunt. The family lived near the train tracks by West High School in the heart of Salt Lake City. Mildred learned later in life she had grown up in a poverty stricken family. However, she was completely unaware of her family's poverty during her early childhood. Mildred graduated from West High School.

During cold winter nights, her family would burn a fire in their old pot belly stove. Mildred and her siblings each would place a brick near the fire until it was red hot. They would then put their brick at the foot of their bed under their bedding to keep toasty warm.



**Lois and Mildred
Great Salt Lake 1934**

Mildred's family would all sit together around the radio and listen to popular plays and programs for evening entertainment.

As a child, Mildred remembers having fun and doing a lot of hiking in the mountains near Alta, Utah. She and her family would stay in the mountains when her uncle was working in the mines.

In her youth, Mildred remembers taking the street car to town with her grandmother. Mildred would go her own way while her grandmother shopped. When her grandmother came to meet Mildred at Kress Five-and-Dime store, she was surprised to find Mildred behind the counter

working her first job! Her grandmother couldn't believe it! She came to the counter and Mildred waited on her! Mildred had desperately wanted a job and was persistent in seeking one. "I actually fibbed a little about my age to obtain my initial employment," she admits. Although she can't recall her weekly wages, she remembers at the time, she just felt lucky to have a job.

Her next job was as a time keeper and statistical clerk in the Postal Telegraph Office of Salt Lake City. She recorded all the reports and also performed teletype when needed. She considers herself lucky to have been employed, when most men could not get jobs during the Great Depression.

Mildred also enjoyed going dancing at a variety of venues including "Saltair" on the beach of the Great Salt Lake and "The Old Mill" located in what is currently known as Cottonwood Heights, Utah. "My weakness was pretty, high-heeled shoes!" she confesses.

Mildred dated Louis Smith Newson for four years before she married him in 1934. They were very happy together. Louis worked as a dispatcher with Denver & Rio Grande Railroad. They built a new home in the Sugarhouse area of Salt Lake City, before welcoming three children to their family (two girls and one boy). Tragedy struck in 1949 when Louis died unexpectedly of cerebral hemorrhaging, leaving



Mildred as a toddler

Mildred to raise their three young children alone.

Mildred was working at Fort Douglas in Salt Lake City during WWII, when she was pleasantly surprised by a “Top Brass” special request to work as a personal executive secretary. After her first husband’s death, she ran her own daycare business in her home. Mildred appreciated being able to support her three children without having to leave them to work outside of her home.

Mildred married Roy Del’Andrae in 1951 in Elk, Nevada. She gave birth to her youngest daughter in 1953. After giving birth, she temporarily worked at Dunford’s Bakery and in catering. Later, she was employed by the Salt Lake City Health Department in Vital Statistics, where she supervised the recording of all births and deaths within the city limits. She worked there until she retired, as required, at age sixty-five.



Age fifty

After their children were raised, Roy and Mildred moved to the Holladay area of Salt Lake City. They liked to go out to breakfast and then flip a coin to decide which direction they would travel that day, embarking on one of their many road trips. After twenty-six years of marriage, Roy passed away Christmas Eve of 1977.

After Roy’s death, Mildred continued to travel, taking numerous tours and cruises with family and many good friends. Mildred considers herself fortunate enough to have traveled to a great number of exotic and exciting places worldwide. Among the many trips, some specifically come to mind, like her first motorcycle ride at age seventy and her first camel ride in Egypt at age seventy-five.



In Cairo, Egypt 1986

Favorite accomplishments: Mildred is grateful and most proud of what she considers her greatest accomplishment her “Five-Generation Family.” Her greatest desire was, and still is, her family’s happiness.

Hobbies and activities: Mildred finds pleasure in rendering needle-point and ceramics, playing cards, entertaining, hosting parties, and setting exquisite dinner tables.

Secret to longevity: Mildred attributes her good health to her sparing use of medications, “I have never, even to this day, been one to take any medications unless absolutely necessary.”

Best advice: “Always reflect anger with kindness and hate with love.”

Mildred continues to enjoy good health and resides independently in her apartment in Sandy, Utah. On her 101 birthday, she had a fun party which was attended by more than 100 of her family members and friends.

Descendants: Four children, twenty-two grandchildren, forty-seven great-grandchildren, and twenty-four great-great-grandchildren.



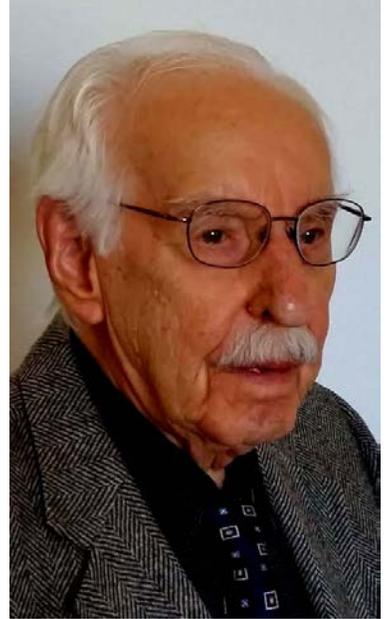
Mildred and Roy 1972

Claudio Dos Santos

Claudio was born in 1915 in Sorocaba, São Paulo, Brazil, one of fourteen children born to Joaquim Martins Dos Santos and Anna Rita Guimaraes.

Education: To avoid embarrassment because he was much larger than children of his age, Claudio received special permission to start elementary school at five years old, two years early. This early experience left a critical impression on him because the only thing he wanted was to be home with his mama. He learned very quickly and in the second grade he was used as a teacher substitute for the first grade students. In 1932 he began technical education in the first trade school created in his hometown and afterwards trained in mechanics at the railway machine shop. Years later he received a diploma with honors for mechanical drafting from Getulio Vargas night school and became a self-educated engineer.

Favorite accomplishments: Claudio's main and favorite accomplishment was his marriage to his beloved wife, Mary. As Claudio says, she deserves not only a paragraph but also an entire volume of accolades. Claudio was also a member of the Tabernacle Choir and the first Brazilian to sing there for fourteen years. Claudio was a world traveler both professionally and for pleasure. He visited all of the countries of South America and also traveled to other parts of the world, totaling approximately forty countries.



Outstanding memories: An outstanding memory was the opportunity to use his education as supervisor for 3M's first plant in Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil from 1947 to 1955. He was then the supervisor at the General Electric plant from 1961 to 1964. According to Claudio, he has 100 years filled with outstanding memories that would fill a book.



Claudio and Mary 1970

Impressive changes: Claudio lived through World War I and II and several political and civil revolutions in Brazil. He experienced life without telephones, televisions, radios, and automobiles and observed postal deliveries on horseback. He also observed the evolution of technology from its beginnings and is an active participant in the information age.

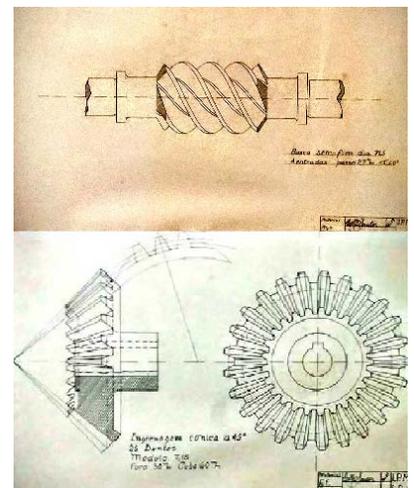
Hobbies and activities: Claudio has been a lifelong avid camper, including when he lived in Brazil, where this was not a common activity. He played golf until his seventies in the extreme heat of Las Vegas. He loves to sing and was a singer

in a group in Brazil. He also played the guitar and mandolin in his youth. He embraces current technology and enjoys creating websites for friends and family.

Secret to longevity: "Daily exercise, healthy eating and moderation in all things. The exception, in my mind to all this, I cannot say!"

Best advice: "I lived my life my way and advise you to do the same. Be yourself positively in all things."

Descendants: Three children, ten grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchild.



Designs made by Claudio 1939

Gretchen “Grete” Dunham

Outstanding memories: Grete came to the United States in 1925. She was later married in 1927. Once here in the United States she made Salt Lake City her home and became a lifelong resident.

Favorite accomplishments: Grete feels one of her greatest accomplishments was retiring from the Safeway Stores as Payroll Director for the Salt Lake City Division.

Hobbies and activities: One of Grete’s greatest joys is going on camping trips. Her favorite hobby was gathering gemstones. She would gather these gemstones to make beautiful jewelry. She continued to do this hobby into her nineties. Grete drove for many years but voluntarily gave up her drivers license at age ninety-seven.

Descendants: Two children, ten grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.



Grete is a proud 103 years old grandmother. Here she is with her newest family member.

Frank Enlow

Frank Enlow was born in 1911 in Alva, Oklahoma. He grew up with seven siblings.

Education: Frank attended law school at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Favorite accomplishments and outstanding memories: Frank served two missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The first mission, he was called to serve in Santa Barbara, California. When he went on his second mission, he was called to serve in Billings, Montana.

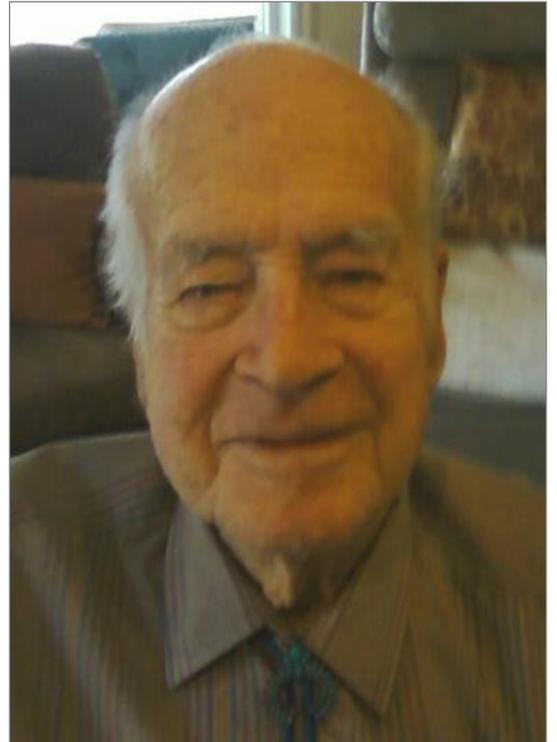
He was part of the motorcycle group called “The Temple Riders”. He would take many motorcycle trips to different LDS temples throughout the country with his friends. They would teach the gospel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to those they met on their motorcycle adventures.

He and his wife owned an airplane and enjoyed flying all around the United States, Canada, and even Mexico!

Hobbies and activities: Frank has a love for writing poetry and considers this one of his greatest hobbies. Frank’s favorite activity would be riding his motorcycle, either with “The Temple Riders” or just to go for a cruise.

Secret to longevity: Frank attributes his longevity to good nutrition, regular church attendance, and plenty of time with good friends.

Descendants: Three children (two living).

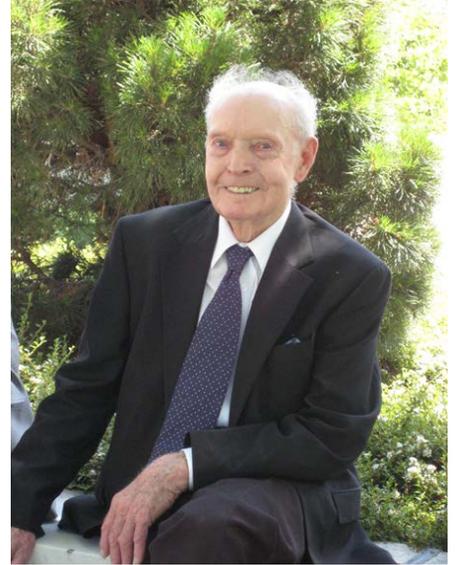


Joseph Elmer Facer

Joseph E. Facer was born in 1914 in Brigham City, Utah, the fourth child born to Joseph Facer and Emma Richards Facer. He outlived his four siblings.

Outstanding memories: Elmer tells his story as follows “My parents had just purchased farmland in Box Elder County a year prior to my birth. Many of my early recollections include trips to the farm with my father. He encouraged me to work by his side. I like to ride on top of a horse-drawn loaded beet wagon to the sugar factory each Saturday.

I loved athletics as a youth and kept track of the standing of every major league team and player. I was particularly keen on following the career of my older brother who went on to play baseball with the Copper Company and the St. Louis Cardinals. I was a member of the LDS Church and involved with all the youth activities, including a basketball team. At age thirteen, I was involved with a Smith Hughes Vocational



Elmer as a young boy

Agriculture course and participated in judging contest, displaying sugar beets, corn, barley, and other crops. I began an FFA project and acquired and cared for 800-1000 laying hens. In 1931 when I went to college, tuition was sixty-five dollars per year. I bought a Model T for fifteen dollars. I graduated in 1935 at the age of twenty. I accepted a position as Smith Hughes Vocational Agriculture Instructor in Nephi, Utah, earning 100 dollars per month. After teaching one year, I was offered an assistantship in animal production at Texas. En route to Texas, I stopped in Colorado and was impressed with the area where a friend was employed at Great Western Sugar. I was employed as a Field Man/Agriculturist in Fort Lupton. A permanent assignment followed in Sterling, Colorado where I met my wife-to-be, Flora Zang. We were married after two years. We had three daughters born during the time we lived in Sterling. In 1951, I chose to move into the banking industry. For thirteen years, I worked as Vice President in the livestock department of the U.S. National Bank of Denver. My responsibilities included travel to make most of the loan inspections. About forty-five percent of the bank's

loans were in agriculture. During the time in Denver, three more children were born, a daughter, a son, and another daughter. In the mid-sixties, I was involved in organizing a new bank, the Colorado State Bank and became Senior Vice President. That was followed by an opportunity in 1966 to take over a small bank in Lamar, Colorado. I retired as President and Chairman of Northern Bank and Trust in 1989. My wife passed away the previous year and within a short period I was determined to return to Utah. There, I was able to have a bit more time with two of my siblings; I became reacquainted with some of my Utah Aggie friends and meet other retired residents.”

Impressive changes: Elmer says “It has been difficult to see so many family members, friends, and acquaintances pass on.”

Secret to longevity: “Heredity and desire to keep going and have a positive feel of well-being.”

Descendants: Six children, twenty-five grandchildren, and thirty-eight great-grandchildren.

Dorothy DeNure Fultz

Dorothy DeNure was born in 1913 in Santa Paula, California, the first child born to Delos Walker DeNure and Celia Hall DeNure. She outlived all her siblings.

Outstanding memories: The first years of my life, I lived on a ranch in Santa Paula, California. I was horseback riding before I was school age. My grandfather, Delos Dewolf DeNure, was the first Superintendent of the school in Ventura County. He taught me to read at a very early age and I have always been so grateful. I did not go to college, but wanted to go to business school. My grandmother who raised me, said "No! A lady does not work in an office," so I went to night school and then got a job at Breuner's, a big home furnishing store in Sacramento. Breuner's was established by a German immigrant who wanted to build mining equipment for the miners in the Sacramento area, but he ended up making cabinets and eventually opened up his own shop. I worked as his secretary.

Favorite accomplishments: My greatest accomplishment is my wonderful son, Dr. John DeNure Hunt. I always loved to garden and cook. If I had known getting old was such hard work, I would have done something else! But I laugh a lot and that helps. I still do some pot gardening.

Impressive changes: I can't believe there is so much greed now and the cruelty to animals is terrible. I believe we have too many of the human species.

Hobbies and activities: I read a lot. Currently, I'm trying to learn what kind of plants will do best in Southern Utah.

Secret to longevity: I believe in a lot of laughing, good foods, fruits, lots of vegetables, and staying active. No early television in my life – kids sit down too much now. I have a big orange cat named J.R. who keeps me in line; he jumps up the bed and wakes me up when he is ready for breakfast. I feed him and then I go back to bed for another hour – J.R. has me well trained!

Best advice: Be patient and laugh a lot. Be as kind as possible to everyone.

Descendants: One child, three grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.



Evelyn G. Gaskill

Evelyn Gurley Gaskill was born in 1912, in Hooks, Texas, the first of seven children born to John E. Gurley and Charlotte L. Wright Gurley.

Education: Evelyn graduated from high school when she was sixteen years old. She spent two years in college. She thought about school for two years and then went back to college for three more years to become a nurse. She worked as a nurse until she was seventy-nine years old.

Outstanding memories: Evelyn was born and raised on a farm in Hooks, Texas. She married twice however did not have children. She has a stepson from her second marriage, who she cares for dearly. Evelyn has done some traveling in the past.

Favorite accomplishments: Being a nurse and serving as one until she turned seventy-nine years old.

Impressive changes: Some of the changes she has seen frightened her and some have been very exciting.

Hobbies and activities: Evelyn still sews a little, reads a lot, and still does her own cooking.

Secret to longevity: Evelyn credits her longevity to eating right, not smoking or drinking, and staying away from drugs, except for the prescribed ones from her doctor.

Best advice: “Follow all the advice this yearbook says as much as possible.”



Evelyn at her ninety-ninth birthday



Evelyn and her dear friend who brought her to Utah



Evelyn and her first husband, Clarence Wilburn, 1935

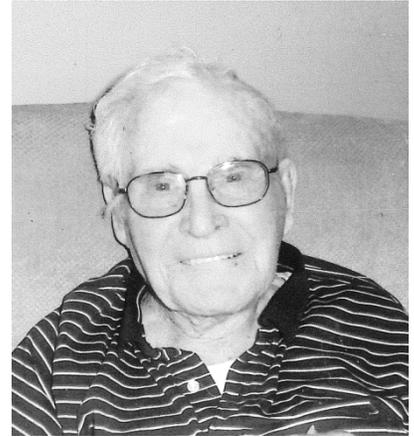


James Gerardi

James Gerardi was born in 1915 in Trinidad, Colorado, the second child born to Inocenti and Roselini Gerardi. He outlived two siblings.

Education: James attended high school in Rock Springs, Wyoming. After graduation, he went to work for U.S. General Land Office in Wyoming and Nevada until he went to the Army in 1941. While in the Army, he took a course in Engineering.

Outstanding memories: James says, “I was proud to serve my country to the end of WWII. I was stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Attached to the Corp of Engineers, I helped construct the Alcon Highway from St. John, Canada to Fairbanks, Alaska. I also served in the South Pacific, New Guinea, Southern Philippines Island, and Australia. After the war, I went to work for the Wyoming Highway Department, in their materials laboratory; it was here I met the love of my life Violet “Vi” Ellsworth of Cheyenne. Vi and I married in 1953. We did a lot of traveling and we enjoyed bowling; our favorite place was Australia. I took her there to show her where I served during the war. We also loved Hawaii and went back three times. We enjoyed Las Vegas and Wendover, Nevada for short excursions. We toured America from San Francisco to New England. Life was good to me and Violet. We were very happy.”



James and Violet, Wedding Day

Favorite accomplishments: James says, “Besides living to be 100, my work on the Alcon Highway, serving my country during the big war, retiring from Wyoming Highway Department, and my marriage of thirty-six years to Violet are my favorite accomplishments.”

Impressive changes: “Being raised and living in Wyoming until I was ninety-eight; I am proud and impressed with the State of Wyoming being the first state to grant women the right to vote in 1890. Also, from

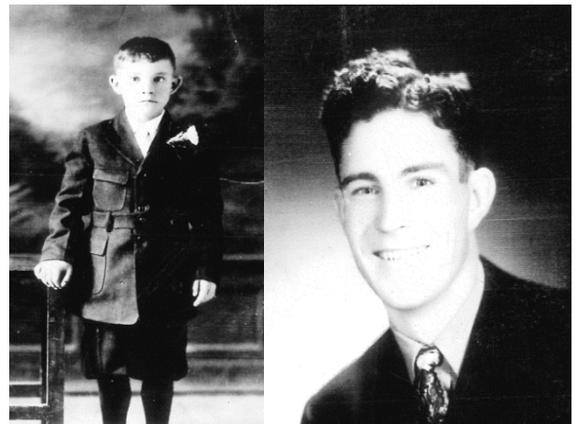
driving in a Model T- Ford of my dad’s to watching a man walk on the moon – there is nothing more impressive.”

Hobbies and activities: “I like sports and to watch the Denver Broncos and the Colorado Rockies. They are my favorite teams; being in Utah now, I watch the Jazz. I do word search puzzles, take my walks around the place where I live, and visit with the eleven ladies who live in our building.”

Secret to longevity: “Chasing women, they keep you young! Good genes, my mother lived to be ninety-three; my dad lived to be ninety. Be kind and don’t sweat the small stuff.”

Best advice: James’ best advice to everyone is “Don’t stew over the past mistakes or worry about the future. Be happy and laugh a lot.”

Descendants: None.



James, age six and High School Graduation

Bertha Anderson Green

Bertha Anderson was born in 1915 in Cardston, Canada, the third child born to Thomas Alpha Anderson and Mary Jane Low Anderson. She has outlived all her siblings.

Outstanding memories: Bertha attended high school in Cardston through grade twelve. Every Saturday she went to a dance and danced the Waltz and Fox Trot. A school memory of Bertha's is taking the three hour Government Exam for grades nine through twelve. The test was sent away three hundred miles to be marked. This insured there was no way to "bribe" the instructor to improve the children grades. Bertha walked by the Cardston temple every day. President Nathan Eldon Tanner was her eighth grade teacher and her bishop. Bertha and her husband Wilbur were married for thirty-five years before his passing. Bertha has fulfilled her dream of



Bertha, age nineteen

living in Salt Lake City. She has attended the same ward for fifty-nine years! She remembers in 1950 her friends, the Sharps, phoned and asked her and Wilbur to buy the chicken coop lot across the street; so they did, and built their home. In 1958, Wilbur enclosed the breezeway to make Bertha's beauty shop which was run by her children for many years. Bertha has traveled all over the world, Canada, United States, New Zealand, Europe and Israel. She also climbed Old Chief Mountain in Glacier National Park (9,066 ft.) when she was sixty-six years old. In October 1980, being only sixty-five, she applied at the ZCMI department store in down town Salt Lake. She was hired as a cashier at the snack bar. She walked five blocks twice a day to catch the bus to go to and from work. She

worked for twenty years and retired in 2000 at the age of eighty-four.

Impressive changes: Bertha remembers her family traveled by horse and buggy and later by car. She is very impressed with the smart phones and how small they are, she likes that you can take pictures and navigate the internet with it – "It does everything!" she says.

Hobbies and activities: Bertha likes to attend church and family parties. She likes to visit her children and their family every Sunday for dinner.

Secret to longevity: She says "I was born healthy, two of my sisters had the 1919 flu and I never had it."

Best advice: She says her slogan is "On we go to see what comes next."

Descendants: Six children, forty-six grandchildren and forty-five great-grandchildren.



Bertha and Wilbur with their children 1944

Christine Grover

Christine Francis Donaldson was born in 1914 in Hachita, New Mexico, the ninth child born to James Rowan Donaldson and Francis Cora Harris. She and her sister have outlived their siblings.

Education: Christine attended the first grade in Hachita, New Mexico. After her mom passed, she skipped second grade and moved to Utah with her father and her aunt; she then started third grade. She remembers, her teacher didn't know if she knew enough to be allowed into third grade, but her teacher convinced her father to give Christine a chance and she did well enough, Christine's father let her stay, later on she graduated from Springville High School.

Outstanding memories: Christine shares her memories as follows: "As a child I spent a lot of time with my father after my mom died. He liked to take me with him to take care of the cattle. We would go out with a horse and buggy to care for the cattle. This was a special time for me. Another childhood memory is of the celebration which happened when WWI was over. I



I remember the men throwing their hats in the air. I remember seeing a dirigible pass over Hachita when I was a youngster; it was so close I could almost see the people riding it. I heard later on the dirigible had crashed. I remember when tragically when I lived in New Mexico, my dad's horses were trapped in the mountains; when the cowboys the horses free, they stampeded to the water tank and a few drank so much water they died. After I graduated from high school, I moved to California to work. While working in Westwood, I met my husband Cal Grover. We got married and we both worked at the Sawmill until we started a family, then I stayed home."



Christine 1932

Favorite accomplishments: "When I was sixty-seven years old, I memorized 200 scriptures after our mission to San Antonio, Texas. I also liked to memorize poetry, so when I was in high school I memorized a whole book of poems. One of my favorites was the The Highwayman. I learned to play both the piano and the organ after I was married and played for many years. My husband was a good tenor, so I would play piano and he would sing in church."

Impressive changes: Christine says: "Oh my! Probably cell phones; I used to think people were talking to themselves when I would go downtown. Technology had totally changed from the world I grew up in. For example, when I lived with my aunt in 1923, we used coal oil lamps with wicks for lights. Now there is electric lights and they are so nice. Now we have nice cars and airplanes. I remember when Charles Lindbergh flew solo across the Atlantic Ocean in 1927, which was a big deal. I remember I had a boyfriend whose car had a rumble seat. I never rode in the rumble seat though. In those days the cars had celluloid windows instead of glass and to start them you had to take a crank and turn over the motor yourself. I think it is wonderful, all the nice things we enjoy now a days. I really like indoor plumbing. It's almost like living in another world."



Cal and Christine 1944

Hobbies and activities: She says, "I still lead the music for the Relief Society. I can't see well enough to read from the hymn book, so I would use my reading machine to help me memorize two hymns for Sunday each week; I still meet with the Drifters Club. We started out with about twenty people, but now there are only seven of us left and it's because they

are twenty years younger than me.”

Secret to longevity: Christine shares, “I tried to live a good healthy life. I’ve eaten good food throughout my life. My only vice is I like to drink Root Beer when I go out. Also, I think a good positive attitude has helped me live so long.”

Best advice: “Always be friendly and give of yourself. I like to make everyone feel good about themselves. Try to be happy no matter what happens, because eventually everything straightens out. If you do this your life will be more harmonious.”

Descendants: Seven children, thirty-four grandchildren, sixty-eight great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.



From left, Christine at age twelve and sister Amy at age six 1926

Afton Jolley Harding

Afton Jolley was born in 1914 in Duchesne, Utah, the tenth child born to Bryant Heber Jolley, Jr. and Annie Sproul Jolley. She outlived all her siblings.

Outstanding memories: Afton relates her fondest memories as follows; “I was raised on a farm in Grandview, Utah (Provo) with my eleven siblings. As a child, when our family traveled, we traveled by horse and wagon and we took our food with us. Family, school and church activities were our main (and only) enjoyment. When I was around nine years old, my seventeen year-old sister was killed in a car/train accident while she and my parents were on their way to see my brother who received the “McAdam Medal” for best all-around athlete in the State of Utah. This tragedy was very heartbreaking for our entire family. At age thirteen, my friends and I accepted the offer of a ride to school from a boy we knew and as there was not room in his car for all of us, I and another girl stood on the “running board” on the outside of the car. We had nothing to hold onto but the rolled-down window. He stopped suddenly without warning and I was thrown off. I remember realizing I was above the ground, in the air. I was knocked unconscious and



taken by ambulance to the Robert B. Aird Hospital in Provo. I was unconscious for many hours. Dr. Aird was a good doctor, I received a Priesthood Blessing from my father, and I recovered. I had one month of recuperation time at home. When I was sixteen years old, our family home burned to the ground while we were all at Sunday school. This happened in the fall, it was thought some sparks from the chimney caught the leaves on our big box elder tree on fire, and the fire spread down onto the roof. One chair, a few books, and



Afton in her teen years

one little metal trunk were all that were saved. With much hardship, our family was finally able to rebuild on the same property. This new home was a blessing, especially for my parents. For the first time they had indoor plumbing, a telephone, an electric stove, and central heating! My father would get tears in his eyes every time he turned up the thermostat to get heat – rather than having to build a fire. I met my husband to be, Fred Harding, when I was sixteen years old, when my sister and I were working at my brother’s “Bluebird Café” in Provo. This was when you could buy a hamburger for ten cents, with chips! We were married in 1934, when I was twenty years old and we raised four wonderful children. Later on, we served LDS Mission in the Rochester New York Mission and also served for six years in the Provo Temple. We had a wonderful life together and were married almost seventy-five years when Fred passed away just two days before his ninety-eighth birthday. To celebrate my 100th birthday, friends and family were invited to help me celebrate during the month of February. During the whole month I received many calls on my

cell phone, little notes or cards, and visits. Between family parties, calls, cards, and visits, I had the time of my life!”

Favorite accomplishments: “I was privileged to serve in the LDS church in ward and stake leadership callings for many years. Serving a mission with my husband was the highlight. I worked as a Secretary/Bookkeeper at my brother’s business for thirty years. I was happily married to a wonderful man for nearly seventy-five years and we were blessed to raise four “perfect” children! I’ve had the privilege of living to see my posterity multiply to 114. I love all of them with all my heart.”

Impressive changes: “I remember the first “talkies” (movies). I remember Al Jolson singing “Mammy.” Before macular degeneration took away most of my sight, I was able to enjoy surround-sound, high-definition movies! As a child we traveled by horse and wagon. I remember when Charles Lindburgh flew from coast to coast. During my lifetime, I was privileged to travel by jet airplane. What a pleasure! As a child we had only ever-sharp pencils and paper. When I was eighty, I learned how to use the computer! That was fun! I also love having my own cell phone! I use it every day. I learned to drive a car at age thirteen. When I was sixteen it became law a driver’s license was required. There was no driver’s test and I BOUGHT a license for twenty-five cents! It was a ten by twenty inch yellow sheet of paper with some red print and it folded up into a smaller size. I never had to renew the license until I was in my thirties. I had a driver’s license with a picture until I quit driving when I was ninety-two years old. I never had an accident! I’m thankful for all the rules of the road now, with the speed and power of today’s cars. In my teen years, before Geneva Steel was built, the entire area was called “Geneva Resort.” There was a dance hall (with a swing board floor), where we could dance to the music of live bands. There was a hot dog stand and a roller-coaster type ride which stretched out over the water of a wonderful swimming pool. I later saw Geneva Steel built (my husband helped with some of that). We lived in our home in Provo long enough to see Geneva Steel thrive and then eventually torn down. Maybe they will rebuild the resort again. I would like that.”

Hobbies and activities: “Because my eyesight has dimmed with macular degeneration, my activities are limited, but I still enjoy attending church, family parties, concerts, and special family events. Oh yes, I also love to listen to politics on the radio and TV.”

Secret to longevity: “I was blessed to be born with good family “Jolley” genes! I was raised on Jersey whole milk and good home cooking. And—in my old age— I eat lots of chocolate!!!”

Best advice: “Have faith in the Lord, faith in yourself, and faith in your abilities. Remember members of your family will always be your best friends.”



Afton and Fred 1998

Lowell Hicks

Lowell Hicks was born in 1913 in Grantsville, Utah, the fourth child born to John Hicks and Amy Erickson Hicks. He outlived his four siblings.

Favorite accomplishment and outstanding memories: Lowell tells his story as follows: “I grew up on a farm in Grantsville, Utah. I helped on my father’s ranch in Ibapah, Utah. I was one year shy of being a teenager when I made my musical debut at Grantsville Old Folks Sociable in 1925. I worked as a golf caddie when I grew up, I soon realized I wasn’t going to pay my way through this world doing this, so I auditioned at KLS Radio, in the days when music was still played live over the airwaves. I performed on the radio five mornings a week; I started to play for Harry Clark, a famous singer back then. I learned to play music thanks to my grandmother Hilda Erickson. She drove me on a weekly basis to the old Victory Theater in Salt Lake City for lessons on the xylophone; when I was twelve, Sarah Anderson (a legendary music teacher at the time) asked me to play the xylophone in the Junior High School orchestra, I have been playing the xylophone since.” In 1945, Lowell went to the University of Utah to earn his teaching degree. He says, “I taught music, Utah history and type classes in the Jordan School District for twenty-eight years, when I was sixty-two, I began thinking the girls in my chorus weren’t singing, when in actuality they were. I realized I could no longer hear the high vibrations of music and I knew it was time to retire.” Lowell met his wife Bernice, when she came to him for xylophone lessons during his first year at the University of Utah “she was the cutest thing you could ever imagine,” he said, “I taught her to play the xylophone. After our wedding, she would play at weddings, banquets and funerals.” The couple’s five children also inherited the family’s musical talents. Lowell also was in the bee business for twenty years; he raised the bees and harvested the honey to sale.



Lowell playing the xylophone

Through the years Lowell has played in bands, orchestras and as a soloist around Utah. He performed with the Utah Symphony for over ten years and has taught many of the younger members of this organization the art of playing the xylophone. Lowell continues to share his musical talents with his LDS ward in Salt Lake City, where he serves as an organist. During a Saturday Sociable Governor Mike Leavitt, a member of the same ward, commented on Lowell, “I never knew hymns could be sung with a Dixieland beat until Lowell became our organist. Now I’m finding out they can. We all appreciate his musical abilities.”

Hobbies and activities: Lowell plays music seven times a month for the retirement centers. They do enjoy having a 100 year old man playing their familiar music. He also enjoys raising a vegetable garden, fruit trees and raspberries.

Secret to longevity: “I do one regular exercise for thirty minutes every night before retiring. I also practice piano and marimba every day. I know over 200 tunes and classic music by memory. Keep the word of wisdom always. No drugs, no tobacco, no alcohol ever in our home.”

Best advice: “Go to church regularly and keep the Lord’s blessings. Pray always and be thankful for your many blessings.”

Descendants: Five Children, thirty-three grandchildren and forty-five great-grandchildren.



Lowell at his best!

Gwen Christensen Jackman

Gwen Christensen was born in 1914 in Richfield, Utah, the first born child to Leroy Christensen and Thurza Bryant D. Christensen. She is one of four siblings still living.

Outstanding memories: Gwen's father was a farmer in the Richfield, Utah area, however, they lived in the town. They had gardens, fruit trees, dairy cows, chickens, pigs, and other animals. Milk and cream from the cows were sold for cash or other essentials. Gwen was in her early teens when the recession hit. Her family didn't suffer greatly as someone once told her "they didn't know the difference, as they were already poor". Gwen's mother always told her and her siblings "use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without", which made them learn responsibility from challenges. In Gwen's senior year in high school, she took a class in journalism and with class members they submitted local news articles for the Deseret News. After graduating, she was the only one doing the assignments for which she was paid ten cents a month for any news articles



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published. In 1933, Gwen married Charles Jackman; he was from Elsinore, Utah. He spent time in California where he lived with his family who had relocated. He was a member of the Utah National Guard, 222nd Field Artillery Division, and worked at various short term projects. They rented a house one block from her parents, their rent was five dollars a month, and they had a private telephone line which was two dollars and fifty cents a month. They had no indoor plumbing and their own water supply came from a tap outside several feet from the house. Charles helped Gwen's parents with milking the cows and some gardening, in exchange for milk and vegetables. They also took advantage of her parent's bathtub as they didn't have one. The bad economy brought people together to share and work together for their needs.

Later in life, Gwen and Charles were employed by Wear Ever Cooking Utensil dealership for whom they traveled and prepared meals to demonstrate wearless cooking for better nutrition. Hostesses would invite people to attend their "dinner parties." Gwen attributed their good health to this new method on cooking. By this time, they owned a Ford sedan in which they would take everything they owned, plus the cooking equipment, and the bedding on which their first born was comfortable and ready to travel (this was before seatbelts!). The couple and some dear friends drove to La Grande, Oregon where the men took training and were hired as firemen in freight service for Union Pacific Railroad. Charles was later promoted to an engineer in freight, passenger, and streamliner service. After retirement they moved back to Utah. Gwen says "The experiences of living during those depression years could be counted as a blessing in disguise, for lessons learned and if applied, would help persons be better prepared for future challenges".

Favorite accomplishments: "My family!" She says. Gwen earned an Extra Class Amateur Radio Operator's license (highest ham radio operator permit) and she assisted in many emergency communication requests. She was a pianist and organist for many vocalists, instrumental, and choir groups. She served on precinct election boards and taught genealogy courses.

Impressive changes: She says, “Beginning with Marconi wireless voice transmission, I have seen the



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development of radio broadcasts, telephones, television (black and white and color), satellite communications, computers, cell phones, and GPS systems. Horse transportation to luxury automobiles. Changes in record storage from written records to photographic, microfilm, microfiche, magnetic tape, computer hard, and floppy drives to flash drives. I appreciate and value most of the computer applications, which allow me to stay in daily contact with my extended family and grandchildren. I use internet and email daily.”

Hobbies and activities: She still has a small garden and enjoys family history research and sharing, as well as church callings. She enjoys computer communications.

Secret to longevity: Gwen says “Balancing spiritual and temporal priorities, adhering to the laws of nature, and following the Doctrine and Covenants section 89: The Word of Wisdom and the Thirteenth Article of Faith.”

Best advice: She says, “In time of need, the time for preparation is past; if prepared, you need not fear”. Her advice to the young is to go the old fashioned way, which is to work hard and save money for a down payment or purchase on a house. Gwen believes the following quotes summarize the best advice she can give, “If there is to be any peace, it will come from being, not having. – Henry Miller”. “Things done when first thought of need no further attention. – Phil Waite”. “The chief cause of failure and unhappiness is trading what we want most for what we want at the moment”. “A goal without a plan is only a dream”. “Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, and faith looks up”. “In the beginning was the Word, then “stuff” followed”.

Descendants: Four children, twenty-five grandchildren, fifty-two great-grandchildren, and ten great-great-grandchildren.

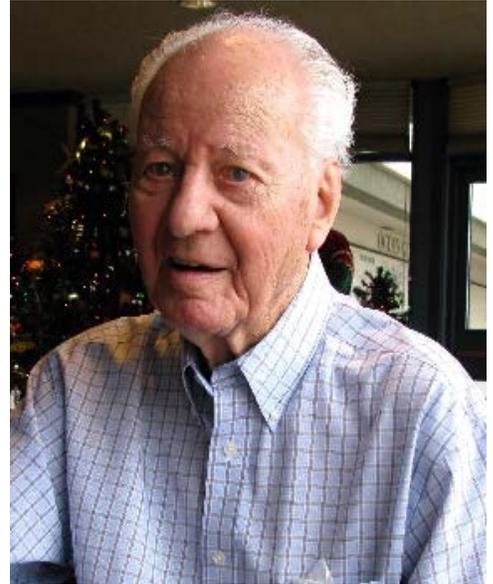
Bryce Raleigh Jensen

Bryce Raleigh Jensen was born in 1914 in Roy, Utah, the sixth child born to Joseph William Jensen and Lola Wellington Jensen. He outlived all his siblings.

Outstanding memories: Bryce attended Weber High School and Weber College before going to Reno, Nevada to live with his sister and attend the University of Nevada, Reno. In 1936, Bryce returned home to Roy to help his father with the family farm. On a blind date in the summer of 1941, Bryce met his dear wife Bobbie. They announced their engagement to be married on Pearl Harbor Day. They were married in January 1942 in Ogden, Utah. Bryce served in the Army Air Corps for a little over three years during World War II training young recruits in Miami Beach and as a cryptographer in various locations. He refers to his time on the island of Guam as a cryptographer as his “paid vacation.”



Bryce in front with his brother

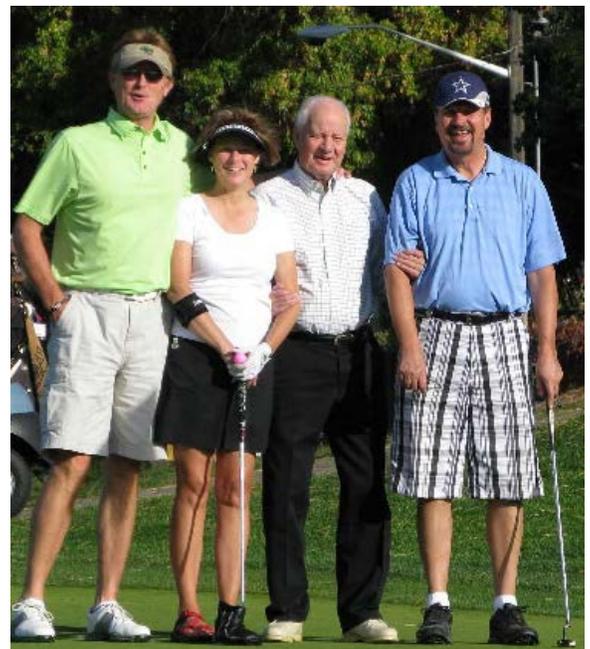


Bryce ran the family farm with his aging father until he was commissioned by President Kennedy as the Postmaster for the Roy Post Office. He retired at age sixty-six after twenty years as Postmaster. He and Bobbie spent many wonderful years in retirement. One of their favorite pastimes was going on picnics in the mountains together to enjoy the beauty of nature. Bobbie passed away in 2000.

Bryce was inspired by his father’s public service to pursue civic opportunities himself. His father was the first elected Mayor of Roy and Speaker of the House of Representatives in Utah. Bryce’s involvement in the community started at a young age when he was asked to sing at political rallies. From there, he continued for many years in community and public service. One of his greatest achievements when he was on the Weber County School Board was hiring T.H. “Ted” Bell as Superintendent of Schools for Weber County. Mr. Bell later went on to be U.S. Secretary of Education from 1981-1985. In addition, Bryce served on the Weber County Planning Commission, President of the Roy Chamber of Commerce, and President of the Ogden Golf and Country Club. As an avid golfer for many decades, his most recent "hole-in-one" was at age ninety-six playing at the Ogden Country Club with his son and his daughter.

Secret to longevity: Bryce says his secret to longevity is building a strong body as a young man by growing up and working hard on the family farm, walking home eight miles from the old Weber High School after debate team and operetta practice, eating lots of vegetables, avoiding big meals in the evening, and drinking red wine.

Descendants: Two children, twelve grandchildren, and twenty-three great grandchildren.



(L to R): Bryce’s son in law, daughter, self and son

Jessie Valerie Adamson Johnson

Jessie Valerie Adamson Johnson was born in 1915, in Driggs, Idaho, the second of four children born to Alexander McGill Adamson and Delzina Louise Pennington Adamson.

When Jessie was three the family moved to Salt Lake City, where she has lived for the rest of her life. She began school at McKinley Elementary School, attended Hawthorn, Whittier, and Wasatch Elementary Schools, Blaine Junior High School, and she graduated from Granite High School in 1933.

Favorite accomplishments: Jessie was a choir director in church for many years and taught in multiple church organizations. In her thirties she taught herself to toe dance and she performed a comic ballet routine often, including at the Veteran's Hospital and the Utah State Prison. She has written poetry and plays throughout her life, many of which have been performed in church settings.

Outstanding memories: Music has been an important part of Jessie's life. She played the saxophone in junior high school and was a member of the G Quarter at Granite High School.

She sang in a trio with her sisters until well into her eighties. She gave readings in school and in the community, and plays and operettas were an important part of high school. After high school she married Willis Stanley Lemmon, and they were later divorced. Her first job was as a long distance telephone operator and she was office manager at Brockbank Realty for several years. In 1954 she married Wallace Henry Johnson, who died in 1981. She is currently living with her daughter in Sandy, Utah.

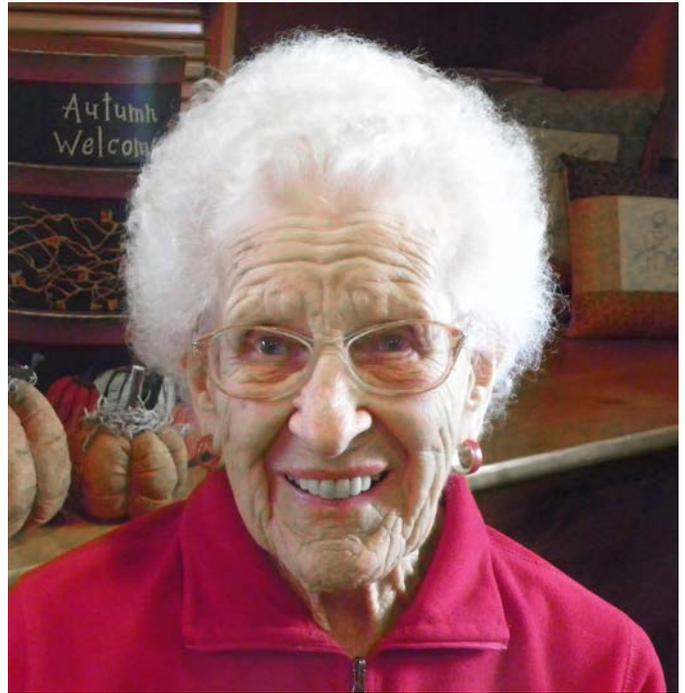
Impressive changes: Jessie remembers the first radio in a neighbor's home. It had earphones so only one person could listen at a time. When she was a child her father would rent a horse-drawn wagon for family outings. When she was first married she had an icebox, and a coal stove. To place a phone call the caller would lift the receiver and the operator would answer and take the number. As a child, she did not have a phone. Now there are televisions, microwaves, airplanes, and cell phones. She is most impressed by the growth of Salt Lake County. The valley that was once fields and farms is now filled with crowded cities and highways. She loves being able to open the garage with a remote control and enter the house without going outside.

Hobbies and activities: Jessie spends most of her time reading novels and still exercises every day. She enjoys attending the current events discussions at the Sandy Senior Center and is an active member of the League of Women Voters. Going to lunch and having Sunday dinners with family members are important parts of her week.

Secret to longevity: "Be involved in activities in every opportunity that comes along."

Best advice: "Be interested in any available opportunities, stay active, and exercise."

Descendants: Two children and one stepchild, eight grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.



Marie Cooley Johnson

Marie Cooley was born in 1915 in Newton, Utah, the third child born to Marcus R. Cooley and Mary Hjelte Cooley. She outlived her three siblings.

Outstanding memories: Marie's father developed rheumatoid arthritis as a young man, and by his mid-thirties was largely confined to bed. Marie does not remember seeing her father walk on his own. Her brothers had to work very hard at a young age to help their father on the farm. Despite their financial problems, Marie's parents were determined that their children would have a good education. When she was about eight years old, they moved the family to the larger town of Logan, partly to take advantage of the schools there. In Logan her mother was able to support the family by taking in boarders. Many were college students attending



Marie, one year old

Utah State University. Marie was very happy about the move to Logan. She loved her new school, the paved sidewalks to roller skate on, the library, and many new friends. They didn't have fancy toys, but had plenty of fun playing hopscotch, jump rope, jacks, marbles and several made-up games with a plain rubber ball. There were also church activities, road shows, pageants, dance programs and plays. When the large family of cousins, aunts, and uncles got together for family celebrations they often played card games. She remembers lots of laughter, good-natured teasing, and maybe a little cheating! After high school, Marie enrolled at Utah State and found a part-time job in the Registrar's Office, where she worked all four years. She earned something like 15 cents an hour, but in those days that covered tuition and provided a little spending money. She participated in many student organizations and activities. During her senior year she served as vice president of the student body and also received the University Citizenship Award. She graduated in 1938. Marie considers herself very fortunate to have been able to live at home during college and have the support of a wonderful mother and family.

Marie met her husband-to-be, Lloyd Johnson, when they were students at Utah State. They were married in 1938 in Washington D.C., where Lloyd was attending law school. She worked for various government agencies to help support them until Lloyd finished his studies. Her memories of Washington includes attending Franklin Roosevelt's second inauguration on a freezing January day, and joining the thousands who gathered to listen to Marian Anderson sing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. A much more unpleasant but indelible memory is listening to Hitler's terrifying voice on the radio as he waged war across Europe. When the war became a reality for the United States, it was a time of great anxiety for the future of the country and for family members and friends in the military. After Lloyd's law school graduation, his work took them to California where they built a home a few miles south of San Francisco in San Mateo, where they raised their three children. When her family was young, Marie worked in the LDS church Primary, Sunday School and Relief Society organizations in different capacities, making many lifelong friends. Later, she was ward organist for many years and enjoyed accompanying ward choirs. With her children well along in school, Marie completed her California Teaching Credential and found a job teaching Home Economics at nearby Burlingame High School. In 1969, after thirty-one years of marriage, Lloyd died unexpectedly. Marie continued teaching school until her retirement in 1981. She served as a temple worker in the LDS Oakland Temple for two years. She had developed an interest in genealogy, and was happy to



Marie, college years

be called to help set up two genealogical branch libraries, where she saw the work go from typewriter to microfiche to computer. In 1994, Marie decided it was a good time to move closer to family in Utah, and found a home with her daughter in beautiful Pleasant Grove.

Impressive changes: Where to begin? From horse and buggy to a man on the moon. From ice boxes (with actual ice) to refrigerators. From corner general stores that sold fertilizer, socks and candy to Amazon.com. From outhouses to indoor plumbing. From fountain pens to computers.

Hobbies and activities: Besides genealogy, Marie's other interests are many, including reading (particularly history and biography), gardening, current events, and dabbling in all types of handcrafts. Her favorite trip was meeting her son after his mission in Finland and traveling together throughout Europe.

Secret to longevity: Good genes. Healthy living. Luck!

Best advice: Stay close to your family and friends. Find something you love to do and lose yourself in doing it.

Descendants: Three children, seventeen grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Louise Thomson Jonas

Dorothy Thomson was born in 1914, in Ephraim, Utah, one of six children and the only daughter of Daniel Henry Thomson and Karen Kjerstine Christensen Thomson. She was the granddaughter of Andrew Thomson, an original Danish pioneer, who with several others founded and settled Fort Ephraim. Dorothy has outlived all of her siblings.

Education: In Ephraim, Dorothy graduated from elementary and high school with straight A's and was the valedictorian at graduation. She sang beautifully and held the lead part in the school's operettas each year from the fifth grade onward. She also graduated from Snow College with her Associate Degree. In later years after going through the depression, World War II and getting a family well under way, she graduated from the University of Utah with a Bachelor in Education. From that point onward she taught upper elementary grades. She was a devoted and loving teacher.



Outstanding memories: Dorothy's childhood was spent in the farming community of Ephraim, Utah. She and all her brothers helped working on the farm. As the only girl her duties were to ride the derrick horse during haying season beginning at age five, take the cows to pasture and carry the lunch pails to those in the fields, walking a mile each way. She grew up free spirited and educated. She remembers operating the Victrola playing Caruso singing while her father napped after dinner before going back to the fields. She did all the bread baking in the Monarch coal oven. Her favorite place was the hide-away she built in the apple tree where she would disappear with her cherished books when chores were done. She was a member of the 4H Club; she and her friend won the State competition four years in a row. To come to the big city of Salt Lake City was an amazing adventure. In high school and college she competed in the LDS Western States singing competitions where she learned to sing and furthered her love of classical art songs, music, and opera. She married Frank Herman Jonas in 1934, in Seattle. Dr. Jonas was a professor of Political Science.

Favorite accomplishments: Dorothy had a beautiful soprano voice. She concertized in her thirty's, and beginning in the fifty's she sang with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir for twenty-three years. While with the Choir she had the opportunity to travel to many countries and cities in the USA. She was part of the choir when they were chosen to sing for the first Telstar Satellite transmission in the world; it was back-dropped with Mount Rushmore. Dorothy was honored to be a part of significant history! She sang with the choir for two presidential inaugurations. She also sang with the Utah Symphony Chorale for another ten years after her tour of service was complete with the Tabernacle Choir. Other favorites include all her travels to many countries to see firsthand many of the places she read and dreamed about as a child. Among the favorites was reciting the poetry of "Bobby" Burns while standing in his birth home in Scotland. He was her favorite. She travelled extensively to Denmark and Scandinavia, visiting her heritage. Another was attending the Bayreuth Festival with Wagner's complete Ring Cycle starring Hans Hotter, singing Wotan. She completed a girlhood pact with her friend Bobbie Bosen riding camels from the Great Pyramid to the Sphinx.

Impressive changes: She saw most of what we now have from nearly their inception to where we are now. She loved travelling by steamship liners, and laments their passing.



Dorothy as a young adult 1948

Hobbies and activities: She has loved teaching great mythologies of the world, classical music and especially opera, singing, her love of nature and she is dedicated to preserving it. She enjoys gardening and especially her beloved little cabin in the mountains which she always wants to share with her family and friends. She loves and cares for her children and greater family as she is now the matriarch on both sides: Jonas and Thomson.

Secret to longevity: Fresh air, keeping a garden, staying open minded, travelling, adventure, books and great literature, history and mythologies, music, music, music and eating simply and well with no junk foods or sodas, laughter and staying positive.

Best advice: “Work hard and play hard. Enjoy life, include music and laughter and always be kind and loving. Let all the children always know that they are always loved and that they can always do well.”

Descendants: Four children, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Roselle Stewart Judkins

Roselle Stewart was born in 1912 in Benjamin, Utah, the eighth child born to Otto Ren Stewart and Millicent Tollestrup Stewart. She and her brother outlived all siblings.

Outstanding memories: Roselle's father was a mail clerk and part time farmer. Roselle's parents moved to Provo and then Salt Lake City so the children could go to better schools. She went to LDS High School and had a part time job at the same time. She met her future husband, Reed, when she was nineteen. They married in 1932 and moved into a small duplex, this was in middle of the Great Depression so they were very careful with their finances. Reed was a road worker; he went to business school and made a good living. Roselle was a great cook and loved to make big batches of food that she would freeze. Some of her favorite things to make were donuts, cookies, candy, and chicken pot pies. She is remembered always as a friendly hostesses who loved to feed anyone who came to visit.



Impressive changes: In 1920, Roselle's family was the first to own an Essex automobile. When they moved to Provo in 1917, they had electricity in their rented home for the first time. In 1919, her family had a telephone in their home for the first time.

Hobbies and activities: I enjoy fresh flower drying and to make floral arrangements. I like to visit my children and watch my grandchildren and great-grandchildren play. I like to ride in the car and see the sights. On occasions, I like to go to the movies.

Secret to longevity: Roselle says her secret to longevity is "Not taking life too seriously, knowing that anything real bad can only get better. I have enjoyed what I have and I don't worry about what I can't control."

Best advice: "Accept your life and try to enjoy it. Try to help your children and grandchildren whenever you can. Your family is the most important thing and you want to see them successful and happy."

Descendants: Six children, thirty-two grandchildren, one hundred-eight great-grandchildren, and thirty-five great-great-grandchildren.



Roselle and Reed as young adults

Don Raymond Kane

Don Raymond Kane was born in 1915 in Salina, Utah, the second child born to James Kane and Abbie Rasmussen Kane.

Outstanding memories: Ray attended school in Vermillion and Sigurd, Utah in the spring and attended school in Salina during the winter months. He went to junior high and high school as well as Snow College and Steven's Henager's College. Ray remembers coal stoves and waking up to frosted window panes, his father having one of the first Model-T Fords in Salina



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(which they had to start by cranking the engine and would have to drive in muddy ruts.) He remembers having a shoe-shine business, swimming in the big ditch, playing marbles and shinny (a type of hockey with cans) with friends. Ray spent most of his youth on the family farm that was located between Aurora and Vermillion. He remembers going to elementary school in a covered wagon. He



and his older brother would ride horses to his grandmother's house where they would leave the horses and catch the covered wagon. In high school Ray was the president of the senior class as well as the quarterback of the football team. Ray enlisted in the US Navy after he graduated from high school. He was in the US Navy from 1934 to 1938, and served in the Army Air Force in the South Pacific from 1942 to 1945. Ray

met Vervene Johnson at church in California in 1942. A mutual friend convinced Vervene to correspond with Ray after she returned to Utah which began a courtship that ended in marriage in 1946. Ray and Vervene had two children. Vervene passed away in 2001. Ray has always been very responsible and hard-working, regardless of the task. He worked for the United States Post Office until retirement where he was chosen (with two other carriers) to introduce the five-digit zip code for the Post Office in 1963. After retirement Ray became an avid golfer and played at many different golf courses throughout the state.

Favorite accomplishments: Ray's favorite accomplishments include serving as ward and State clerks, getting a hole in one and making certain his children and grandchildren obtained college educations.

Impressive changes: Ray has seen the advent of electricity, central heating, telephones and now, cell/smart phones, radios, movies, more and more convenient cars, trains, airplane travel, automatic washers and dryers, automatic sprinkler and irrigation systems, microwaves, computers and soft ice cream. His favorite advances have been the radio and television. Having grown up on a farm in a small town, getting news and other programming from around the world has always interested him.

Secret to longevity: Ray jokes that the secret to his longevity is that no one on the other side wants him. He has taken care of himself and he was very physically active until a few years ago. He has been involved with family, friends and church.

Best advice: "Be honest, work hard, be a good citizen and be good to other people."

Descendants: Two children and three grandchildren.

Mary Waki Kawakami

Mary Waki was born in 1912 in Fort Lupton, Colorado, the oldest of eleven children born to Kenshiro Waki and Shizuko Furukawa. She is one of four still living.

Education: Mary attended both Jordan High School and Murray High School, she graduated from Murray high. She also attended Stevens Henager College, Ex-cel-cis School of Beauty and Culture, and obtained her cosmetology license.

Outstanding Memories: Although she grew up facing a lot of persecution and racism because of Japanese descent and her mother had passed away when she was young, she always had good friends and a supportive family.

One kind memory she has is when she was fourteen years old, her school's principal, Mr. Malstrom, asked his wife to make Mary some clothes. "Mrs. Malstrom helped me make a lovely dress. She was a sweet woman with a kind temperament. I loved the dress and wore it to tatters."



Mary meeting U.S. President Ford

Mary had a friend in high school who helped her with her grades. Her friend's father was a German born butcher and even though Mary can't remember her name, she showed her the value of education.



Mary and her youngest son, Paul

Mary's step-mother introduced her to her husband, Charlie. He was a Japanese mechanic who worked in the Spring Canyon (Storrs) mine by Price, Utah. A couple of months later, they were married by a Mormon bishop in the Spring Canyon boarding house.

Charlie sent Mary to the Ex-cel-cis School of Beauty and Culture. She lived in a hotel in Salt Lake City and Charlie would come up every weekend to visit. When Mary finished school, Charlie's step-father built her a beauty shop out of stone in Spring Canyon. She did hair styling there and made friends until Pearl Harbor. Then all people of Japanese descent were told to leave.

"We moved to American Fork where we had a family. Two boys, two girls, and I continued to develop my hair styling business."

Her husband, Charlie, passed away about ten years ago, when he was almost 101. "Even though I miss him, I try to stay busy," Mary says.

Favorite accomplishments: Mary owned and ran her own beauty college; Mary Kawakami's College of Beauty, for decades before retiring at the age of eighty-five.

She got her driver's license when she was seventy-four. "My husband and I used to take turns driving to Wendover."

Mary also organized a speech contest for the youth of American Fork in 2004. It's now an annual competition with scholarship money for prizes. She did it to help kids because she was a shy girl who had a hard time

speaking. It has been very successful, and grows more each year. Mary has accomplished a lot, but says “My family is my greatest accomplishment.”

Impressive changes: Mary feels the biggest changes she has witnessed through the years are: political changes; which has created financial chaos for America. Technological changes, she saw the invention of the television and it has progressed to flat-screens, and moral changes “People have lost simple comforts and they see morals as relative.”

Hobbies and activities: Mary likes watching *Dr. Oz*, *American Idol*, and *The Antiques Roadshow*. She likes to shop at Costco, eating good steaks, and seeing her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loves to wiggle and sing; she performs a daily therapy combination of Tai Chi wellness and wiggling. She also loves to go on cruises to Hawaii, South America, and Polynesia!

Secret to longevity: “Wiggling is a family affair. Wiggling is easy and lots of fun. Every human being should move in order to sustain body and mental health. When you are elderly, just wiggle and sing childhood songs and then laugh. The result: A total feeling of well-being. Wiggling is an art and a science of keeping the body well, it’s fun and enjoyable. This is my secret to keeping healthy and living a long life. Don’t forget to give love, accept love and relax.”

Best advice: “When it all comes down to it, you have your family and your friends. Treasure them and treat them well. Travel as much as you can. Learn about other cultures and see the world.”

Decedents: Four children, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.



Charlie and Mary recently married

**American Fork Hairdresser
On List of World's Top 10**

Special to The Tribune

AMERICAN FORK — Mrs. Mary Kawakami, American Fork, already prominent in the fields of beauty, hair styling and fashion, has been added to the list of the top 10 hair stylists in the world.

SHE WILL BE presented a trophy Aug. 31 at 7:30 p.m. by the president of the Los Angeles and Hollywood Hairdressers, NHCA, and Ann Sothorn, television and movie star.

Mrs. Kawakami has won previous recognition for her outstanding styling as evidenced by 14 major trophies including the Grand Award Trophy from the Hollywood Coiffure Guild in Los Angeles.

FOR THE LAST several years she has traveled extensively, teaching basic and high fashion hairstyling in major national conventions from coast to coast.

Asked how many dogs cats and other pets his children have, the man at the next desk replied he doesn't know, he hasn't been home since morning.

Mary Kawakami . . . Rated as a top world hair stylist.

Highest Career Achievement, one of ten best hairdressers in the world!

L. Berniece B. Kramer

Louella Berniece Barratt was born in 1911 in American Fork, Utah, the first born child to William Mark Barratt and Grace Moyle Barratt. She and her sister outlived all siblings.

Education: Berniece attended American Fork High School and graduated in 1929. She also went to business school in Salt Lake City.

Outstanding memories: Berniece survived the flu epidemic of 1918, but her younger brother, William, died. When she was eight years old, she was baptized in American Fork Tabernacle by her Sunday school teacher, Marley Steele. She was so happy, she says "I skipped all the way home." When Berniece was a teenager, she participated in the Armistice Parade in American Fork in which she rode a Model-T Ford to Pleasant Grove. She was an extra in a pioneer movie *All Faces West*. The movie producers wanted people from American Fork to be in the movie, so the word spread and her entire family turned out to be extras in the movie as well. She had the opportunity to sing *Ave Maria* in a sacrament church meeting. At American Fork High School, she sang in operettas and played the French horn in the AFHS Band and Orchestra.



Berniece and Herbert 1935

During the Depression in 1929, Berniece worked at Salt Lake Hardware. Jobs were very scarce in Utah, so she went to San Francisco, California to try her luck. She had some cousins who helped her and soon she found employment with the Federal Reserve Bank and Union Oil Company. While working there, she met her future husband, Herbert Vincent Kramer. Union Oil Company would not allow a husband and wife to work together since jobs were scarce, so she and Herbert eloped to Reno, Nevada and married in secret. They lived in San Francisco for forty-five years, then moved to American Fork, Utah where they bought their winter home. They also bought another home in Las Vegas, Nevada and lived in both places for ten years until they established their permanent residence in Utah. Berniece worked as a bookkeeper most of the time. She took sewing lessons and mastered tailoring her own suits. During those years, Berniece and Herbert had the opportunity to travel many places such as, Australia, Bali, British Virgin Islands, Canada, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Portugal, and Spain.

Berniece played bridge until she turned ninety-five, drove a car until she turned ninety years old, and raised a wonderful daughter, Karen Grace.

Favorite accomplishments: Berniece is thankful she made it through The Great Depression in 1929. She considers herself a self-made woman. She is proud of raising her daughter into a well-educated and wonderful woman.

Impressive changes: Berniece was one of the first people to own a fax machine. She is impressed by the evolution of the automobiles "from



1927-1928

Model-T Ford, to Buick, to Cadillac, to modern day super-fast cars.” She changed from Democrat to Republican.

Hobbies and activities: Berniece enjoys spending time with her family.

Secret to longevity: Berniece believes her good disposition, not worrying too much, a good diet filled with whole wheat bread and honey instead of sugar, and a good marriage are the secrets to her longevity.

Best advice: “Be of good cheer. When life gives you lemons, make lemonade, press on.”

Descendants: One daughter, one grandchild, and ten great-grandchildren.



Germany 1996



100th Birthday

Lucretia H. R. Kruse

Lucretia Henrica Ronner was born in 1915 in the Leeuwarden, Netherlands, the second child born to Anthony Ronner and Minke Ruwerda Ronner. She outlived all her siblings.

Outstanding memories: Education was not a priority to Lucretia's poor family. She was made to serve as a housekeeper at age eleven. One painful memory of her childhood was pulling down a pan of scalding milk on herself leaving burn marks on her chest. Lucretia was married in 1942 to Petrus Jacobus Kruse in Amsterdam and her first child was born in 1943 during the German occupation in WWII. Their second child was born after the war in 1948. Lucretia was raised in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Petrus became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints after their marriage and wanted to come to America to be married in the LDS Temple, so he sold all of their belongings to get enough money to buy tickets on the "New Amsterdam" ship. They arrived to America in winter 1949.



In 1954 Lucretia had their third child. Life was not easy for them without money. Lucretia found a part-time home nursing job for a family with a quadriplegic child and stayed with them for several years. She continued her other domestic jobs until the age of eighty. Petrus died at the age of ninety-three. Lucretia never had many hobbies as work and family kept her busy. She never learned to drive; so many things were not accessible to her. After her children were grown and gone, reading was her favorite pastime. She read approximately fifteen books a month with her children.

Her longevity to life has been hard work and no drugs, alcohol or smoking. Her mind is still sharp and can still enjoy a good joke and loves her family unconditionally. After her husband died, Lucretia's daughter, who is also a widow, took Lucretia into her home and they lived together until Lucretia broke her leg at ninety-nine years old and couldn't walk anymore. She now lives in a nursing home, but still gives the nurses her full measure.

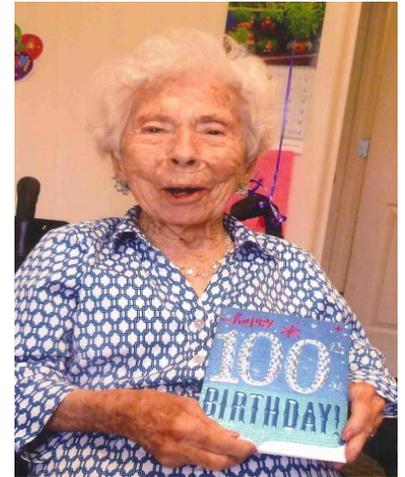
Descendants: Three children, seven grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Bernice F. Lewis

Ida Bernice Freeman was born in 1914 in Utah, the fifth child born to Thomas and Ida Eastman Freeman. She and her three sisters have outlived their siblings.

Education: Bernice attended Herriman Elementary and Riverton Jr. High where shortly after finishing ninth grade she quit to help support her family during the depression. Many people wanted her to work for them because of her excellent work and ethics. She worked as a live-in nanny, maid and a housekeeper.

Outstanding memories: Bernice never had children of her own; she has outlived two husbands. As the eldest daughter, she helped raise five of her siblings while her mother served in many Relief Society presidencies. All of this experience helped her throughout her life as she later served in many LDS Church callings such as Primary, Young Womens, Sunday School and Relief Society. Little children especially loved and gravitated to her because she is only four feet, two inches tall. They could be at her level, eye to eye.



Bernice as a baby She always loved the children, wishing she would have her own. Bernice remembers being taught piano lessons by May Rasmussen. She worked seven years for Adella Snyder cleaning her house and for many others. They loved her work and honesty. She also worked for Hayes Brothers Buick, where her brother worked as well; she bought her first car from her brother in 1939 for a hundred dollars.

Favorite accomplishments: She has always loved being busy and doing a job well. Bernice meticulously cared for her large yard until she was ninety-eight. She lived in her house for sixty-two years. After working full time her entire life, she retired in 1979. After the death of her second husband, Bernice would travel to the Salt Lake Temple many times each week to do family history work. At ninety-three, she received a notice in the mail to renew her driver's license. She went there and they saw her age and size and kept her license! They only gave her a new ID card. Abruptly, with no notice, her independence and ability to drive was gone.

Impressive changes: Bernice's mother, Ida Freeman, would use the horse and buggy for short trips around town while her father, Thomas, would use the big car. Bernice's favorite expression is "Things are so different." She has witnessed changes in transportation, phone service, heating of their home, cooking of their food and many others. Just two years ago, she sold her home of sixty two years in Salt Lake City. This was the hardest change of all for her. She has gone from an independent living center to an assisted living home. This also has been hard for her.

Hobbies and activities: Bernice feels the need to "help" the other residents she lives with currently. She is cheerful and enjoys the company of others. Her favorite pass time is visiting with friends and family and remembering about her life in Herriman, where she grew up.

Secret to longevity: Bernice says "Hard work."

Best advice: "Always work hard and do your best. Serve the Lord and go to church. We never know how the Lord will use us to help someone else."

Descendants: Two stepchildren, eight step-grandchildren and twenty-four step great grandchildren.



Bernice as a young adult

Howard S. Lindsey

Howard Stillman Lindsey was born in 1915 in Buffalo Center, Iowa, the sixth child born to Ernest Leon Lindsey and Ruie Belle Schultz Lindsey. He outlived all his siblings.

Education: Howard graduated from Estherville High School in 1935, Estherville, Iowa.

Outstanding memories: After graduation from high school, Howard worked at odd jobs doing auto mechanics and farming. He signed up for the CCC camp where he furthered his education on farming. He met and married Neva E. Thomas in 1939. He worked as a share cropper for a while, then after his first child was born and the second was on the way, he hitch-hiked across the states from Iowa to Idaho sleeping in small town jail houses on the way. He went to work for the Union Pacific Railroad and sent for his family. By the time they arrived to Pocatello, Idaho,



he had been laid off so he went down to Salt Lake City and was hired on the Denver & Rio Grande Western Rail Road as a fireman. He worked his way up to become an engineer. He retired from the D&RGWRR in 1975 after thirty-four years of work. After having three girls, he finally got his son! Howard and his wife, Neva, did a lot of traveling which he enjoyed. Neva passed away in 2013 and Howard currently resides Salt Lake City, Utah.



Howard, Neva and their three daughters, 1944

Favorite accomplishments: Howard's favorite accomplishment is attaining the status of engineer on the D&RGWRR. It was hard work but he says it was well worth it. He enjoys talking about railroads to this day. He is proud of providing for his wife and children. He is also very proud of attaining Thirty-Second Degree Mason.

Impressive changes: Howard lived through the Great Depression. He was part of the railroad hauling freight; the change from freight being hauled by trucks instead of trains was a step in the wrong direction.

Hobbies and activities: Howard loves to talk and will talk to anyone who will listen. He listens to audio books and enjoys walking around the care center.

Secret to longevity: Hard work, loving God and family. "Never let the grass grow under your feet."

Best advice: Maintain integrity, love the Lord, laugh a lot, and NEVER forget your family.

Decedents: Five children, eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.



Howard and Neva, 1989

Merna Madden

Merna Thurman was born in 1913 in Glover, Wyoming, one of ten children born to Charles Alvin Thurman and Zilpha Ann Lowder Thrumman. She is one of three children still living.

Education: Merna started school in a two story school house in Glover, Wyoming. She finished elementary school and four years of high school in Blackfoot, Idaho where she graduated in 1930. She later attended a state college in Walnut, California, earning a nursing degree.

Outstanding memories: Merna's childhood years were spent in Star Valley, Wyoming hiking the hills and mountain ridges. Her first memory was at four years of age, when she was scalded with a pan of boiling water on her head and right shoulder. Fortunately it missed her face and eyes! At the age of eight, Merna suffered a ruptured appendix which put her in bed for almost a month.

Growing up in Wyoming, Merna was used to living in a very cold climate with the average temperature only forty-eight degrees. Winters were harsh and the snow was usually four to six feet deep. Her family later moved to Blackfoot, Idaho where Merna finished her school years. Because it was the beginning of the Great Depression, Merna didn't go to college immediately after graduating from high school. She instead began to do domestic work and soon met her husband to be, Charles Madden, in Los Angeles in 1936. They got married shortly after in 1937. They made their home in Los Angeles and later moved to Utah. In early 2013, Merna turned 100 years of age. Her husband passed away over thirty years ago. She is currently living with her oldest daughter, Mern Ann, in Provo, Utah.

Favorite accomplishments: Merna's favorite accomplishment is many years of searching family genealogy. She has been a teacher of church classes, bible and modern-day church history, and genealogy for twenty-five years! Merna has also written four books about Star Valley, Wyoming. These have all been amazing accomplishments, but Merna feels her greatest has been raising six children, five to adulthood. One little girl was electrocuted in their backyard when she was five years old.

Impressive changes: Merna wrote a history of her family and titled it "From covered wagons to rockets." She feels the title fits her thoughts on the most impressive changes she has seen. She made many covered wagon journeys of over 100 miles before she was twelve years old from Star Valley, Wyoming, and Blackfoot, Idaho. She lived in an "honest-to-goodness log cabin" during summer months until her family moved from Wyoming to Idaho.

Hobbies and activities: Merna still does family history and writes about ancestors. She also goes to family reunions and other get-together family gatherings.

Secret to longevity: "Have nothing to do with drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, junk food, or food, which has no value to your body. Get wholesome exercise and plenty of rest and sleep."

Best advice: "Live your life with one object in mind and that is so you can have a good healthy body and mind. Whatever you do, do it in a good healthy way. Love your family and try to be kind to everyone."

Decedents: Six children, twenty grandchildren, and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

Ancelia Marinoni Marchino

Ancelia “Shiela” Marinoni was born in 1911 in Rovetta, Italy, the first of five children born to Andrew and Rita Stabalini Marinoni. Her brother John Marinoni, who is 100 years old, is her last living brother.

Outstanding memories: Ancelia and her two younger brothers were the fifth generation living in a stone house in Rovetta. When she was eight years old, she along with her mother and two brothers, immigrated to America to rejoin their father. He was a rock mason and came to America five years earlier to work in his trade. Leaving her grandmother who helped raise her and her brothers was a very emotional experience. She became very scared when it came time to leave her grandmother and board the giant ship to cross the ocean. As fate would have it, her fear was realized when the ship developed engine trouble



Ancelia (center) with her brothers, Clement and John, in Rovetta, Italy 1915

during the trip. With an apparent concern of a fire, the crew began to make ready the lifeboats to evacuate the women and children. Fortunately, the engine problem was resolved before they had to board the lifeboats. It was a frightful experience, which she can recall in detail to this day.

The family settled in Idaho and lived in Lava Hot Springs for a short time while her father worked laying stone in building the Whitestone Hotel. Her fondest memory upon their arrival in Lava was the cook stove in the house. Being able to cook both “on top” and “in the oven” was an impressive experience.

Upon leaving Lava Hot Springs, the family moved to develop a farm in Arimo, Idaho. Life on the farm was very difficult, requiring hard labor and long hours. Living in Arimo was discouraging, as the family did not speak English and local kids made fun of them. She slowly learned some English and attended school, traveling by horseback. Besides trying to go to school, she had to help with house chores. After giving birth to another boy, her mother became very ill and had to spend several months in the hospital in Pocatello, Idaho. Ancelia, now at the age of nine, had to help take care of the baby, cook, and watch over her two younger brothers. Growing up, working on the farm, and getting to school on a regular basis was difficult so she only went through the eleventh grade. The Great Depression caused the family to lose the farm and with a few of their belongings they moved to Utah’s Carbon County in 1931 to find work in the coal mines. While living in Helper, Utah, Ancelia met Mario Marchino and they were married in 1933. She and her husband, who worked as a butcher, were able to scrimp and save a little at a time.

They built a small service station in Carbonville. They operated the station from 1939 to 1952. It served the locals with gas and groceries and unknowingly had an original “7-11” convenience store concept, only on a very small scale.



**Arrival to America, 1919
Ancelia, her mother, and
two brothers**

In 1953, they bought a motel in Price and were in the motel business until their retirement in 1975. Upon their retirement, Ancelia and Mario went on several trips touring both the United States and Canada. After her husband passed away in 1996, Ancelia and her sister, Aurelia, (who died in 2007) spent time together and had many memorable outings in which they played the “penny slots.” on their trips to Wendover, Mesquite, and Laughlin, Nevada.

In October 1997, she and her sister, along with a son and niece, traveled to Rovetta, Italy to revisit her childhood home and relatives. It was a very memorable trip as she remembered many of the streets, church, school, and neighborhood where she spent early childhood days.

Favorite accomplishments: Ancelia has voted in every presidential election since 1932 and hopes to do so again in the 2016 elections.

Impressive changes: Her most impressive changes were the kitchen stove and the radio.

Hobbies and activities: In her spare time she always enjoyed sewing and loved to crochet, embroider, and quilt. She belonged to the Notre Dame Altar Society quilting group for over thirty-four years. Failing eyesight has caused her to abandon these hobbies. She is an avid Utah Jazz basketball fan.

Descendants: Two sons and one daughter.



Marinoni family, Idaho 1926



Age thirty-five



Ancelia's 100th birthday

Giovanni “John” Alfredo Marinoni

Giovanni Alfredo Marinoni was born in 1913 in Rovetta, Italy, the second child born to Andrew Marinoni and Rita Stabalini Marinoni. He and his sister outlived four siblings.

Outstanding memories: John immigrated to the United States along with his mother and two siblings in 1919. He came on the Giuseppe Verdi Ship from Genoa, Italy to Ellis Island in New York. From New York, they took the train to Lava Hot Springs, Idaho to join his father and uncle. Later, two more siblings were born in Idaho.

John had to learn English before he could start school. He moved to Utah on a freight train in 1931 and started working in the coal mines. He worked at Maple Creek, Peerless, and Standardville as a grease monkey. In 1934, he moved to the Black Hills of South Dakota and began working in a gold mine. He met and married Annie Caserio in 1935. In 1942, Annie and John were blessed with their first born and in 1953 they had their second child. They were married for sixty-nine years.



He moved to Bremerton, Washington during WWII where he worked at the Puget Sound Naval shipyards as a welder, fixing war ships for the Navy. John went to school at night to earn his high school diploma in 1943 and in 1944 he went to earn his Safety Engineering Degree at Washington State. John’s main goals were education and safety. He took countless classes offered in mining. He wanted to improve himself and the miners. John still believes the key to success is the combination of education along with practical experience. He has always stressed the importance of lifelong learning and hard work with his children and grandchildren.

In 1946, John moved to Price, Utah and worked for his father, who owned Soldier Creek Coal Mine. The Marinoni mine was a family business – John along with his father and brothers worked in the mine and his mother and sister were the accountant and cook. In 1957, John and his siblings bought the mine from their father and changed the name to “Premium Coal”. The Marinoni’s had a kitchen in their scale house which was the center of all business activities. Here everyone was welcomed to a hot meal while making a business deal. John’s mother and father lived to be ninety-seven and ninety-six respectively.



John (lower left) with mother, sister and brother, Rovetta, Italy 1919

John is a member of the Price Elks 1550, the Italian Lodge, and the Notre Dame Church. He has made and welded many items for the church. He and his family donated coal to Notre Dame School/Church and many other local churches. In retirement, John loved to garden and work in his shop. John and Annie’s shared their vegetables with everyone they knew. He created countless items as a gifted welder and craftsman. John Marinoni original “bullet proof furniture” are staples in the homes of his family and friends. In 2005 John was honored by the National Mining Hall of Fame with a Lifetime Legacy Recognition Award.

John enjoys visiting with his older sister and with his brother-in-law who calls frequently to discuss the good old days.

Secret to Longevity: “Good wine and good friends.”

Descendants: Two children, four grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.



**Marinoni family at Soldier Creek Mine,
John (second bottom left) 1946**



John 1950

Birdice Crouch Markham

Birdice Crouch was born in 1912 in Willard, Utah, the youngest of nine children born to William Arthur Crouch and Eliza Mortensen Crouch. She has outlived all of her siblings.

Birdice was born on a farm in Willard, Utah, the ninth and last child of a family of six girls and three boys. Her family had lost both a boy and girl as infants. Her father's parents were Mormon pioneers who arrived in Utah from England in 1859. Her mother came to Utah from Denmark in 1889 with a group of Scandinavian converts, helped by Scandinavians already in Utah.

About a month after Birdice was born, the “Unsinkable” Titanic sank in the North Atlantic on its maiden voyage. Birdice witnessed many other important historical events during her childhood including: New Mexico becoming the forty-seventh state and Arizona becoming the forty-eight state; the Oreo and Lorna Doone cookies were introduced by Nabisco; Edgar Rice Burroughs’ *Tarzan of the Apes* was published;

Zane Grey published *Riders of the Purple Sage*; Woodrow Wilson defeated Theodore Roosevelt and President Taft for United States president; the new Ford car sold for \$690.00; certain acts between Austria-Hungary and Serbia, as well as other nations, precipitated the beginning of World War I.

Shortly after Birdice’s fourth birthday, her family’s home caught on fire and burned to the ground. Alarmed neighbors came running to help, but could save only a few pieces of furniture, one of which contained precious pictures and objects invaluable to the family. The family decided to move temporarily to Ogden until the house could be rebuilt.



As a little girl

Birdice’s family quickly became involved in finding employment, attending school and becoming involved with the different church wards in which they lived. There were never any little girls close to her age in her family, so Birdice found friends at church and later at school. She remembers always having plenty of activity within her family.

Birdice’s family kept their farm in Willard for about ten years, traveling the fourteen miles between Ogden and Willard to plant and harvest peaches and other fruits and vegetables. It wasn’t until Birdice was fourteen years old when her parents decided to stay in Ogden permanently and sell the family farm.

Birdice graduated from Ogden High School in 1930 and was fortunate to find employment at the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company before the Great Depression struck. At that time, all telephone calls were handled by the operators. When she retired in 1977, the need for operators had greatly diminished. Today they are gone.



As a young adult

Birdice used her vacation time to travel every year. She visited Russia, Taiwan, Hong Kong, many countries in Europe, the Holy Land, Egypt, most of the United States, parts of Canada, and Mexico. On one of her trips to Mexico, she met Ira J. Markham on the same tour. He later became her husband. He died in 1989. Birdice also

took a leave of absence from the telephone company to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Eastern States Mission.



Age thirty-seven



Ira and Birdice on their wedding day

Birdice has always been active in her church. She served as ward organist and Ogden Stake organist in the Ogden Tabernacle. She was also an organist in the Ogden Temple for about twenty-five years. Birdice considers herself privileged to have had the opportunity to play the organs in the Salt Lake Tabernacle and Conference Center for a few minutes. Outside of her callings as an organist, Birdice served as Young Women's president, Sunday School teacher, Relief Society teacher, visiting teacher, and a membership clerk. She also served as editor of the ward newsletter. She currently serves as a ward organist and as a visiting teacher. Birdice is finishing a book detailing her family's history and although she feels her health is not as good as it was a year ago, she is thankful to be alive. Birdice believes there is so much more she would like to accomplish.

Charles Merrill Matzinger

Merrill was born in 1915, in Mt. Vernon, New York. His parents were Harold Matzinger and Edith Merrill Matzinger.

Outstanding memories: Merrill began elementary school in Denver, Colorado. The family sent him to Asheville, North Carolina to a private boy's boarding school. He graduated and was admitted to Amherst where he completed a B.A. in French Literature in 1936. His Denver childhood was filled with hiking, hunting and bike riding. His mother and father divorced when he was eight, both parents remarried. Merrill fondly remembers that he felt he had three fathers (his dad, step dad and his dear uncle Charles for whom he was named) and two mothers (his mom and stepmother.) His stepfather noticed that Merrill wasn't able to track the baseball well as he was catching. If the ball came from the side he caught it, but if the ball was directly overhead it often would hit him in the face. Douglas had him tested, Merrill had macular degeneration. Soon Merrill was unable to read and in middle school and throughout college Merrill would have a reader. Harry Janeway was hired by his uncle to tutor and read to Merrill. Harry Janeway was a remarkable man and a major contributor to shape Merrill. He was highly educated and distinguished. Merrill learned to quote Shakespeare by heart; he developed a remarkable memory for facts and numbers.



Favorite accomplishments: Merrill plays flamenco guitar. One of his teachers was the famous Montoya. He learned Spanish and lived and worked at Merrill Lynch in Cuba prior to Castro. He was one of the first to build a ski cabin at Grizzly in Alta and loved to ski and hike.

Impressive changes: From no phone to iPhone, maps to GPS, shortwave to flat screens and satellite radio. Model T to space exploration, catching fish to having the best of ocean flown to a local store. Another impressive change has been the simplicity of having an apple tree to having fruit and vegetables from around the world.

Hobbies and activities: Outdoor sports and appreciation of its beauty, oil painting, guitar refinishing.

Secret to longevity: Eat healthy food, lots of oranges, nuts, and fish. Exercise, laugh from the belly, learn to be silly and have a good time but not at the expense of others. Be generous to a fault. Be with your family in every sense of the words, supportive and aware.

Best advice: Laugh often, love your family and if you divorce your first wife, marry a young beautiful lady like I did and start all over again! Seeing is much more than just looking.

Descendants: Four Children, eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pearl Edwards Nay

Pearl Edwards was born in 1915 in Willard, Utah, the sixth child born to William Thomas Edwards and Mary Trene Engstrom Edwards.

Outstanding memories: My father was a farmer and dairyman and my mother was a home maker. I had six brothers and sisters and had a happy childhood with lots of love. When I was born the Liberty Bell passed through Willard on a flatbed train car. Most of the residents of Willard, and most of my family were down at the train tracks watching it go by. We had a two story red brick home east of town with a large lawn, beautiful flower gardens, and fruit trees. We also had a playhouse where I spent a lot of time. We had a Shetland pony which we all loved to ride. I spent a lot of time on our large farm west of town where Willard Bay is now located. When I was eight years old the most dreadful thing of my life happened. It was the Willard flood of 1923, which destroyed almost everything we owned. We were eating supper when a severe thunder and lightning storm struck. We heard a loud roar! And mother, thinking it was an east wind and trying to prepare for it, quickly shut the door and windows. Just then, two boys came running by saying a large body of water was coming down the canyon. We were right in the path of that canyon. We all ran for the car to get away. Just as we got to the garage, a flash of lightning came, and we could see something like a mountain across the road. The water was moving trees, rocks, and everything in its path. Mother called,

“run for the house!” As we got to the house to run for the stairs, the doors and windows came crashing in and we all climbed upstairs to safety. The mountain of water and mud took the car, garage, barns, chicken coops, machinery and everything we owned. Our basement, full of fruits and supplies for the winter, was now filled with mud. In the morning men came to help. The National Guard came in later to help clean out the mud from the houses. My dad and mother were special parents, devoted to their family. They tried to make our lives as happy as possible. They were able to meet this tragedy with strength and perseverance.



1918

I attended Willard Elementary School. I loved all sports but my favorite sports were softball and track. I won blue ribbons in track. I also played on the Northern Utah Softball Team, known as “The Willard Battle Axes”. We traveled to different towns in northern Utah and won quite a few trophies. I attended Box Elder High School and LDS Seminary, graduating in 1933. I also attended Weber Academy in Ogden. I then met and married Thomas Kenneth Nay from Ogden. Ken worked for the Union Pacific Railroad. We settled in my home town Willard, buying a house in the west where I still live. We were later married in the Logan LDS Temple and we had two children. In July 1966, my husband died of a heat stroke while he was at work. I went to work at Defense Depot Ogden around the time of my husband’s death. While working at DDO I received several awards for outstanding and commendable achievement. In 1967 I was personally given the “Employee of the Year Award” by the Base Commander. Through the years I was very active in the LDS Church and the Willard Elementary School PTA. My life has been centered on my church, my community, and raising my family. I have enjoyed reading and keeping up with current events. I especially enjoy working in my yard and have received the “Yard of the Month” award twice. People tell me that working in my yard has kept me young.



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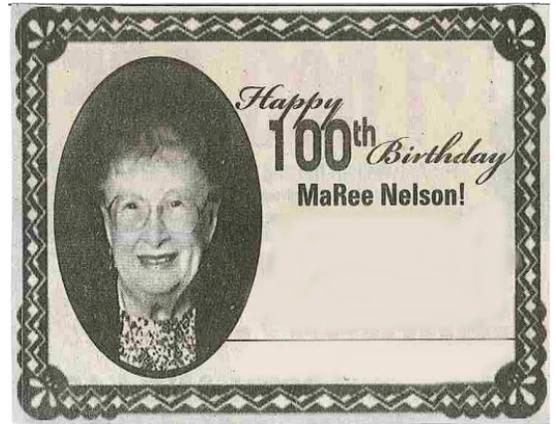
Descendants: Two children, eleven grandchildren, thirty-two great-grandchildren and one great-great-great grandchild.

MaRee Jane Edwards Nelson

MaRee Jane Edwards was born in 1913 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Homer P. Edwards and Martha Mattie Miles Edwards. She is the oldest of four children and outlived all her siblings.

Education: MaRee attended Duchesne County High School. She was secretary of the student body her senior year. She also attended the University of Utah where she graduated in 1935. She has a bachelor's degree in home economics, majored in textiles, and minored in foods.

Outstanding memories: MaRee's mother was very busy teaching English and Latin at the Duchesne High School so she took over the cooking at their home when she was twelve or thirteen years of age.



She loved to sew so she made dresses for cousins and sisters. She made up the patterns. She started when she was about twelve years old. During high school her home economics teacher, Miss Woodside, was an inspiration. She loved sewing so much while she was going to the University of Utah, she made curtains for the Union Boulevard and helped to hang them.

MaRee met her future husband while in high school. Her mother was directing a three act play for the school and he was playing Sir Lancelot, so MaRee asked her mother about him. She even told her mother to invite him home for dinner! MaRee's mother often had students over to their home for dinner the night of the play. After meeting, they became fast friends and soon dated. MaRee's senior year of college they wanted to get married, but her mother wouldn't allow it she told MaRee she was not to get married until she had graduated. So as soon as MaRee graduated, the morning of June, 1935, they got married that night in the Salt Lake Temple! Elmo had one more year at BYU, so they both decided to enroll. "I was going to get my masters, but I soon became pregnant and decided my daughter was my priority."

Favorite accomplishment: MaRee's greatest accomplishment is her wonderful children, raising, and loving them. She has four children (two boys and two girls), twenty-three grandchildren, sixty-nine great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren with two more on the way! She also feels graduating from the University of Utah was very special, as she feels an education is very important.

MaRee's work in the church has also been a great importance to her. She has taught Primary, Sunday School, and Relief Society. She was President of Relief Society. MaRee also values Daughters of Utah Pioneers, where she taught lessons and did presentations.

When MaRee was in high school she performed in many three-act plays, her mother directed so many three-act plays, which gave MaRee a wonderful opportunity to get involved in theatre. She also played the violin in the high school orchestra.

Impressive changes: There have been many changes, which have taken place during MaRee's life. Some of the most impressive changes she has seen are how cars have changed from being tiny, to large and comfortable. Also, not having air conditioning was common and now almost everyone has



air conditioning to give you comfort on hot days, the same with heaters which keep you warm on cold days. Traveling has turned into a comfort, as airplanes have changed from something very few have experienced, to a mode of transportation everyone can use and be comfortable while traveling, and the speed they bring to trips. MaRee has also experienced a balloon ride over the Salt Lake Valley!

Hobbies and activities: MaRee loved to travel to state parks, especially Utah Parks. Her father took them to so many wonderful parks when she was growing up. One time she rode on a motorcycle with her cousin to enjoy a trip through Yellowstone National Park.

MaRee loves to read wonderful stories and biographies, but she feels her special hobby is to sew, using basic patterns and imagination to make dresses of all sizes and designs for her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and her great-great-grandchildren. “I love to sew every day (except Sunday) making fun clothes for all my grandchildren. “The new sewing machines let you do so many special things.”

MaRee also loves to cook, making special recipes to take to family gatherings.

Secret to longevity: MaRee’s secret to longevity is to “Do something you love to do, do it with a passion and keep healthy by eating nutritious foods daily, exercising every day, and never drink alcohol, beer, or anything which is not good for your body.”

Best advice: “Love your children and family with all your heart. Teach them to believe in Jesus Christ and keep the commandments. Help them in so many ways to be self-reliant and love your neighbors and family.”

Descendants: Four children, twenty-three grandchildren, sixty-nine great-grandchildren, and seven great-great grandchildren.

Blodwen Parry Olson

Blodwen Parry was born in 1914 in Manti, Utah, the fourth of seven children born to Bernard Parry and Vilate Harmon Parry. She has outlived her siblings.



Blodwen as a baby

Education: Blodwen means “Fair Flower” in Welsh. Bloodwen attended the early grades and graduated from Manti High School in 1931. She received her elementary teaching certificate from Snow College, and two years later she attended the University of Utah, Utah State University and Brigham Young University.

Outstanding memories: One of Blodwen’s most poignant early memories was going with her family to the train station in Manti and watching soldiers leave to fight in World War I. Family parties with dozens of cousins, excursion up Manti Canyon, and a first trip by train to Moroni followed. Playing tennis, hiking in the mountains and swimming at Funk’s Lake with friends consumed many summer days.

Thinking of her first trip to Salt Lake City at the age of twelve when she rode on a street car and attended movies and professional plays in the city brings her smiles today. Church on Sunday, Primary on Monday, and later MIA on Tuesdays were weekly events in Blodwen’s life. An arranged date with Phil Olson from Ephraim led to marriage in 1938. Blodwen has been a widow for twenty-seven years.

Favorite accomplishments: Blodwen’s favorite accomplishment is raising four children to be active members of the LDS Church and good citizens, as well as supporting her husband in his civic and church activities and helping him raise turkeys for a living. Blodwen has always loved teaching, whether in Carbon County’s Helper and Latuda in first through third grade, young children and teenagers at church, or adults in Sunday school, Relief Society, and various women’s clubs. She has always been community minded, serving on the Ephraim Library Board, Ephraim Square Board, Sanpete Arts Council, Sanpete Red Cross, Snow College Centennial Committee and more.

Impressive changes: Over the past 100 years Blodwen has witnessed the development of all modern changes which made household chores and life in general easier and more convenient than before, most notably methods of communicating and traveling across the world.

Hobbies and activities: Blodwen’s favorite activities are to read, swim, hike, camp and play golf. She and her friends sit around reading books as they waited for their homemade ice cream to harden in the freezer. Genealogy research and name extraction fill many hours in Blodwen’s life these days.

Secret to longevity: Blodwen’s recipe for good health includes balanced meals and lots of physical and mental activities.

Best advice: “Make the most of every opportunity to learn and to be of service.”

Descendants: Four children, twenty-two grandchildren and sixty-four great-grandchildren.

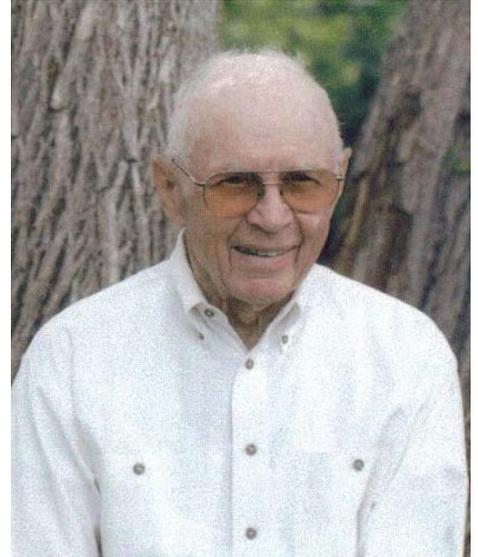


Phil and Blodwen 1959

Walter Foreman Parrish

Walter Forman Parrish was born in 1914 in Kaysville, Utah, the third child born to Warren Asa Parrish and Willmetta Forman. He and his sister outlived all siblings.

Outstanding memories: I was born on my family's ten acre farm in Kaysville, Utah. My family and I were members of the LDS Church. We walked to Layton Elementary School each day. We watched people, horses, and wagons travel the streets. I learned to drive a Model-T Ford truck on my dad's knee. Shortly after moving to Layton, my two older brothers were hit by a train. One of my brothers was killed instantly and the other one had a broken arm and back injuries. The same year my little brother died of pneumonia in November. It was a very sad year for our family. We learned to work at a very young age, tending to the farm. We would sell the produce from our farm at the Grower's Market in Salt Lake City. After graduating from Layton Elementary, I rode the Bambuger Electric Railroad to Davis High School. I loved learning art, English, math, and mechanics in high school. After high school, I worked for Wood Motor as a mechanic. At age nineteen, I met Pearl Wright at the



Pearl and Walter

White City Ballroom in Ogden, Utah. We married in 1937 in Ogden. We were married for seventy-three years before Pearl passed away in 2009. During my life, I worked at Salt Lake Army Depot and Hill Air Force Base. I retired from Hill Field in 1972, after thirty-two years of service. Some of my favorite places to travel were Hawaii, I traveled throughout every state, and visited our winter home for several years in Overton, Nevada. We loved taking our family to fish and camp at Yellowstone Park. We also went to Disneyland. I have recently rode on a float for Davis High Centennial Celebration. I was honored at their recent celebration assembly. I have enjoyed spending these last few years with my daughter and her husband. They have taken me on trips to the Oregon Coast, Washington, California, Hawaii & St. George.

Favorite accomplishments: Painting the Mona Lisa, marriage to Pearl Wright, my family, and working & retiring from Hill Air Force Base. Working with Colonel Gail Halvorsen, the Candy Bomber. Raising four children and building my own home. Repairing automobiles and serving others with my mechanic's skills.

Impressive changes: The automobile, the television, airplanes, advancements with telephones, electricity, indoor plumbing, computers.

Hobbies and activities: I like to read history books, paint, listen to music, play piano and violin, writing, building machines and cars. I like to spend time with my grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Secret to longevity: Two pancakes, eggs and orange juice every morning. Keep active. Smile a lot.

Best advice: Slow down a bit and take things easy. Enjoy spending time with your family.

Descendants: Four children, seven grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Lucile S. Parsons

Lucile Schoenhals was born in 1915 in Salt Lake City, Utah, the third child born to Joseph Schoenhals and Anna Wolrab Schoenhals. She outlived all her siblings.

Outstanding memories: Lucile Parsons has led a rich life over the past 100 years. With her parents and siblings she had an active youth. She attended West High School, hiked and camped in Millcreek Canyon, picnicked at Liberty Park, rode the train to Saltair and danced at Covey's Dance Hall on Mondays—ten cent night! She worked at Auerbach's (starting wage thirty-five dollars a month) and played on their baseball and basketball teams—The Shamrocks. The basketball team made it to the National Finals and traveled all the way to Kansas City to play in the tournament. Lucile was a drummer in several all-girl bands over a twenty-year period. In 1938, she joined Ruth Horan's dance band. They wore royal blue slacks and flame-colored jackets. One of their first gigs was playing at the Heidelberg which was on Main Street between third and fourth South and had a pretty rough reputation, (though they didn't know it at the time). They started at nine at night and played until one in the morning. They got paid ten dollars a night though it was more about the adventure than making money. She then joined Mickey



Paramore's band. Besides being regulars at the Old Mill, Dugway, and the Newhouse Hotel, the band played all over the state and the West Coast from Ely to Elko to Jackson Hole's Cactus Pete's and Lorenzi's Park, an early version of Las Vegas. Lucille also sang with the bands and did a tap dance routine for the floor shows. They were talented and beautiful women, always fashionable whether in one of their ten sparkling formal gowns or their tuxedos. Lucile retired from the show-biz life in the early sixties.

As WWII approached, Lucile went to work for the Civil Service in Logan, Utah. She transferred to the Civilian Personnel department working at Fort Douglas and then moving to the Presidio in San Francisco with the Headquarters Sixth Army in 1946. She met her husband (a Sargent in the Army); they married, moved with the Army to Seattle, and had a daughter. They all went to Japan and she continued to work in personnel where the civilian actions were her responsibility. After divorcing her husband, Lucile moved back to Salt Lake City where she began her career in real estate starting with Cook Realty, moving to Saracino Realty, and then to BAB Realty. She retired from real estate sales in 1979 but promptly went to work for the Utah Title Company. Lucile was married a second time to Steve Parsons and gained three wonderful step-children, Randy, Kent and Bonnie. Lucile worked full time until she turned ninety-three and only quit then, because her macular degeneration kept her from being able to read the fine print on the computer and in documents.

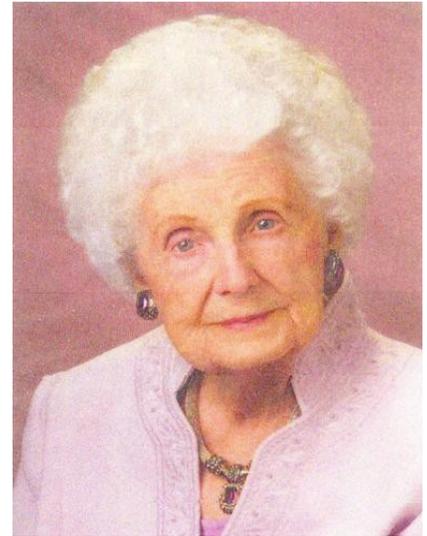
Lucile is a fun, positive, hard-working, caring, kind, and absolutely lovely woman. Her children think she is the best mother anyone could ever have, and all who know her, love her. Her positive attitude about everything and her astounding work ethic, have contributed to her longevity.

Descendants: One child.

Beatrice Robison Payne

Beatrice Robison was born in 1909 in a two-room house in Byron, Wyoming, the third of seven children born to John Albert Robison, Jr. and Rachel Permillia Lindsay Robison.

Outstanding memories: When Beatrice was five years old, her father purchased a farm and built a two-room house, filling the sides of the home with sand for insulation and warmth. For light, the family had kerosene lamps, which they carried with them from one place to another. The kitchen stove was a cast iron cook stove, which had six lids, with a tank attached to the right end of the stove. This reservoir held an ever-ready supply of hot water for cooking or washing dishes, clothes, etc. To clean the stove, Beatrice and her family used a black polish and rubbed it on the stove with a cloth until it would shine. Nothing was wasted in the Robison home. The ashes from the stove were carried outside and spaded into the vegetable gardens and flower beds.



Some of Beatrice's favorite recreational activities included swimming in the canal and dancing. They had local dance programs so Beatrice and her friends could dance with different partners throughout the night.

In her younger years, Beatrice traveled by horse and buggy, wagons, or by horseback. She didn't know what it was like to ride in a car, train, or airplane.



First year of life

When she was young, Beatrice's parents moved to Montana to homestead. While in Montana, Beatrice attended commercial college and learned secretarial skills. She married Arden S. Payne in the Cardston, Alberta LDS Temple in 1933 and moved to the Richfield/Glenwood area in Southern Utah for a short time. During the Depression years, Beatrice and Arden moved again, this time to Twin Falls, Idaho, where Beatrice gave birth to their only daughter. The family later moved to Great Falls, Montana where Beatrice and Arden spent most of their married life.

Beatrice worked as a secretary for Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Montana and later the local Social Security Office. When her family moved to Idaho, Beatrice transferred to the Idaho Falls Social Security Office where she worked until retirement at the age of sixty-two. She and her husband moved to Provo, Utah in 1993.

Beatrice and Arden Payne were married for sixty-six years before he passed away in 1999 at the age of ninety-three.



Age twenty-four

Favorite accomplishments: Beatrice is proud of her wonderful marriage with Arden and the family they raised together. She is a very talented woman who excelled in almost everything she tried to do. She was a skilled seamstress and made many beautiful dresses as well as costumes for her daughter's dance recitals and programs. She was so talented she could simply look at a picture of a dress and be able to design and sew it. She also made draperies for her home and slipcovers for her furniture.



Age twenty-eight

Beatrice developed a talent for crocheting and created baby blankets and booties, beautiful pot holders, and fine doilies for furniture arms. She also made appliqué dish towels by the dozens. During her nineties, Beatrice made appliqué “tie quilts” using men’s ties. They were hand-quilted and then fine embroidery stitches were completed around each of the ties.

Beatrice was a great cook and entertained many guests at her table. She excelled in making beautiful and delicious candies. Her usual Christmas gifts consisted of homemade hand-dipped chocolates placed in individual wrappers and specialty candy boxes. Home-canned fruit and vegetables were always labeled and lined up on her shelf.

Beatrice was always very organized in every way. She had a certain place for each object in her home and she always knew when something was out of place or

missing. She enjoyed doing genealogy work and has collected histories and pictures of many of her ancestors. Beatrice is small in stature, but was always a giant in abilities. She is a caring mother and grandmother. She is a faithful member of her church and has held many positions of responsibility; some have been Stake Relief Society Presidency. She continues to be a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, she is the Primary President.

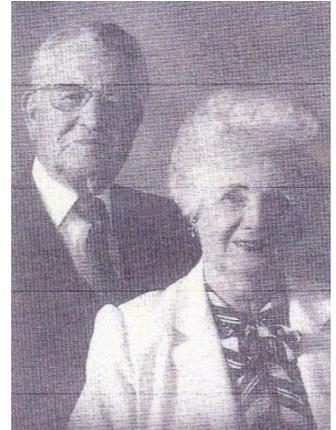
Impressive changes: Beatrice has experienced a variety of changes, including the advancement from horse and buggy to jet airlines, the newsreels of the sinking of the Titanic to watching a man walking on the moon. Many wars have taken place during her lifetime as well.

Hobbies and activities: Beatrice enjoys watching television and loves to travel by car to see new sights. She has traveled to every state in the United States.

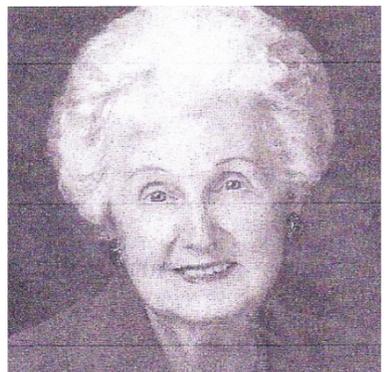
Secret to longevity: Beatrice has eaten healthy foods with very little meat. Her mother lived past 100 years old.

Best Advice: Beatrice tries to find purpose in each day. She continues to have a positive outlook on life.

Descendants: One child, five grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, and seven great-great grandchildren.



Beatrice and Arden on their fiftieth wedding anniversary



Age ninety-five

Fayora “Fay” Miller Petersen

Fayora Miller was born in 1915, in Jamestown, Idaho, the first child born to James Delloyd Miller and Beatrice Alice Mounteer Miller.

Outstanding memories: Fay’s family moved from Jamestown, Idaho to Murray, Utah and shortly thereafter she was born. She attended Arlington Grade School and graduated from Murray High School. Fay remembers as a child going over to Murray Park with her brother during the winter. Her dad would pull both of them in a sleigh and at the park there would be a make shift ice ring and her dad would take turns with Fay and Roy, he would ice skate while pulling them in the sleigh. She worked as a babysitter, cleaning homes and as a sales clerk at Woolworth’s in Downtown Salt Lake. Her grandparents lived nearby and she would walk there after work. She had to pass by some shady areas where older men would hang out. There was a big dog that would walk with her and the men would stay away from her. She never knew the dog’s name or where he

lived. She met her husband on a blind date set up by a friend. She married D. Bennion Petersen in 1936. He passed away in 1971. She never re-married.

Favorite accomplishments: Fay’s favorite accomplishment was her family. She raised seven children and they remain close to her today. Fay loved to travel and did so all over the world. She’s been to Australia, China and Hawaii. Fay loved to knit and crochet. She would make slippers for her family for Christmas; they were treasured by her family. Fay loved to go to Cedar City to the Shakespeare festival and did so for many years.

Impressive changes: Fay is impressed with how much the communities of Murray and Granger have changed and how many new homes and businesses are around where she lived. She feels a little sad that things have changed but she is thankful to be able to witness the change.

Hobbies and activities: Fay likes to read books and watch television. She is an avid reader and since her eye site is not good, she listens to books on discs.

Secret to longevity: Fay says her secret to longevity is that the devil doesn’t want her and God hasn’t made up his mind. She would credit her age to family genes, no smoking or heavy alcohol consumption and enjoying life.

Best advice: “Love your family and treat everyone with kindness and courtesy.”

Descendants: Seven children, nineteen grandchildren, thirty-two great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.



Fay as a baby



Fay as a young adult

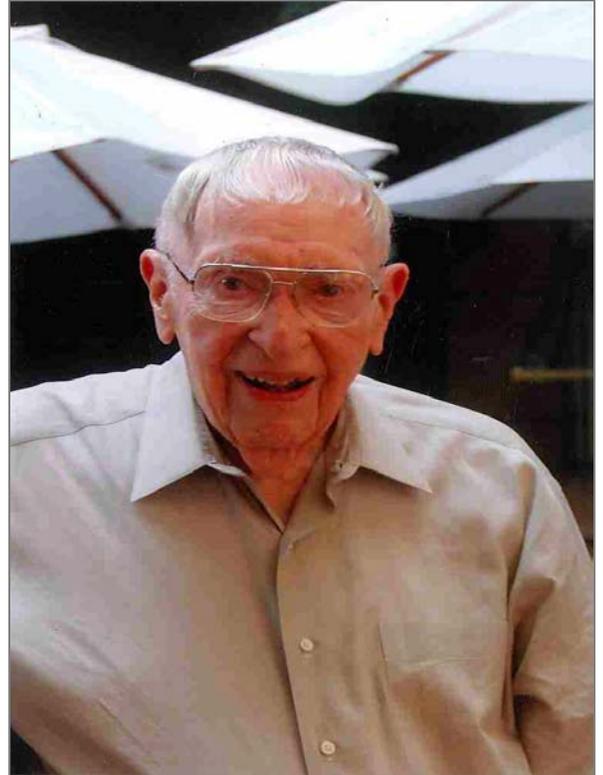
Vincent LeRoy Rees

Vincent LeRoy Rees was born in 1912 in Bensen, Utah, the first of four children born to George LeRoy Rees and Veda Mae Munk Rees. He is one of three siblings still living.

Education: Vincent attended Utah State University where he received his Bachelors of Science degree, followed by attending the University of Chicago for a Medical degree, and then finally went to the University of Michigan for training to become a Surgeon.

Outstanding memories: Vincent became an Eagle Scout at age thirteen. He was also temporarily a Park Ranger at Yellowstone National Park. After high school, he attended and graduated from Utah State University, then moved to Chicago where he attended medical school and became a doctor. After Medical school, he went to the University of Michigan where he received specialty training to become a surgeon. While in Michigan, Dr. Rees married his beautiful wife, Audrea Kay Kiser, in the Presbyterian Church. Audrea passed away in December of 2011. While she was alive they traveled extensively to every continent, except Antarctica.

Dr. Rees moved back to Utah after completing his specialty training in Michigan. At that time, he helped start a four-year Medical School at the University of Utah as Assistant Professor of Surgery. He treated patients with the first penicillin drug during World War II and he performed the first operation in the Salt Lake Ambulatory Surgical Center.



Favorite accomplishments: “My greatest accomplishments were helping people who were sick or in distress. I loved my profession and the many people I was able to help.”

Impressive changes: Dr. Rees feels the most significant changes have taken place in communication from the crank telephone to the iphone and in transportation from the horse and buggy to automobiles and airplanes!

Hobbies and activities: Dr. Rees enjoys working on his personal computer. “I make all my own cards for birthdays and special occasions of family and friends.”

Secrete to longevity: “Keeping active and taking care of myself by eating well and exercising.”

Best advice: “Enjoy life and find happiness as you go along through your life.”

Descendants: Four children, sixteen grandchildren, and thirty-five great-grandchildren.

Della Garcia Salazar

Della Garcia was born in 1915, in Center, Colorado. Della's father, Liborio Garcia had been trained by the doctor to deliver babies in the remote area where they lived. Della was the second child born to Liborio and Louisa Garcia; she was delivered at birth by her dad.

Outstanding memories: Della's father was the foreman for a rancher who had many farms. Della moved around to several towns during her childhood as her father travelled from ranch to ranch hiring migrant workers to work in their potato fields. At that time the whole family would work to support the family and she started working in the potato fields pulling weeds when she was seven. As Della got older she would pick potatoes and also sew the potato bags. She went to school until she was in the eighth grade. When she was sixteen her mother died four days after she gave birth to her ninth baby sister. Della was left to raise the baby until her sister got married. Della met her husband Abel Carlos Salazar at a cousin's house and later saw him at a dance. They would correspond through letters because he had been in the Government Civilian Conservation Corps they had for the young men during the depression. He wanted to get married during a break, so he sent his father to ask for her hand in marriage. She had never met his father and was surprised when he arrived at her door to talk to her father about getting married. The wedding was set for a week away. She began her life with her new husband and soon started a family.



Favorite accomplishments: Della's greatest accomplishment was having twelve children and none of them died to measles, whooping cough, polio, and diphtheria, illnesses that took the life of many children. Her friends had been pregnant the same amount of times as she did and they ended up with just one or two children surviving these illnesses. Della took pride that she had taken such good care of her children.

Impressive changes: She started her life when there were only horse and carriages. She would travel in a buggy. Now there are jet planes, spaceships, and bullet trains and everyone seems to have their own car. All the technology is impressive. When she was first married they didn't have a washing machine and she had to wash with a washboard and had to hang the many diapers on the lines. The food prices are outrageous. When she was young the bread was ten cents a loaf, now they are three dollars. There were penny candies, and big candy bars were just five cents. A candy bar now is a dollar and there are no penny candies.

Hobbies and activities: Della's hobbies are to sew and read. She was able to make all her children's clothes throughout the years and taught all of her children to sew, even her boys know how to sew. She has always loved to read and always had a book around her.

Secret to longevity: Della took care of her body. She never smoked or drank and did anything that would harm her body. She worked hard all her life and went to bed early and got up early. She has always had a great sense of humor, and could find something humorous about any situation no matter how bad it seemed.

Best advice: "Don't worry about things you have no control over and cherish the moments you have with your family."

Descendants: Twelve children, forty grandchildren, ninety-one great-grandchildren and forty great-great-grandchildren.

Norma E. Fereday Sherwood

Norma Elaine Fereday was born in 1909 in Mammoth, Utah, the first of two children born to Roy and Emma Simons Fereday. She outlived her brother.

Education: Norma attended Mammoth Elementary and graduated with honors from Tintic High School in Eureka, as Valedictorian.

Outstanding memories: Norma married Max Fay Hannifin in Provo, Utah when she was twenty years old. They lived in Eureka, Nephi, and Delta. Norma served in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as an organist and stake Sunday School chorister. She organized and directed the Federated Women's Chorus as well as the stake Singing Mothers. One of Norma's favorite memories is of dancing with Max in the romantic Roof Garden Ballroom on the top floor of Hotel Utah.

After Max passed away in 1952, Norma and her two young daughters spent the summer in Bryce Canyon National Park where Norma served as Dorm Mother, supervising ninety-two young women employees. She played her violin and sang with her daughters to entertain the "Dudes" on the nightly programs. She was well loved and respected by all the girls, who honored her at summer's end on "Mrs. Hannifin Day."



L-R: Norma took this picture of herself, using her new camera's time delay; Norma June 1980; Norma while she was working for the Salt Lake Tribune 1999

Norma and her daughters returned to Delta where Norma worked in a drugstore. Customers loved her charming, friendly personality and great sense of humor. She later worked as Receptionist, Clerk, and Secretary for Millard County, during which time she met Elden C. Sherwood, a Utah Highway Patrol Sergeant. They were married in the Manti LDS Temple in 1957. Together they traveled to thirteen states and attended the "Passion Play" in Dakota. Norma was a newspaper correspondent for the Salt Lake Tribune and the Daily Herald of Provo, reporting the Juab County news. She also reported "News from Nephi" five days a week over Station KOVO Radio in Provo and reported the weather statistics to KUTV Channel 2 for their nightly news. After Elden passed away in 1992, Norma took his position as National Weather Observer.

In November 1999, she was presented with a "Special Service Award" plaque from the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Favorite accomplishments: Norma began studying the violin at age fourteen. As a sophomore at Tintic High School, she played her violin and won the “Jones Gold Medal” for best instrumental number in a musical competition. As a senior, she played the lead role of Babs in the school’s production of “Patty Saves the Day.” She worked as a high school music teacher and played violin solos at over 500 occasions.

Impressive changes: Norma is most impressed by the advances in technology. During her earlier years, Norma was the main cashier for Norman and Jensen Department Store. She worked on the top floor and the money from all the departments was placed in a cup and sent up to her on a wire. She would make change and send it back down in the cup. Norma is amazed at television, movies, wonderful cinematography, and Dolby sound in theaters. She loves cell phones, refrigerators, and air conditioning. She appreciates seat belts, but feels they could be better designed because they are hard to fasten on the side.



Norma in 1975

Hobbies and activities: Norma likes to play the piano (self-taught); to watch television shows such as *Dr. Phil*, *Oprah*, nature movies, and the *Lawrence Welk Show*; read diaries; and make new friends in her assisted living facility. She enjoys meals, visitors, and to read the Salt Lake Tribune every day. She loves to be with her daughter, Diane, and likes to go for car rides with her.

Norma played the violin in orchestras, sang in quartets, and performed in the Salt Lake Tabernacle during General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She is still a member of the Old Time Fiddlers. She leads the singing in Sunday sacrament meetings held at her care facility and forges ahead in her eighty-year calling as chorister and organist in the Relief Society. She still plays her violin for special occasions

Norma loves to feed birds, especially the exotic birds which drop by her bird feeder. She is an excellent seamstress, sewing for family, grandchildren, friends, and herself. She has made many quilts, crocheted edges on blankets, and tatted countless doilies and handkerchiefs.

Secret to longevity: Norma advises, “Eat right to live long. Read current events. Go for annual doctor checkups and mammograms. Check blood pressure often. Take medication consistently and don’t miss a dose.”

Best Advice: Norma recommends, “Read other people’s biographies and apply their success stories to your own life. Learn more! Do the best you can for as long as you can. Don’t worry. Be happy!” Her motto is, “Don’t EVER give up.”

Descendants: Two children, two stepsons, six grandchildren, twenty-six step-grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, five step-great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.



Age 100, with her beaded graduation dress and the hat she crocheted to wear to Federated Club events

Grace Bishop Simkins

Grace Magdalene Bishop was born in 1908 in Hinckley, Utah, to Heber Lafayette and Mary Bennett Bishop. After Grace's father's first wife passed away giving birth to their ninth child, he married Mary Bennett. Grace was the fifth of six children born to Heber and Mary Bishop. With fourteen siblings Grace grew up in a large and happy family. She outlived all of her siblings and half-siblings.

Education: Grace attended elementary and high school in Hinckley, Utah. She continued her education in St. George and at the College of Southern Utah in Cedar City (now Southern Utah University), and received a teaching certificate from BYU.

Outstanding memories: While Grace was teaching elementary school in Hinckley, one of her co-workers was Philo T. Farnsworth, who was working on a special project which eventually became the television. During that time, Grace was courted by Joseph Vergene Simkins. They were married in the Salt Lake LDS Temple in June 1930.

Favorite accomplishments: Grace and Vergene made their first home in Cedar City, Utah, where their three daughters and two sons were born. In 1958, Grace renewed her teaching certificate at Colorado State University. Two years later, she signed a contract to teach in Las Vegas, Nevada, where she taught until she retired in 1975. While in Las Vegas, she continued her studies and upon retirement, almost completed her Master's degree.

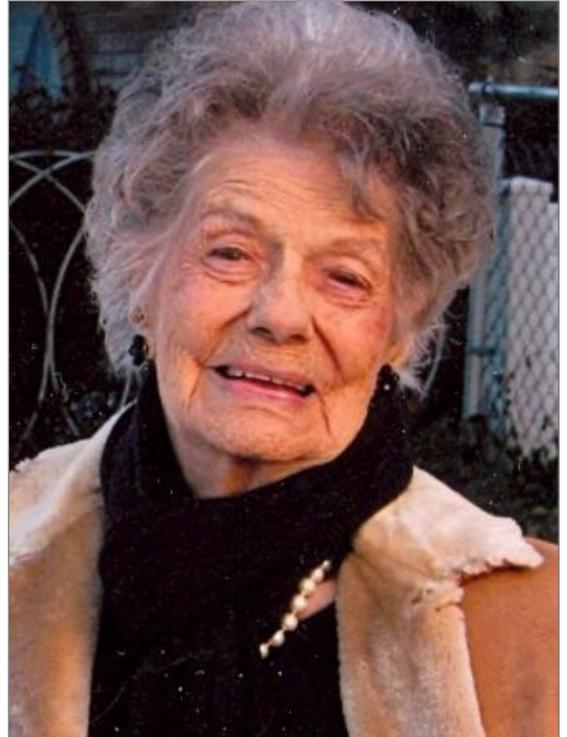
After retiring, she and Vergene moved to Sandy, Utah to be nearer their family. After Vergene passed away in 1993, Grace continued to live independently in her home in Sandy.

Of all her assets and accomplishments, Grace's favorite is her family.

Impressive changes: Grace is impressed by the amazing technological changes she has witnessed throughout her life. When Grace was born people used horse and buggy for transportation. She has since witnessed the space age and now is impressed by the large technological changes of the electronic age.

Hobbies and activities: Music and performance have been of special interest to Grace. She enjoyed to play the piano for family and church gatherings, to write poetry, and to create and perform in operettas and roadshows. Knowing what a blessing they were in her life, Grace encourages her children and grandchildren in their theatrical and musical endeavors. She has written a book titled "Living with Grace", which includes some of her poetry and delightful renditions of her lifetime experiences. Her book is a family treasure.

Grace also loved to travel. She enjoyed her visit to Hawaii and various European countries, and the tours to U.S. and LDS Church historical sites. Grace was also an avid reader while her eyes were still good. She is still an



Age eighteen



As a young adult

enthusiastic Utah Jazz fan and although her fading hearing and vision do not allow her to get the full effect of the games, she faithfully cheers the players on.

Secret to longevity: “Caring for her body by never using tobacco or alcohol, eating properly, and exercising.”

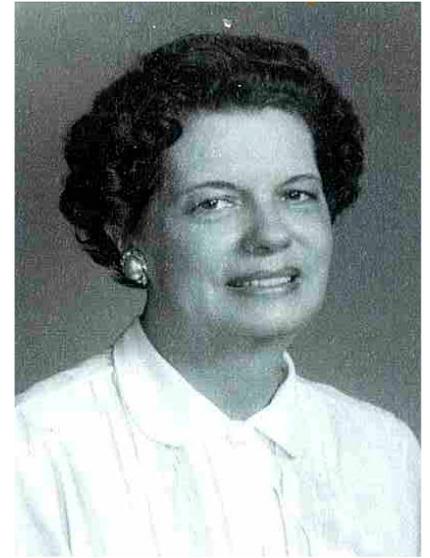
Descendants: Five children, eighteen grandchildren, forty-six great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.



Grace, with her brother, Nelson



With her mother at her graduation



At age fifty-three

Aline Coleman Smith

Aline Coleman was born in 1911 in Provo, Utah, the first of six children born to Jacob and Allie Smoot Coleman. She and two sisters outlived three brothers.

Education: Aline attended Brigham Young Academy from kindergarten through high school. She was offered the position as BYU's first modern dance teacher at age fifteen. With a background in ballet, BYU sent Aline cross country to study modern dance with dance pioneers, Ruth St. Denis and Ted Shawn, at the prestigious Denishawn School of Dance in Connecticut and New York. Aline later did advanced graduate work under Margaret H'Doubler at the University of Wisconsin.



Outstanding memories: Aline grew up in Provo, Utah. She spent her summers at Wildwood in Provo Canyon. She swam in the Provo River, rode her Shetland pony, played outdoor games, enjoyed big bonfires every night, sang, and told stories. Aline met her husband, Virgil Smith, at BYU and they were later married in December 1933 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Their son, Jay Coleman Smith, was born in Provo in 1939, while Aline was teaching at BYU. Aline, Virgil, and Jay later settled in Boise, Idaho, where they lived for thirty-five years. Jay eventually became a lawyer but unfortunately passed away suddenly at age thirty. Aline took care of her parents in their declining years. She devoted constant care for the final five years of their lives.



Aline at age nine

Favorite accomplishments: Aline began her teaching career as BYU's first modern dance instructor at age eighteen during the Great Depression. Aline taught while working on her undergraduate education, accepting tuition in lieu of a salary. After graduating in 1933, Aline worked as a full-time faculty member until 1939 when she gave birth to her son, Jay. She worked part-time for the next two years until she and her young family moved to Boise, Idaho. Aline's contributions are considered by many to be part of the foundation and grounding of what would later become BYU's award winning Dance Department. After leaving Provo, Aline was still passionate about dance. She worked at the local YWCA in Boise, teaching dance and fitness classes. She attended Young Women's activities in the LDS Church and trained young women to perform in the all-church dance festivals held in the University of Utah's Rice Stadium in Salt Lake City. She also created many beautiful patterns for needlepoint.

Impressive changes: Aline is impressed by automobiles, airplanes, radio, television, and computers. She believes these new technologies have many good qualities, such as worldwide communication, but many things can be abused, too (i.e. pornography, isolation, etc.).

Hobbies and activities: Aline likes to read, needlepoint, and cross stitch. She appreciated her travel in Europe and Africa and attending graduate school in Madison, Wisconsin. She now enjoys books on tape, classical music, and visits with friends and family.

Secret to longevity: Aline credits her long life to good genes (her father lived to be ninety-four and her mother lived to be ninety-two), family support, good doctors and dentists, exercise, being physically active, eating a healthy diet, participating in social activities, and having many good and lasting friendships.

Best advice: Aline advises, "Be curious and optimistic. Avoid negativity. Keep your mind and body active."

Dixie K. Mangum Snow

Dixie K. Mangum was born in 1913 in Provo, Utah, the fifth of eight children born to W. Lester Mangum and Jennie Knight Mangum. She outlived all siblings.

Outstanding memories: Dixie's first chore as young girl was weekly dusting of the banisters across the upper hallway and down the staircase in her parent's large home. Hired help and luxuries disappeared during the "terrible reversal in the Depression." The summer home in Springdell, Provo Canyon, where Dixie experienced the exquisite joys of freedom to swim, hike, and explore the wonders of nature was also sold. Her mother insisted the children take piano lessons and play other instruments; her mother chose the cello for Dixie. Although she received an offer to be trained by a notable cellist, she declined. She was not the duplicate of her mother, whom Dixie felt may have been "a thwarted musician." Dixie was in high school before she realized there were people who did not accept the Mormon faith as truth. She found nonmembers to be interesting, yet they were not under "the shadow of her parent's educational goals." Dixie's mother was on the general board for the YWMIA (mutual) when Dixie was eleven. When she was seventeen, her mother gave birth to the last baby. Her father was out of town on business during the difficult delivery and her mother needed support. Dixie attended school half a day and hurried home to aid her mother with the many chores during the rest of the day. Being of service and feeling mature enough to bear some of her mother's responsibilities gave Dixie pleasure. Another time she was allowed to borrow her dad's Ford to travel to Idaho to stay in a cabin with three girl friends for a week. They rode on horseback to the Snake River to bathe. During hard times the family opened the Provo house up to university boarders. Dixie completed three years at BYU, a few credits at a time, while fixing breakfast for the students and then working as a secretary for the school district. Two weeks before the new school year began, Dixie expressed to her boss her desire to live with her married sister and work in Washington, D.C. He said he would release her from her obligation if she promised to marry his single nephew, Bill Snow. Dixie laughingly agreed.



After Dixie worked for a few months in Washington, while living with her married sister, Bill Snow offered a job to her and to her brother-in-law and helped move them to New York City where they settled in Queens. Bill hired Dixie as his secretary and began immediately courting her in earnest. He was eleven years her senior and for many years she has been aware of him in Provo before he moved to the East. Bill was tall, he played basketball and tennis well, and his charisma made all who knew him feel good to be in his presence. He fell in love with this "cute little thing" named Dixie as he took her to dinner, to movies, and as they spent time after work talking. Very few in the office knew of the budding romance, but one of Bill's associates challenged him with a fifty dollar offer to hear the proposal. Bill immediately buzzed Dixie to take dictation for a letter. "Dear Miss Mangum, Will you marry me?" She left the office, typed the letter, adding at the bottom "Yes", and then returned it for his signature. Bill later embellished the story by saying she required it to be notarized. His sense of humor and wit enhanced the sparkle she also felt and they were married in the Salt Lake Temple. They moved back to Washington, D.C. for a short time until the war broke out and he was transferred as part of the Farm Credit Administration to Kansas City, Missouri for a brief few years. Employment again moved the family, by now, there were three children, one girl and two boys, back to the New York City area. They bought a home in New Jersey where they raised their family until Bill's mandatory retirement age of sixty-five. The following twenty years, Bill and Dixie lived in a retirement community in Walnut Creek, California, over the mountain range from San Francisco. They traveled yearly to Utah, Puerto Rico, and six weeks in Europe, and after retirement, three weeks in Hawaii, British Columbia, and every Christmas in Florida.

Service and acceptance of others was always present in Dixie's life. She held church callings of responsibility, volunteered for the New Eyes for the Needy, the local hospitals, community affairs, and Daughters of Utah Pioneers. After fifty-three wonderful years of marriage, Bill died from a massive stroke. Within a year, she moved to Salt Lake City to be closer to family. She was immediately called as counselor in the Relief Society, served on the board of the BYU Emeritus Alumni Association, became a member of the Alice Louise Reynolds club, and member of study group of Classics Club with continued learning presentations and discussions. Since becoming a widow, having lost the companionship of a dear spouse, she recognizes the precious value of friends and relatives. She is proud of her wonderful children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

When Dixie was eight years old she was baptized and she remembers clearly her confirmation. She recognizes her relationship with Christ has sustained her through her own portion of troubles. For that reason, her favorite scripture is John 14:27 "Peace I leave you, my peace I give unto to you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." I have been able to find peace through my Savior for all things in my life and in my future.

Favorite accomplishments: "Living this long."

Descendants: Three children, six grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

Afton R. Van Kampen

Afton Frances Rigby was born in 1911 in Newton, Utah, the oldest of five children born to Samuel Marriner and Frances Anne Cooley Rigby. She outlived all siblings.

One of Afton's best friends growing up was her cousin, Harold, who lived across the street. Some of their favorite things to do as children were: play marbles, a game called "cat and dog", anty-i-over the shanty, jump in the hay, coast down the hill by their barn in a scoop shovel or an old dish pan, climb trees, and spend many hours in the sand pile.

Afton started school in Newton. She was apprehensive about going to school and wondered how she would ever learn to read. She picked up reading quickly and has been a life-long love of hers. Because of macular degeneration, she now listens the books on tape provided by the State Library for the Blind. She loves it when people read to her now.

Afton was given a lot of responsibility at a young age. Her father severely injured his leg when Afton was twelve years old. He was admitted to LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City where doctors worked for a year and a half to save his leg. When Afton's mother was able to take the train to visit him, she could not go and return on the same day. At age twelve, Afton was left to tend her younger brothers and sister overnight, cooking meals on the coal stove.

She completed grade school in Newton and graduated from North Cache High School. She was secretary of the senior class, a very good student, and loved to dance.

Afton always wanted to go to college, but being the oldest of five children in a family with meager resources, this was not a possibility. She worked in Logan at Christensen's as a cashier and earned \$30 a month.

Afton always wanted to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. With the financial support of her mother's sister, Aunt May Eldredge, Afton was called to the Northwest States Mission which at the time covered Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, the pan handle of Idaho, and the western half of Montana. There were thirty-five missionaries. After spending a short time at the mission home in Salt Lake City, she rode the train to mission headquarters in Portland, Oregon.

While Afton was working in the mission office, President Heber J. Grant, the then Prophet and President of the LDS Church, came to visit the mission. He traveled alone by train, there was no need for security back then. Those staying in the mission home were able to have dinner with President Heber J. Grant during his stay. Afton



As an infant



At age four



9th Grade

12th Grade

1930

remembers listening to the Prophet as a very spiritual and special experience. Since that time, she has met and visited with every elder who eventually became President of the LDS Church. She met most of them while her husband, Rudy, was Stake President and many stayed in their home.

After her mission, Afton married her husband, Rudy L. Van Kampen in the fall of 1935. They had sixty-three beautiful years of marriage together before Rudy passed away in 1998.

During the Depression, Rudy was offered a job as the football coach at the University of Oregon but after Afton's Aunt May offered to lend him and his brother, Dan, \$5,000 to start a furniture store, the Van Kampen family decided to stay in Utah. They moved to Ogden, Utah where they built and ran the Van Kampen and Sons Furniture Store. After raising their family of four children, Afton worked with Rudy at the store until she retired in 1982.



Afton could still climb fences at age eighty-five

Afton and Rudy were a great couple. They had many friends over the years. They found friends in the LDS Church, in extended family, and even at the ranch. They danced with some, traveled with others, and studied with their study club group. Visitors knew they were always welcome in the Van Kampen home. There was much preparation put into Afton's parties and she loved to be the hostess. Her meals were always delicious. In 1939, Afton started a club with neighborhood ladies who loved to read and listen to book reviews. The club, Litra Chimes, stayed together for sixty-eight years. She also belonged to the Score Club.

She is a wonderful mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Many memories include: lunches she fixed when going to the ranch, trips to the library, trips to play at the furniture store, the candy drawer, trips to go get ice cream, Christmas Eve with white elephant gifts, Thanksgiving dinner with homemade rolls, family get-togethers, and eating around the pool table.

Outstanding memories: She married Rudy L. Van Kampen on October 24, 1935. He passed away May 2, 1998.

Hobbies and activities: Afton enjoys reading and was a member of several literary clubs, including her own Litra Chimes Literary Club. Now that her eyesight is going, Afton enjoys books on tape from the Library for the Blind.

Secret to longevity: Afton credits her love of peanuts for her long life.

Descendants: Four children, twelve grandchildren, and twenty-four great-grandchildren.



1950



1970



1990

Novene Gee Ward

Novene Gee was born in 1915 in Ashton, Idaho, the fifth child born to Edgar L. Gee and Mary Cunningham Gee. She and her sister outlived their five siblings.

Education: Novene graduated from high school in Rupert, Idaho. Then she attended Albion Normal College in Albion, Idaho and received a two-year teaching credential. Later, after two of her children were born, and she had moved to California, she received her BA degree at Chico State University.

Outstanding memories: Novene tells her memories as follows: when I was nine or ten we moved from a one-room cabin to a three-room house. It was a palace compared to our old original house. It was while we lived here that my dad rode a cattle train to Los Angeles (he helped care for the animals for his fare) to work for a few months. He got a job and made enough money to buy an old car. We called it a topless jitney. He drove it all the way home. It must have been around 1925. He probably took three or four days to get home and slept along the roadside. I remember well the day he arrived home. We could hear the motor and see the dust when he was miles away, and we walked to meet him. It was a happy day for all of us, and I'm sure I thought we must have become instantly rich, although we were probably the last of all the families in the area to get a car.

I met my husband at Albion State. We had three sons. One became a doctor. He lived in Salt Lake City and practiced there. My other son became a builder, living most of his life in California. These two sons have preceded me in death. My youngest son got an MBA and now is living in North Carolina and soon will retire. My husband Willis and I had two wonderful trips to Europe, bought a Mercedes in Germany and toured Europe. The car cost \$900 and we shipped it home for \$100. This was about 1965.



Novene and Willis 1945

Favorite accomplishments: My three sons, my college degree, and my thirty-eight years of teaching fourth graders. I loved this age group. They loved their teacher and loved to come to school. My first year teaching was in a one-room school in Idaho with 15 students. My oldest student was a boy, fifteen. I was only twenty. After retirement, I pieced and quilted many quilts for my family.

Impressive changes: Probably transportation is one of the greatest changes. We went from riding horses to driving a buggy to driving cars to flying in airplanes. I was an adult when I saw an airplane for the first time. Household conveniences have also come a long way. When I was young, we washed clothes in a galvanized tub with a washboard. We would build a fire to heat the water. The clothes were put in warm, soapy water (homemade soap) and then the scrubbing on washboards began. I remember

the first washing machine we had. It was hand operated and had a handle that you pushed back and forth while it turned the agitator in the washer. I think it was almost harder than the washboard.

Hobbies and activities: Now I enjoy sitting in my comfortable chair and reading my many journals. I have twenty journals!

Secret to longevity: Heredity, although I have lived longer than anyone in my history. My father was ninety-three. Also, good, clean living. Taking good care of myself.

Best advice: Keep healthy and save so you can see more of the big, wide world. And live the best you can.

Descendants: Three children, seven grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.



Novene, Willis and their first child

Alice Mabel Welsh

Alice Mabel Welsh was born in 1912 in Peterson, Utah, the youngest of five children born to Samuel Horsefield and Olivia Elstrom. She outlived all siblings.

Outstanding Memories: “I remember wearing long-handled drawers, long stockings, flannel petticoats, and flower sack bloomers. Hauling water from the creek in milk cans to wash clothes and using coil oil lamps. I remember my first store bought dress, it was red and white polka dots with blue satin ribbon, I also got a new pair of shoes bought for me by my sister, Lenora. I rode to school in a covered wagon with a potbellied stove. My first teacher was Allie Mecham. My best friend was Josephine, our entertainment was playing run-sheepy-run, pick the can, and hide and seek. We used to cut pictures from the catalogs, make dolls, and doll houses. We used to cut old pattern books for people to make dolls. We painted rocks with crayons and dressed them up as dolls. I enjoyed going to the movies at the ward once a week. I used to make homemade candy. I also used to put on plays with crepe paper dresses and sing along songs. I enjoyed holiday celebrations and picking wild flowers in the summer.

In Morgan, Utah, I worked in the Pea and Krout factories when I was young. Later, I worked at Stewart’s Café. Then I worked for Weber College, McKay Dee Hospital, and Morgan High School. I have traveled to Europe, Hawaii, Washington D.C., southern states, and western states.”

Impressive changes: Walk on the moon and the first airplane.

Hobbies and activities: Read, play cards, cook, and write poems. “I am known as being the best pie maker in Morgan, Utah.”

Secret to longevity: Hard work, stay active, and never give up.

Best advice: “Live a good life and help everybody you can; be a good giver and not a taker. “Have you done anything good today?”

Descendants: Four children, eleven grandchildren, and twenty-four great-grandchildren.



Mable and her red polka dot dress



As an infant

Glen Winegar

Glenn was born in Woods Cross, Utah in 1912, the fourth child born in a family of nine children. He is survived by one younger sister, who was born the year he graduated from high school.

As a child, he and his older brother had a pony named Mickey, which they rode to school and the movies with friends. They would have races on their pony with the neighborhood children. Mickey never won a race during the daytime, but he won every race at night. These ponies were Mustangs, which were purchased and trained for the children to ride.

In 1928, the family moved to Wendell, Idaho to work on the family farm. Glenn graduated from Wendell High School in 1931. In 1936, the family moved back to Woods Cross, Utah. Glenn stayed in Wendell to work as an apprentice in a barbershop. He obtained his journeyman's license while there and in 1940 purchased his first barbershop on 9100 South and 700 East in Salt Lake City. Haircuts were fifty cents for adults and thirty-five cents for children.



Glenn at 100th birthday party

In 1942, Glenn enlisted as a barber in the Navy and was stationed in Pt. Barrow, Alaska and the Aleutian Islands during World War II. His most interesting experience was cutting hair for the Russian pilots while being grounded due to weather in Fairbanks, Alaska. In 1948, Glenn purchased a barbershop on 6th Avenue and E Street in Salt Lake City. He made many friends while there including Governor J. Bracken Lee, who was a customer for many years. In 1949, Glenn married Jennis Williams and in 1951, their twin daughters, Kayla and Karla, were born. In 1985, Glenn retired from the barbershop. In 1986, he and Jennis moved to Sandy, Utah to be near to their daughters. Jennis passed away June 2006. Glenn has continued to live in his home next to his daughters.

At the age of ninety-nine, Glenn renewed his driver license and continues to drive short distances to Wal-Mart and Home Depot to purchase products for his many projects. Most recently, he changed sprinkler heads in his yard and dug trenches to lay new sprinkler pipe. It is fun to watch him as he cuts his lawn on his riding lawnmower. He amazes all his family and neighbors with his energy and determination to keep active.

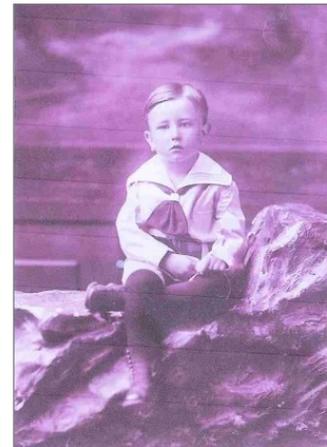
Favorite accomplishments: Glenn feels his greatest accomplishments are his wonderful daughters and grandchildren and the loving relationships they all share. Having a close-knit family is what he feels is his greatest blessing.

Impressive changes: “During my life, the war and working as a barber, I met people of many different races. I am glad now everyone is accepted as being equal.”

Hobbies and activities: Gardening and golf.

Secret to longevity: A good family and keeping active.

Descendants: Two children, eight grandchildren, and eighteen great-grandchildren.



At age four

Hazel Dean York

Hazel Dean was born in 1911 in Old Lyme, Connecticut, the third of six children born to George Robert and Lena Mae Daniels Dean. Her family lived in a big white house on the Old Boston Post Road, the same narrow dusty road our forefathers traveled between Boston and New York. There were no bridges spanning the Connecticut River so the crossings were made by barges.

Hazel's father became a teamster after finishing grade school. In Bridgeport, Connecticut he drove a team of six to eight horses for the Valvoline Oil Company. He moved to Old Lyme to learn the blacksmith trade and wagon building. After his training was finished, the family moved to Niantic, Connecticut, a village in the southern part of East Lyme.



At the big white house in Old Lyme, age six

Education: Hazel graduated from Niantic Grammar School in June 1926.

Having no high school in town, children her age traveled to New London for high school. They had their choice of three high schools. Hazel chose to attend Williams Memorial Institute, an all-girls school. After two years, Hazel transferred to the New London Business College. She attended school for nearly two terms when the Great Depression hit their area. The cost of tuition and transportation was more than the family could afford. Hazel was forced to end her education early.

Later in life, when her son graduated from high school, Hazel realized she was the only one in her family without a high school diploma. She decided she needed to do something to change that. She enrolled in a program for high school drop-outs and earned more than enough points to earn a certificate equivalent to a high school diploma.



Twelve years old



Age twenty-two

Favorite accomplishments and outstanding memories: During the summer of 1932, Hazel met John York and decided she wanted to spend the rest of her life with him and the two were married about a year later. A few months later, Hazel discovered she was pregnant. For the first few months of her pregnancy, the young couple couldn't afford for Hazel to visit the doctor. That spring, a neighbor hired John to build a driveway and paid John \$300, which was more than enough to pay for their baby. Hazel visited the doctor and learned the charge was only \$35 for monthly visits and delivery. Hazel gave birth to a healthy baby boy in the late summer of 1934. She and John decided to name the baby, George, and he has been their pride and joy ever since.

By the time her son was about ten years old, the family started a poultry farm with 500 baby chicks. Over the next twenty years, their farm grew to around 40,000 birds. Hazel was responsible for keeping the books and helping grade, candle, and pack eggs. She found what she had learned at business school was of little or no help to her and decided to develop her own system of record-keeping instead. The first few years were hard, as it is with any new business, but the family met it.



**Hazel, John, and George
Summer 1942**

After graduating from school, George started a dairy farm. Hazel did his bookkeeping until they decided to sign up for the Connecticut Farm Bureau, freeing up more time for Hazel's hobbies.

After their business was pretty well established, the Yorks found time for a little fun. By then their son had married a lovely girl and given Hazel and John three beautiful grandchildren. George built a family home a short distance from his parents'. It was a wonderful time for John and Hazel. They learned to ski while in their fifties, went to the dog and horse races, and had time to travel.

In 1963, John and Hazel sold their farm and built their retirement home. After finishing their new home and settling in, they decided to go to Florida for a couple of weeks each winter. While there, John and Hazel found a mobile home they loved on a nice-sized lot with a grapefruit tree, four orange trees, a tangerine tree, a lemon tree, and a banana tree. They thought it made an ideal place for a winter home. After a couple of winters, John and Hazel decided to sell their Connecticut home and move permanently to Florida. Florida was their "play ground" for the next twenty years. It was hard to leave their family but it was a good fit for John and Hazel.



Age seventy-four



In their early eighties

While in Florida, John and Hazel bought a fourteen-foot boat and a crock pot. They enjoyed their time on the ocean, fishing, shelling, shrimping, and crabbing every day, and coming home to a crock pot dinner. They traveled a lot during those years, mostly to visit relatives, "or at least that was our excuse," Hazel chuckles. They crossed the United States several times and saw Mesa Verde, the Petrified Forest, the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Yellowstone Park, and Oklahoma's Cowboy Museum. They were delegates to a National Farm Bureau Convention in California and saw as much as they could while in town. John and Hazel went to Mexico, visited Niagara Falls several times, saw the Bush Gardens, the home and museum of Thomas Edison, Disney World, Epcot Center, and the Everglades National Park. They also loved to visit race tracks. They flew to Jamaica for ten days and while there, visited where Columbus is believed to have landed before coming to America.

The couple led a happy and active life until John developed Parkinson's disease. It came on slowly. At first, Hazel just noticed John was slowing down. He did not want to go out in the boat and Hazel thought that was a sure sign something was wrong. There was no cure. As he worsened, their son, George, urged Hazel and John to move to Vernal, Utah where he would be able to assist in supporting his Dad. John and Hazel moved to Vernal in 1997 and John passed away in September of 1999. After the death of her husband, Hazel felt lost until she found the Golden Age Center in Vernal.

Hobbies and activities: Hazel had many hobbies over the years. While in Connecticut, she studied antique decorating. She loved to stencil on velvet and tin, gold leaf, reverse paint on glass, oil paint, tinsel paint, and garden. While in Florida, she enjoyed ceramics, oil painting, gardening, and restoring dolls. Hazel restored two antique dolls for her granddaughter and she enjoyed crocheting.

Secret to longevity: Hazel gives her father credit for her sharp mind as she approaches her 102nd birthday. He encouraged Hazel and her siblings to do puzzles of all kinds. To this day, Hazel still does puzzles. She believes crossword puzzles help her immensely, even if she doesn't always finish them.

Descendants: Two children, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Wilford Zaugg

Wilford Zaugg was born in 1914 in La Grande, Oregon, the twelfth child born to Frederick Zaugg and Emily Chadwick Zaugg. He outlived all siblings.

Outstanding memories: Wilford's parents set good examples and taught basic values and principles to him. The family always ate meals together and began with a prayer. His parent's house was an old wood farm building with cold bedrooms, outdoor plumbing and a strong oven door where children sat to get warm. In winter they heated a flat iron or brick and wrapped it in newspaper to keep their feet warm when they went to bed. The first event he remembers was at three years old, when a man in a horse and buggy carrying a black bag came to the house where he and his brother were playing. They learned it was the doctor who came to help their mother deliver a baby, however in their minds they thought the doctor brought their new baby sister in his black bag. Wilford began grade school at Moss Chapel School at age six and was the youngest in his class of two. Living in Oregon was a happy boyhood experience which ended with until the Depression which caused the loss of the family home, buildings, farm land, animals, and machinery. Wilford's father could not bear to continue living near their beautiful home and farm so the family moved to Davis County, Utah to start a new type of farming by growing sugar beets and tomatoes, which was hard labor. Wilford's first job in Utah was hauling cement by wheel barrow to construct



Wilford and Elva

basement walls for houses. He earned twenty-five cents an hour. In the spring of 1937, he received a mission call to the Eastern States Mission, for which he was happy and anxious to do. While on his mission, several girls occasionally wrote him; Elva was the most loyal and frequent writer. When he concluded his mission in 1939, he decided to visit Elva. After a fun courtship, Wilford married Elva in April 1940 and begin their lives and family in West Point, UT. They were married seventy-two years before Elva passed away. The most important things in Wilford's life have been the Church, his mission, his marriage and family, working to make the farm and dairy successful and teaching his children the same values he grew up with.

Best advice: "Mind your manners, remember who you are, and come home with honor." He believes as did Abraham Lincoln, "Live a good life and in the end, it's not the years in a life, it's the life in the years which count." And he keeps going like the Energizer Bunny believing, "I want to stay active and doing things so I can continue being active and doing things."

Descendants: Eleven children, fifty-three grandchildren, and ninety-eight great-grandchildren.



Wilford, Elva and their eleven children

More Centenarians in Utah

Rela Ackerman

Born in 1915
Lives in Cottonwood Heights

Carlos Bacalla

Born in 1915
Lives in Payson

LaRue Barnum

Born in 1914
Lives in Washington

Sofia Barrionuevo

Born in 1915
Lives in Sandy

Victoria Bartlett

Born in 1914
Lives in Salt Lake City

Mary Bateman

Born in 1913
Lives in Bountiful

Elizabeth Beck

Born in 1913
Lives in Salt Lake City

Alice Bennett

Born in 1911
Lives in Salt Lake City

Barbara Benton

Born in 1915
Lives in Salt Lake City

Carmen Boss

Born in 1914
Lives in North Logan

Sarah Bradfield

Born in 1915
Lives in Logan

Elva K. Brown

Born in 1914
Lives in American Fork

Benjamin Call

Born in 1914
Lives in Centerville

Telesila Castro

Born in 1915
Lives in Taylorsville

Phyllis Chatwin

Born in 1915
Lives in Salt Lake City

Opal Chugg

Born in 1914
Lives in Providence

Bessie Clayton

Born in 1913
Lives in Salt Lake City

Melba Colvin

Born in 1913
Lives in Roy

Ruth Conger

Born in 1915
Lives in Cottonwood Heights

Willis Cowden

Born in 1913
Lives in South Jordan

Vera Dugdale

Born in 1913
Lives in St. George

Hazel Edler

Born in 1914
Lives in Salt Lake City

Ann Erickson

Born in 1912
Lives in Salt Lake City

Barbara Gilmour

Born in 1914
Lives in Salt Lake City

Suzanna Goodfellow

Born in 1914
Lives in Sandy

Joyce Gordon

Born in 1914
Lives in Salt Lake City

Lillian Grant

Born in 1915
Lives in St. George

Maxine T. Grimm

Born in 1914
Lives in Tooele

Mona Hammond

Born in 1914
Lives in Provo

Nelly Hartman

Born in 1913
Lives in Cottonwood Heights

Della C. Higley
Born in 1914
Lives in Springdale

Leroy Hirschi
Born in 1912
Lives in Logan

Rena I. Hobbs
Born in 1914
Lives in Salt Lake City

Lydia James
Born in 1915
Lives in West Jordan

Margaret Jensen
Born in 1912
Lives in Tremonton

Eunice Johnson
Born in 1912
Lives in South Ogden

Beulah Jones
Born in 1911
Lives in Salt Lake City

Lillian Jones
Born in 1910
Lives in Salt Lake City

Eva Larsen
Born in 1913
Lives in Salt Lake City

Harold Larsen
Born in 1915
Lives in Salt Lake City

Sione Lauhingo
Born in 1913
Lives in Salt Lake City

Marguerite D. Lowe
Born in 1915
Lives in St. George

Mary Mannos
Born in 1915
Lives in Midvale

Helen Martin
Born in 1915
Lives in Ogden

Alice McCain
Born in 1914
Lives in Bountiful

Marjorie McDonald
Born in 1915
Lives in Salt Lake City

Dorothy McKeehan
Born in 1913
Lives in St. George

Betty Mendoza
Born in 1912
Lives in Hurricane

Masae Nishimoto
Born in 1914
Lives in Farmington

Paul Nkoy
Born in 1915
Lives in Salt Lake City

Angelina Okamura
Born in 1909
Lives in Salt Lake City

June Orme
Born in 1914
Lives in Salt Lake City

Wesley Orten
Born in 1914
Lives in Sandy

Ida Painter
Born in 1912
Lives in Salt Lake City

Venice Pitcher
Born in 1915
Lives in Salt Lake City

Rose Pond
Born in 1915
Lives in Sandy

Lucille Robbins
Born in 1912
Lives in Brigham City

Alta Roskelley
Born in 1914
Lives in South Ogden

Margaret Rust
Born in 1913
Lives in Wanship

Evgeni Safonov
Born in 1908
Lives in Salt Lake City

Fannie Smiley
Born in 1914
Lives in Blanding

Paul Smith
Born in 1912
Lives in Salt Lake City

Helen Stephens
Born in 1915
Lives in Ogden

Marjorie Stevens
Born in 1915
Lives in Holden

Wilson Stevens
Born in 1915
Lives in Salt Lake City

Lila Strawley
Born in 1912
Lives in Salt Lake City

Louis Stuart
Born in 1912
Lives in Woodruff

Indra Subba
Born in 1912
Lives in Salt Lake City

Leon Tapia
Born in 1915
Lives in West Valley City

Mary Taylor
Born in 1915
Lives in Salt Lake City

Roger Thompson
Born in 1914
Lives in Salt Lake City

Jens Karl Tinggaard
Born in 1914
Lives in Taylorsville

Ethel Tregeagle
Born in 1912
Lives in Provo

Thelma Tripp
Born in 1914
Lives in Ogden

Louise Tuck
Born in 1912
Lives in Murray

Woodrow Tull
Born in 1914
Lives in Oakley

Edith Vessella
Born in 1911
Lives in Kanab

Mary Wahl
Born in 1914
Lives in Draper

Mary Walker
Born in 1913
Lives in St. George

Stella Walkowski
Born in 1913
Lives in Salt Lake City

Alonzo Waterlyn
Born in 1915
Lives in Salt Lake City

Jean Watson
Born in 1912
Lives in Holladay

Earl Webb
Born in 1915
Lives in Riverton

Ted Wells
Born in 1910
Lives in Orem

Lorell A. Widdison
Born in 1914
Lives in Hooper

Lurene Wilkinson
Born in 1914
Lives in Salt Lake City

Virginia Winder
Born in 1915
Lives in Vernal

Norma Young
Born in 1914
Lives in West Jordan

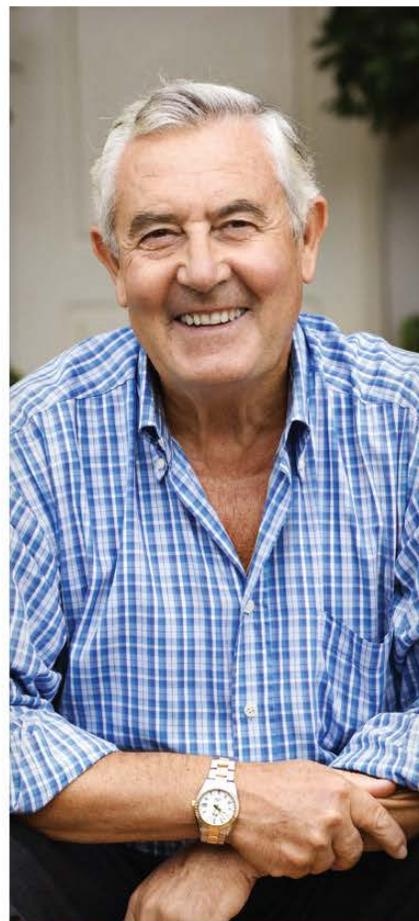
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