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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 thirteenth 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 as September 22. In her role as volunteer consultant, Ms. Alder contacted each 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 the 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 2017, fifty-eight 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 2019; when there were 204 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 116<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Century Club



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# Celebration!!!



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# 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



Howard and Edith's wedding day 1937



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.

**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**



# Derral J. Allen

Derral J. Allen was born in 1919, in Hyrum, Utah to Donald and Mabel Allen. He had two full brothers, two full sisters and one half-brother and one-half sister. His half-sister is still living. He was happily married to his wife, Helen Joanne Tisch, for sixty-nine years. The two of them traveled extensively in the United States and Europe. Helen died at the age of ninety-five in 2015.

**Education:** Derral graduated from South Cache High School, Hyrum, Utah in 1937, and pursued a general course of study at Utah State University for two years. At the end of World War II, he also attended the University of Southern California.

**Outstanding memories:** Derral spent his childhood years in Hyrum, Utah, where his father worked at the local dairy and kept a small farm. His grandfather owned the general store. Derral loved hiking in the mountains of Cache Valley, fishing in the nearby streams and hunting in the surrounding woods. One of his favorite memories is walking home late one evening after a long day of picking beans and harvesting beets, knowing that he was the luckiest person alive. After graduating from high school, Derral joined the Army Air Corp at the age of twenty



and became a radio operator. He was stationed in an outpost in

Alaska where the cold, lack of food and lack of intellectual stimulation encouraged him to enroll in officers' candidate school. After graduation, Derral was stationed in Hawaii, which he remembers was a lot warmer than Alaska. He left active service at the end of World War II but would enlist in what would later become the Air Force Reserves. In 1947 Derral became an air traffic controller, managing traffic at several airports in the West, including Los Angeles and Oakland in California; Phoenix, Arizona and Hill Force Base in Ogden and Salt Lake City in Utah. He retired from the FAA (Federal Aviation Agency) after twenty-five years of service.

**Favorite accomplishments:** Derral's favorite accomplishments were serving in World War II, working as an air traffic controller; and he is proud of being a loving husband, father and friend.

**Impressive changes:** Derral feels that the two most impressive changes he has seen during his lifetime are the rapid growth of population throughout the world and the creation of the internet. He feels population growth has negatively

impacted the hills and forests that he loves so much, but he does like the continued protection of local, state and national parks. The internet is a thing of wonder to him – to think a person has a wealth of knowledge at his fingertips!



Derral, 1944

**Hobbies and activities:** Derral currently enjoys reading, spending time in the outdoors and attending exercise class every day.

**Secret to longevity:** Derral doesn't think he has a secret to his long life. He believes he simply was born with good genes. Nevertheless, he does think that eating a wide variety of home-grown fruits and vegetables has helped, and daily exercise is a must!

**Best advice:** Derral believes that you must treat nature and other humans with respect. He also would advise others to "make the most of it" while they can.

**Descendants:** Three children, five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.



Helen and Derral, 1945



Derral, Helen and their three children, 1957



# Joseph Stoddard Allen

Joseph Stoddard Allen was born in 1919 in Cove, Utah to Grover and Eliza Allen. After the unfortunate death of his mother, Eliza, during childbirth, his father remarried a wonderful woman named Francetta, who Joe and his younger sister, Edris, would lovingly call mother. Seven more children were brought into the family, bringing the total to five boys and four girls. Two sisters are still living.

**Education:** Joe attended Cove Grammar School in Cove, Utah and North Cache High School in Richmond, Utah, where he received his diploma in 1937. After high school, he went to Santa Ana Junior College in California where he received his associates degree, then continued his education at Idaho State School of Pharmacy receiving his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy in 1949.

**Outstanding memories:** Joe's childhood years were spent in Cove, Utah where he enjoyed riding horses with his dad in the summertime. As the oldest of nine children living on a farm, he was given a lot of responsibility from a young age.



While attending Santa Ana Jr. College, he and a friend decided to go home for Christmas but had no extra money, so they decided to hitchhike. They got a ride to Las Vegas and jumped a freight train to get to Salt Lake City. It was so cold; they built a fire in the boxcar to keep warm. It wasn't long before the floorboards started to smolder, so they put it out. Once they arrived in Salt Lake City, they noticed the train was not going to stop, so they had to jump off the moving train. Joe recalls his legs were so cold from the long ride, when they jumped off that car and hit the ground, it really hurt.



Joseph, 1928

Joe was drafted into the United States Army in 1942 where he served for almost four years. In 1944, he married his sweetheart, Imogene Lee. After thirty-four years of marriage and six wonderful children, she was diagnosed with malignant melanoma and lived only a few months, passing away in 1978. He married Mary Lou Harris in 1979, bringing three more children to the family. They had many wonderful times together. The one he recalls most

fondly was a trip driving from Northern California to Portland, Oregon, then driving on to Portland, Maine and home again.



Joseph, 1942

**Favorite accomplishments:** Joe had the opportunity to serve a two year mission for the Church of Jesus of Latter-Day Saints in Toronto, Canada. He also loved his time as a temple worker in the Oakland, CA and Ogden, UT LDS temples.

**Impressive changes:** There have been many modern conveniences – too many to name. Joe believes these changes have made life much easier for the most part.

**Hobbies and activities:** Joe loves spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren; and he loves his garden.

**Secret to longevity:** Joe believes that keeping active is the key, as well as “moderation in all things;” and “don’t forget to take your vitamins.”

**Best advice:** “Don’t be judgmental! Keep your goals, don’t give up during difficult times, and last, be kind and loving to everyone.”

**Descendants:** Nine children, twenty-six grandchildren, and forty-six great-grandchildren.



Imogene and Joseph, 1944



Joseph and Mary Lou, 1979

# Grace Sorenson Anderson

Grace Sorenson was born in Tremonton, Utah in 1918 to Wilford Halverson Sorensen and Maude Genave Meldrum. She was the second of nine children.

**Outstanding memories:** During the second year of her life her father purchased land in Marsh Center, Idaho and that is where she grew up. Growing up on a ranch, Grace learned to work at an early age. Her older sister helped their mother with the household duties and Grace helped her father on the ranch. She milked thirty head of cows every morning and night and helped with other work. The school in Marsh Center had a large entry way for the students to leave their coats and lunches. There was one classroom for grades one through four and another for grades five through eight. Grace started school when she was five because she had difficulty speaking clearly and one of the school teachers boarded at her house. She suggested that Grace start school early so her speech would improve. When Grace completed the sixth grade her teacher suggested she skip the seventh grade. That put her in the same grade as her older sister Wanda. They were always close, they both graduated from Arimo High School when Grace was sixteen years old.



Grace remembers her years growing up as filled with love and happy experiences. In the small, rural community the activities she enjoyed were centered in their home, school, and church. She especially remembers Saturday night dances at the church with families sharing potluck dinners and dancing. The benches were moved to the outer edges of the room providing a dance floor. The children slept on the benches until it was time to put everything back in place for Sunday meetings before they went home. In 1934, Grace attended LDS Business School in Salt Lake City. She missed her family so after she completed her classes she moved to Pocatello, Idaho near Marsh Center. Grace continued to take business classes there and later at Utah State College. While Grace was in Logan she met Loren Devel Anderson and they were married in 1938. They had four sons. Her youngest two sons sadly did not survive infancy. During her life Grace has faced many difficult and tragic circumstances. She was in a serious truck/train accident where two of her younger siblings were killed and she was critically injured. Her mother lost her life in a house fire when Grace was newly married. She spent a year living in a tent in the mountains near Challis, Idaho when her oldest son was only a year old while her husband worked at a dude ranch taking sportsmen into the Middle Fork of the Salmon River fishing and hunting. After years of dealing with problems resulting from living with an alcoholic husband she divorced in 1958. Because of her courage, positive outlook, and determination she was able to overcome the challenges she has experienced. At age forty-six, Grace left Idaho for a new career as the buyer for a large souvenir and gift business in Las Vegas, Nevada. She had not had any previous experience as a buyer so she had to learn everything from others. After thirty-five years in Las Vegas she chose to retire and move to Willow, Alaska. One of her sons was living in Anchorage, Alaska which was seventy-five miles away. Grace got involved with serving in the library, senior center, and her church where she made many close friends. She loved her fifteen years living in Alaska and moved to Salt Lake City when her son moved to southern Utah. She currently resides in an apartment in Northern Utah near her other son and his family.

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



# Milton Allen Anderson

Milton Allen Anderson was born in Murray, Utah in 1915. His parents, Alfred and Anna Anderson were Swedish immigrants who came to Utah in the 1890's.

**Outstanding memories:** Milton's father worked at the Murray smelter on State Street to support his family of eight children. Milton has many early childhood memories of Murray. Water into the home came from a flowing well outside the house. The refrigerator was a wooden box in the ground over the flowing well. The toilette was a two-hole outhouse in the back yard. It was a very cold run from the warmth of the house on a snowy winter night. On Halloween night, many people found their outhouses overturned by the ghosts and goblins. The snow on the dirt sidewalks were plowed by horse and wagon so the children could walk to school. The family grew their own produce and raised pigs, chickens and a cow for milk and food. Transportation was by foot only. The family did not have a car until 1927, which belonged to Milton's oldest brother. Everyone walked about two miles a day to get to school or work. The trolley along State Street was used to go between Salt Lake City and Sandy. In the late 1930's, Milton met and later married Margaret Miller. Margaret was also a life-long resident of Murray City and was the granddaughter of Chillion Letts "C. L." Miller who was elected the first Mayor of Murray City in 1902. Milton and Margaret lived in the Miller family home until they built their present home. Milton recently lost his wife of seventy-seven years. Margaret was ninety-six years old. Milton owned and operated Milt's Barber Shop on State Street. During these years he was also a volunteer fireman for Murray City. His barber shop was directly across the street from the old fire station and the original Murray City Hall. Milton would be the first fireman to the station most of the time, leaving his client sitting in the barber chair to be finished by one of the two other employed barbers. In the late 1960's Milton became a full time Murray City fireman until retiring in 1980. Milton's thirty-six years of retirement have been very happy and healthy. He enjoys watching all sports and has been an active golfer up to four years ago. Spending quality time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren is a rewarding part of his life.



**Descendants:** Three children, five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.



Milton at his barber shop



As a firefighter for Murray City



With his beloved, Margaret



# Emma Melissa Cooper Ankersen

Emma Melissa Cooper was born in 1919 in Belton, South Carolina to Byron and Carrie Lou Cooper. She was the fourth of seven children. Despite an interrupted elementary school education, her dad, Byron Cooper, a cotton mill worker, obtained a high school diploma and completed courses to become a bookkeeper while providing for his growing family. This dedication to improving his education allowed his family to move to Port Royal Island, SC, for a position with the US Navy, and inspired Emma to always place a high value on striving to gain an education.

**Education:** An illness kept Emma out of school for an entire year; the consequences surfaced when, despite having the highest GPA in her class, Emma was denied the opportunity to be valedictorian at her North Charleston High School, because she hadn't fulfilled the number of years required in public education. Emma became the first in her family to graduate from high school.



**Outstanding memories:** In February 1938, Emma Married Wilmer Anthony Ankersen II, and in March 1943, they packed up their three young children and moved to Long Beach, CA, where Wilmer took a position in the naval ship yards. In 1951, the family moved to Buena Park, CA where Emma lived until 2006 when she moved to Arlington, TX, followed by a move to Bountiful, Utah in 2019. Emma and Bill loved animals and had both a cat and dog not long after they were married. Over the years Emma's menagerie included several cats, a variety of birds, a turtle that lived for thirty years and most recently a toy poodle named Birdie. One of her most beloved cats, Prowler, even learned to enjoy flying thanks to Emma's grandson who frequently tossed the cat into the air before catching him again. Emma is well known and regarded for her Southern hospitality and excellent cooking, which she showcased at annual Christmas day brunches, family dinners and impromptu spreads when friends stopped by. Her grandchildren fondly remember the anticipation of visiting Emma and hearing the tinkling of a bell, knowing that the ringing indicated that Hostess Ding Dongs would magically appear. The holidays, always a special time, were made more beautiful in the Ankersen house due to Emma's attention to detail. Her grandchildren remember her beautiful Christmas trees, which were different each year and the accompanying wrapped packages in beautiful papers and bows, which coordinated with that year's decor. Emma's devotion to family began with her childhood and continued in her own family. With three children enrolled in parochial schools and all playing various sports, Emma drove many miles each day ferrying her two sons and daughter, and often many of their friends, to school in neighboring towns. She had the distinction of never missing a sporting event where her children were playing. As her family grew and expanded,



Emma and Bill's wedding day, 1938

Emma continued to spend as much time as possible with her grandchildren, taking them to parks, Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, and countless hours teaching them to play cards. One grandson fondly remembers the times Emma would take him to fly his control line airplane. Others remember Emma's travels, often over great distances, to attend important events, celebrate accomplishments and be part of the lives of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Favorite accomplishments:** Emma served for decades in leadership roles with the Legion of Mary, the women's association of the Catholic Church. Her time spent in charitable work with the Legion of Mary took her into her community and especially into nursing homes where her amazing memory allowed her to remember the names of the many people she served. Part of the service Emma rendered to friends, family and community alike was sending cards for every occasion, each with a personal note and often a dollar or two tucked inside. Famous for choosing beautiful and often elaborate cards, Emma's grandchildren and great-grandchildren anxiously awaited the mail to see what might be for them, especially around their birthdays. Beginning in 1953, Emma spent twenty-five years managing cafeterias in public schools in Buena Park, CA, where her reputation for fantastic food was such that teachers and administrators from all over the district chose her cafeteria as their lunch hour destination.



Bill, Emma and their three children, 1945

**Hobbies and activities:** In 1947, Bill gave Emma a set of 1930's silhouettes for their anniversary. That set became the first in Emma's collection which grew over the years to eighty-seven different silhouettes, nearly all of which were given to Emma by friends and family. Comprised of a variety of sizes, shapes, mediums and colors; Emma's collection hung on a large wall of her California home and was a focal point for everyone who visited. Today, many pieces of this collection have been shared with her family, but Emma still has several silhouettes to enjoy each day. Despite her busy life, Emma's gift for friendship and hospitality made her home and her company a refuge and joy for all who know her. Her door is always open and something to eat and drink is always ready at hand. Her listening ear and warm heart make everyone who spends time with her feel special and valued.

**Secret to longevity:** Just don't die.

**Best advice:** Get an education! Learn all you can, wherever and whenever you can. If you can read, you can learn anything you wish to know. Newlyweds should move away from home. If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.

**Descendants:** Three children, ten grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren and fourteen great-great-grandchildren.

# Mildred S. Asay

Mildred Stahle was born in 1916, in Parley's Park, Utah. She is the fourth child of seven children born to George and Bertha Stahle.

**Outstanding memories:** One of Mildred's best memories of home when she was young was their family gathering around the piano in the parlor. Her father played and sang their favorite songs which included, "The Little Dog Under the Wagon," "That Silvered Haired Mother of Mine," "I'll Give You One More as You Go," and "My Sweetheart is a Shy Little Miss." He would also make them a batch of molasses taffy. A real treat was when the children could talk their parents into yodeling for them. Another childhood memory was the fourth of July celebrations. The children would march to the top of Main Street in Park City where they were each given a dime to spend. In the afternoon, there were races and games. Mildred attended school for six years in a one-room school house in Snyderville, Utah. One teacher taught all eight grades. The younger children didn't get much attention and spent most of their time looking at the trains go by, drawing on the blackboard and watching the older classes recite their lessons. When the Snyderville and Park City schools consolidated, she rode the bus to Park City and later graduated from Park City High School. Mildred attended Utah State University during the great depression and remembers standing in long lines with the other students who were trying to get jobs to help finance their education. She graduated with a degree in Home Economics and then taught school in Nevada for three years. After her marriage to Orson Harris Asay, Mildred moved to Lovell Wyoming where she and her husband built a successful farm and raised nine children. Farm life was an ideal setting to raise children and instill in them a strong work ethic. Education was always a priority and all nine children graduated from college. Mildred's interests and talents include painting, sewing, and quilting, gardening and cooking. Her training in Home Economics started a lifelong interest and study of health and nutrition. Her beautiful penmanship became one of her trademarks as did her homemade caramels and rhubarb cream pie. Each of her thirty-seven grandchildren and eighty great-grandchildren has received one of her baby quilts. Mildred has served in the LDS church all of her life, holding many callings and influencing others with the strength of her testimony. She and her husband served a mission in Puerto Rico. Her greatest joys in life have come from serving her family and others, which she continues to do to this day. Her best advice to living a long and happy life is to eat wholesome foods, exercise, have a positive outlook and look for the good in others.



**Descendants:** Nine children, thirty-seven grandchildren and eighty great-grandchildren.



# Barbara M. A. Benton

Barbara Mildred Allen was born in 1915 in Boston, Massachusetts, the first child born to Frederick Warren Allen and Agnes Hinman H. Allen.

**Outstanding memories:** Summers on North Haven Island were always the greatest happiness of my girlhood. They were long summers from school's end to school's beginning. That's when father was always with the family and we really came to know him. Me being the eldest, I was called to help him first. For dinner, mother did her cooking before the day grew hot. Our family always had meals together. When we finished, mother read wonderful books to us; classics stories, sea stories and Br'er Rabbit. How we all giggled and enjoyed it when father roared with laughter at the antics of that rabbit! And we loved the antics of our family dog when daddy smeared a banana slice or peanut butter in the roof of his mouth where the dog couldn't get at it but kept trying. Winter was so somber. Father left early and only came home in time for dinner. While waiting for him, mother gathered us children to sing as she played the piano. He was a sculptor and teacher at the museum school with his hands often cracked from working with wet clay and plaster of paris when casting. He would ask me to get the ointment and rub his hands. School was hard for me having a learning disability which I learned I had later in life; but I managed to graduate from Concord Academy. My siblings were all very smart and they received various degrees. My dad knew he had to put all us kids in college; he sent me first where I could sail through scholarships. I majored from school as a silversmith and hand-wrought jewelry maker. I went to win the first prize competing in Perspective Drawings. I met my husband who was a veterinarian. He went to serve in WWII and when he came back we were married. He built his own practice in Lexington, Massachusetts. I helped him in the office until he passed away.



**Impressive changes:** I think the development of the computer and all modern technology which I deplore. I can't grasp it! I can't use them.

**Hobbies and activities:** I currently enjoy sitting, napping and enjoy reading which I have always enjoyed and still do if the book is good. I enjoy flying to visit my family and get excited when I receive letters from them.

**Secret to longevity:** Never smoke nor drink. Be happy, be good. Love everyone. Take nutritional supplements, they help!

**Best advice:** Find God and never let go!

**Descendants:** Four children and eleven grandchildren.

# Carmen F. Boss

Carmen Farnsworth was born in 1914, in Riverside, Utah. Carmen is the fourth child born to Leo Ezra Farnsworth and Ruby Lovina Richards.

**Outstanding memories:** When I was five years old my sister Irene and my dad had typhoid fever. We lived in Holbrook, Idaho at the time and had to hire a nurse “old lady Noles” to take care of them while the rest of the family moved in with Aunt Eva Farnsworth about a mile away. I got so homesick one day that I ran back home, sneaked into the house, climbed up a chair and peeked over to see dad and Irene. They were both bald! When “old lady Noles” noticed me, she sent me back to Aunt Eva’s. On the way to her place I knelt and prayed to please save my dad and my sister because I loved them. I promised heavenly father that I would mind dad and never give him any trouble. Shortly after that, their fevers broke and it proved to me that prayer was an important part of my life.

My sister, Faye was born with a drooping eyelid and when she went to school the kids, even her best friend would tease her. She would go home crying and I would stay and beat up anyone who called her “cockeyed.” Many a-speaking did I receive for that but I continued to protect her all through grade school. In high school she was top of her class and the valedictorian, she was personality plus!

**Favorite accomplishments:** To get all of my eleven children it took me to marry three times. One of my favorite accomplishments is to have lived this long and to have had all my family and friends get together to celebrate my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, there were at least 200 people between family and friends at my birthday party! I enjoy making quilts for my grandchildren. I paint decorative plates with acrylic paints for my grandchildren and friends’ homes. I enjoy babysitting my grandchildren.

**Impressive changes:** I think computers are wonderful, however, with good comes some bad. When I was younger, America was wonderful, young people learned to work to take care of ourselves and help others. Today I see families don’t take time to enjoy one another.

**Hobbies and activities:** I enjoy crocheting and knitting. I like to travel to see my grandchildren but I can’t do these things now because of my bad eye sight. These days I enjoy scrapbooking, books on tape, which are provided by the Braille Institute. I enjoy listening to church magazines on tapes. I enjoy visitors always.

**Secret to longevity:** Good genes, exercise and the best thing I do is stationary bicycling.

**Best advice:** Don’t live so long! Families should eat together, pray together and help others who are in need.

**Descendants:** Eleven children, fifty-three grandchildren, 158 great-grandchildren and thirty-eight great-great-grandchildren.



# June Agren Brown

June Agren was born in 1919 in Harrisville, Utah, the seventh of eight children born to Stephen Andrew Agren and Samantha Shurtleff Agren. June has outlived all of her siblings.

**Education:** After graduating from Weber High School in 1937, she continued her education at Weber College and Utah State College receiving her bachelor's degree in education in 1941.

**Outstanding memories:** June's childhood years were spent in Harrisville. Her home was an enjoyable place with broad lawns, trees, flower and vegetable gardens. She lived on a farm and was expected to help with farm chores and household duties. Her family was blessed to be living on the farm during the Great Depression with plenty of food to eat. She enjoyed hiking in the mountains in the summer, being pulled by horses on a bobsled in the winter and playing games outside with family and friends, since there were no TV's or cellphones. She remembers going to church with her family in a horse drawn "surrey with the fringe on the top." June's courtship with Kenneth Brown started in the spring of 1942, and they were married in the Salt Lake LDS Temple August 10, 1942. In 1943, they had twin boys, Bruce and Brent; and another son, Christopher, was born in 1949. She lived in Washington Terrace, a World War II housing project, and moved that same home to Harrisville in 1951, where she still resides. Starting in 1941, she taught school for fifth to tenth grade in North Ogden and Wahlquist Jr. High. She stopped teaching to have her family and returned as a kindergarten teacher in 1955 at Mt. View for nineteen more years. During the summer breaks, June and her family traveled many places in their camper. They took a month-long trip to New York seeing historical sites and church sites. After retiring, June and Ken went to Hawaii, Alaska, Europe, and Canada. June's husband passed away in 1991, and her son, Christopher, passed away in 2000.



June, 1919

**Favorite accomplishments:** June has held many positions in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, including the first Stake Relief Society President in the newly organized Harrisville Stake. June also played the piano and organ for church services. In 1992, she became an ordinance worker in the Ogden Temple for seven years. She has been a member of the Utah Daughters of the Pioneers for many years and continues to participate with them.

**Impressive changes:** June has seen many changes over her 100 years, such as horse and buggy to motor cars, coal stoves to gas and electric stoves/microwaves, washing machines with ringers to automatic washers and dryers, ice blocks to refrigerators, hand washing dishes to automatic dishwashers, Victrola record players to radios and TV's, trains to airplanes, telephone operators to cellphones, and texting and typewriting to computers!



June as a teen, 1935



**Hobbies and activities:** June did handiwork, sewing, embroidery, crocheting, and knitting. She continues to sew and has sewn some of her own clothes and doll clothes for the great grandkids. She taught some of her great granddaughters how to make a quilt. She exercises and goes on walks with her family while camping at the cabin. June loves to cook, especially new recipes to share with her family and friends. She bottles and dries fruit and bakes lots of cookies for everyone. She loves playing games! But her favorite time is when she is with her family.

**Secret to longevity:** Besides inheriting good genes, June eats wholesome foods and has lived a healthy lifestyle. She also says, “When I was a kid, if I wanted a treat, I’d go out to the garden and pick a turnip or carrot because we didn’t have junk food.”

**Best advice:** Eat good food, exercise, read good books and scriptures, go to uplifting performances of family, enjoy visiting with family and friends, enjoy the outdoors, attend your church meetings, and always be willing to do service.

**Descendants:** Three children, twenty-three grandchildren, fifty-eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.



Ken and June, 1942



June and her three sons, 1951

# Evelyn Keith Carpenter

Evelyn Keith was born in 1917, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Evelyn is the second child born to John MacKay Keith and Beulah Holcomb Keith.

**Outstanding memories:** My best memories are meeting and marrying my husband of forty-seven years, Harold Carpenter, the arrival of our son in 1936, and our daughter in 1939. Another great memory was running and operating a summer fishing resort in Minnesota. In the fall we would take our trailer and go south to Texas or Arizona for the winter – we were real “snowbirds”. As a child I remember going to the movie house on Saturday afternoon for “ten cent silent movies”, there my aunt was hired to play the piano and provide the sound effects as the words were printed on the screen, I always enjoyed going with her.

**Impressive changes:** I’m impressed with all the modern changes, especially the ones that have made housekeeping much easier like electricity and running water.

**Hobbies and activities:** In my spare time I like to knit, crochet, oil paint and play Skip Bo or Solitaire. I also enjoy a drive in the mountains, a quick trip to Wendover, breakfast with my friends and visits from my grandchildren.



**Secret to longevity:** Having a positive attitude. I always try to see the bright side of things. Be happy.

**Best advice:** I’d offer the same advice I got from my grandmother who always said “There is a place for everything and everything in its place.”

**Descendants:** Two children, six grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and nineteen great-great-grandchildren.



# Lavada Bly Casey

Lavada Bly was born in 1912, in Clarksville, Arkansas. Lavada is the oldest child born to Zack Bly and Rena Quick Bly.

**Outstanding memories:** Two significant things happened in 1912; The SS Titanic sank and Lavada Bly was born. Lavada says that's how she remembers what year she was born. She was raised in a small mining town in Clarksville, Arkansas. Lavada learned to work hard at a young age as she was expected to help her dad and her brothers on the farm. Later on in life, Lavada married and had four children, two who died as babies. She learned to drive a car at age fifty after she decided to go back to work at the age of forty-nine as a lunchroom worker in an elementary school; which she did until 1979, where she retired at age sixty-seven as the head cook. She has outlived all of her children, her spouse, two of her grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, and four of her brothers.

Her life spanned many events in history: The Balkan wars, the creation of the Federal Reserve and income tax, WWI, The Spanish influenza, the forming of the League of Nations and its successor – The United Nations; women's suffrage, penicillin, the Great Depression, WWII and the Holocaust, the atomic bomb, the polio vaccination, segregation, Sputnik, Alaska and Hawaii joining the union, the Korean and Vietnam wars, Elvis Presley, the Beatles, the first black person appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, the Cuban missile crisis, the assassination of President Kennedy, and later, his brother Robert Kennedy, as well as Martin Luther King, Jr., Richard Nixon's resignation, the first man on the moon, Watergate, Roe vs. Wade, the first successful human heart transplant, the first woman Supreme Court justice, the AIDS and bird flu epidemics, microwave ovens, the Berlin wall's construction and fall, 9/11 bombings, terrorism, major world natural disasters like the 2005 tsunami, the space shuttle Columbia explosion along with the first teacher/civilian onboard, the black U.S. President, gay rights and marriage, the invention of the computer, the cell phone (now the smart phone), the internet, and social media – just to mention a few.

Lavada now lives in a care facility. She says her life hasn't been an easy one, but she's not felt she has it any worse than most. Her faith in God and her strong roots have kept her going.

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

# Telesila Triviño Castro

Telesina Triviño was born in 1915, in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Telesila is the second of eight children born to Victor Triviño and Dionisia Castro.

**Outstanding memories:** My siblings and I received our elementary schooling at home. My father brought tutors and teachers to our home. When my parents passed away, our schooling stopped. When father was alive he was very old-fashioned and always made sure his daughters were treated like special treasures. My dad wouldn't allow young men to come by the house with the intention of going out with us. We would receive serenades and letters hidden in books so no one in the house would know. To go out formally, we all had to be with chaperones. My oldest sister and I learned to be seamstresses and we worked for the family and neighbors to earn some money. At this time, we lived on a small farm. We had a lot of orange trees, cane sugar, avocados, cantaloupes, watermelons, guavas, mangos, beans, rice and tomatoes. When it was harvest time, all the owners of the farms invited the families to celebrate by cutting up and sharing watermelons. It was a party, an occasion to go out and enjoy the festivity. Parents and children looked forward to these dates to get together and enjoy a moment of happiness. Sometime later, we moved to the big city of Guayaquil with the support of the family's attorney. I stayed with this family because at the time I was engaged to my future husband Ernesto Castro. The lawyer and his wife married us. From this marriage four daughters were born. Later on all of my siblings, my daughters and me immigrated to the United States which is now our country. I am happy to see my grandkids reaching their goals, some working, and some studying. I feel complete and satisfied, their triumphs are my triumphs.



Telesila and Ernesto, 1940's

**Impressive changes:** Television is something we didn't have in my era. I enjoy watching the news and it's amazing to see the ability for us to communicate in different parts of the world, now even via video. I love technology, and I consider all these advances as technology that can improve our lives when they are used for our well-being even though I am not adept at using them.

**Secret to longevity:** "I have tried to live a quiet life, at peace with myself and others, in connection with the Lord. I enjoy giving whatever I possess to others, even if is not much. I just love it if I can provide to someone in need!!!"

**Best advice:** “We live with constant challenges. Even though we are different we shouldn't fight but celebrate our differences. Start each day with positive thoughts and the willingness to help others. I never thought I would be a US citizen or that I would reach past 100 years old. Every day I celebrate with a song to life. Every morning is an opportunity to love and serve”.

**Descendants:** Four children, thirteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.



Telesila in the middle with her four daughters



# Phyllis A. Chatwin

Phyllis Abplanalp was born in 1915 in Devil's Slide, Utah, the second child born to William Walter Abplanalp and Ida Huber Abplanalp. She has outlived her two siblings.

**Outstanding memories:** My early growing up years were very happy. Although we lived in the city, my parents were originally from Midway, Utah, a farming community of Swiss people. We spent many weekends and vacations there. We had many relatives there and many cousins to play with and visit. We rode horses, fed the newborn lambs with bottles of milk; we fed chickens and gathered eggs. My married life ended in divorce; I then worked several jobs; and I had the opportunity to travel to Europe, South America, and Hong Kong, Hawaii, and around the United States. I worked until I was seventy years old. I took the family to Hawaii to celebrate my retirement. We had a wonderful time.

My biggest accomplishments are the family I have and enjoy. My wonderful daughter and her husband are the greatest! They are so helpful and concerned. My home is a great place to be and it is mine! I have many in the family who are college graduates. They are all very responsible people. We have a lot of love in our family. They all support



each other and that has made strong relationships over time. I've been healthy all my life, which accounts for lots of happiness and no doctor bills!



Phyllis and her family

**Impressive changes:** The Model T Ford, Dodge 1950, the airplane, travel to the moon. These are all so impressive! The ability to travel all over the world for everybody, medical treatments, education changes and the computer. Feeding the family so bounteously.

**Hobbies and activities:** I don't have too many hobbies, but have done knitting. I tried oil painting and I love to cook. I still enjoy having family over for dinner. I used to can peaches and apricots but not anymore. I still bottle my famous mustard pickles which are a family favorite. I still drive my Honda Accord I love to be able to go

when I want to go! It's a good life. I am a spectator of sports like basketball, football and golf. I love to have a hot cup of coffee while I read the Salt Lake Tribune first thing in the morning.

**Secret to longevity:** Be prepared to receive the challenges of life with a positive attitude. Make good friends. Have financial security by saving. Start saving when you are young. Take very good care of your health.

**Best advice:** Be pleasant, smile more, be kind to the less fortunate, and be happy.

**Descendants:** One child, three grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

# Elizabeth Julia Clark

Elizabeth (Beth) Julia Clark was born in 1919 in Farmington, Utah to Asa David Clark and Lavora Jane Walker Clark. She survives her three brothers and two sisters.

**Education:** Beth attended first and second grades at Jefferson Elementary School in Springville, Utah and third and fourth grades at McKinley Elementary School in Salt Lake City. She returned to Springville for fourth and fifth grades. Sixth through eighth grades were at Farmington Elementary, because there was no junior high school. She graduated from Davis High School, Kaysville, Utah.

**Outstanding memories:** Early memories of Beth's childhood were those of little money, and yet they survived; older brothers who watched out for her and parents who were good to her. Starting school was one of the highlights of her life. One of her favorite stories to tell was the day she played hooky in high school and spent it in the Farmington Cemetery with all of her dead relatives. She tells of many memories riding the old Bamberger train to school. She was a member of ProSchola and the pep club. Dating was a highlight of her life. She fondly remembers dancing at Saltair and the Old White Elephant Hall in Farmington. She first met her husband Sterling at a dance at Lagoon. Courtship with Sterling was without much money, but they still dated. She tells of going to get the marriage license, and Sterling was nine days short of being 21. They returned with his mother to Ogden, and still made it to the last session of the Salt Lake Temple late that evening to be married. Sterling passed away after 65 years full of memories with their two children, wonderful friends and family. They greatly treasured traveling in their trailer across the country, meeting many new friends and the pleasure of having family members with them.



**Favorite accomplishments:** Beth is a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She has worked in every organization open to women and was a teacher on the stake Sunday school board. She was the president for the Seagull camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. Her great grandparents were members of the ill-fated Willie and Martin Handcart Company. She retired from the Davis County School District as a secretary at North Davis Junior High School.

**Hobbies and activities:** Beth was a flower designer for her father's floral. She enjoyed traveling with her husband and family to nearly every state in the United States. After retiring, she spent many years doing genealogy work for her family.

**Secret to longevity:** "I have lived my entire life and not smoked or used alcohol. I eat good food and am a firm believer that you always have room for chocolate and especially dessert."

**Best advice:** "Love your family and have many good friends."

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

# Lloyd Albert Clement

Lloyd Albert Clement was born in 1918, in Fairview, Utah, the first child born to Albert Nephi Clement and Oris Stevens Clement.

**Education:** Lloyd attended Fairview Elementary School. He also attended Mount Pleasant High School. This was a six mile walk on the railroad tracks or a ride on a horse, if the horse wasn't needed for farm work. In the summer following his sophomore year, the family moved to Draper. Lloyd attended Jordan High School the next two years and graduated in 1936. He graduated from Utah State Agricultural College with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. Lloyd also graduated from Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts with a degree in business administration. He returned to Utah State University and spent twenty-six years as a professor. While working, he attended Texas A and M University on a sabbatical leave for post graduate studies.

**Outstanding memories:** Lloyd spent his childhood years in Fairview helping his dad on the farm, hiking the mountains and playing with his younger siblings. Lloyd had a beautiful tenor voice and was asked to sing in church for funerals, in school's operettas and programs in the community. In the fall season he would go with his grandfather up Huntington Canyon to load up coal from his mine, sleep under the wagon overnight and return to Fairview the next day.



Lloyd as a baby, 1918

**Favorite accomplishments:** Lloyd is a member of the LDS Church. He served as a seminary teacher; he was a home teacher until he turned ninety-seven years old. During WWII, Lloyd served as branch president in Monrovia, Liberia for three years. He worked with genealogy and had success. He also wrote about his life and wrote journals.

**Impressive changes:** From riding horseback to deliver a message, to a party line to the cell phone. From traveling with wagons to spaceships; "It's all wonderful."

**Hobbies and activities:** Lloyd enjoyed camping with his wife and children. He enjoyed telling stories around the fire while the Dutch ovens cooked the meals. He sang a lot of songs and played numerous games with his family. Often their trips included fishing in Island Park, Idaho.

**Secret to longevity:** Lloyd must have good genes. He lives well each day.

**Descendants:** Six children, sixteen grandchildren and twenty-six great-grandchildren.



# Phyllis Clarke Clements

Phyllis Clarke was born in 1913, in Clarkston, Utah. Phyllis is the second daughter born to John Roland Clarke and Nora L. Redford Clarke.

**Education:** Phyllis graduated from Madison High School in Rexburg, Idaho in 1931.

**Outstanding memories:** She first saw her future husband as he descended the stairs in a letterman sweater gaily chatting with a group of friends. She felt an immediate interest in getting better acquainted with this cute boy. She was the freshman class reporter, and met him next as they served as class officers. They married in 1933, in the Salt Lake LDS temple. They had five children. Phyllis was blessed with many talents. In her youth she often gave readings. She could play the piano by ear. She won a prize for a short story writing contest and wrote poetry, pageants and road shows. She was a gifted seamstress and often copied expensive designer dresses for her girls. She had an artistic eye which was reflected in the way she decorated her home. She also painted on canvas. Phyllis could have been successful in any career, but she focused her energy, insight and wisdom into developing successful and happy children.

**Favorite accomplishments:** “My family, my paintings, my published writings, and my church service.”

**Impressive changes:** “Transportation, communication, hot and cold water, bathrooms, appliances and cars.”

**Hobbies and activities:** “Family gatherings and keeping up with current events.”

**Secret to longevity:** “A healthy diet, exercise, genetic makeup, keeping an active mind and serving others.”

**Best advice:** “Be grateful. Enjoy your daily life, find joy in serving others and be optimistic.”

**Descendants:** Five children, twenty-eight grandchildren, one hundred and six great-grandchildren and thirty-four great-great-grandchildren.



# Mae Fairchild O’Born Craner

Mae Fairchild was born in 1917, in Burley, Idaho. Her parents were Ancel and Mabel Fairchild.

**Outstanding memories:** In 1936, she married Milton “Mick” O’Born and they established their new home in Sugar House, Utah. They had two children, Mick and Sharon. Milton passed away in 1968 and Mae started working in the gift shop at the Salt Lake Airport. She worked there for ten years. One of Mae’s earliest memories was when she was five years old and her family moved from Burley to Tyhee, Idaho, where she met her first best childhood friend. Her friend would come over to play all the time. There was a pile of bedding and clothes in one of the rooms in their house, and they would climb up on the pile and slide down its side. Another of her favorite memories was of a wonderful trip to Santa Catalina, California. But her most favorite memory was when she married Milton. They spent their honeymoon in West Yellowstone, Montana. That was the first time she ever saw Yellowstone Park. Mick and Mae weren’t alone on their honeymoon. They took along with them three of Mae’s siblings and their spouses. She loved going on picnics with Mick and their children and her brother, Vere, and his family up the canyons above Salt Lake. The thing she enjoyed most about those outings was being with family.

**Favorite accomplishments:** She owned and operated a route of candy and nut dispensers, which took her all over Utah from Price to Logan to service the machines. She sold the business after about five years. In 1989, after living in Sugar House for fifty-three years, she met and married Darwin Craner. They lived in Monticello, Utah. They moved to Holbrook, Arizona, where Darwin passed away. Mae then moved to Wendover, Nevada and now lives in Grantsville, Utah.



Mae, her parents and siblings (date unknown) Top, L-R: Twins Juanita and Bonita, Mae, Rene. Seated: Orvel, parents Mabel, Ancel and Vere.

**Impressive changes:** The most impressive changes she has seen over her lifetime are the advancement from riding in a horse-drawn buggy to going places in her dad’s first car; man making trips to the moon; indoor plumbing, electricity, computers, and cell phones. Mick and Mae were the first ones on their street to get a television, and in the evenings the neighborhood kids would come over to watch kids’ shows with Mick and Mae’s children.

**Hobbies and activities:** Over her life, Mae enjoyed dancing, camping, four-wheeling, and being in the outdoors. She now enjoys watching television, doing puzzles, and receiving phone calls and visits from family and friends.



**Secret to longevity:** Mae has had a love of life and a love of being active. When she was ninety, she broke a couple of ribs while four-wheeling. When she arrived at the hospital, word spread fast, and while she was in the waiting room, several hospital staff members came to the door and said, “I heard there’s a ninety-year-old woman who broke ribs while four-wheeling!” Mae can’t pinpoint what she can attribute her long life to. She says that she’s just too mean to die!

**Best advice:** Her best advice to younger generations is to “Use the strap on your kids when they need it. There’s not enough discipline in this ol’ world these days.”

**Descendants:** Two children, seven grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren.



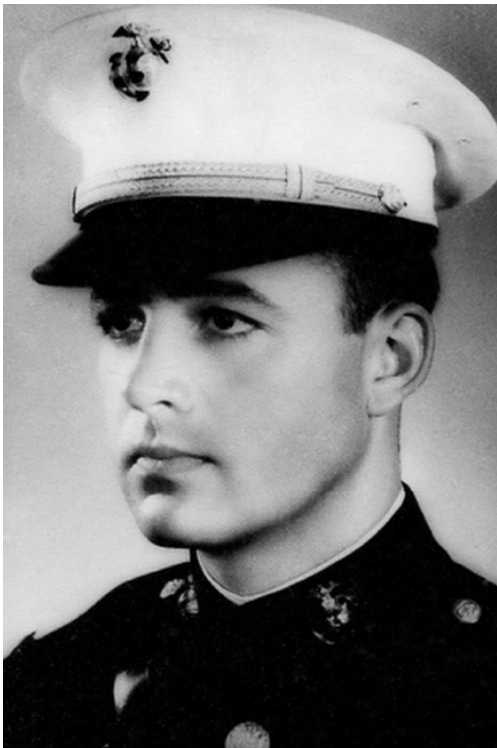
Mae (center) with sister-in-law, Martha Fairchild (right), her niece, Farice (left) with four generations. 2014

# Winsor Vernon Crockett, Jr.

Winsor Vernon Crockett, Jr. was born in 1918, in Logan, Utah. The first born child to Winsor Vernon Crockett and Florence Thomas Crockett.

**Education:** Vern graduated with a BS in chemistry from Utah State University in 1940. He attended the Naval War College in New Port, Rhode Island, in the early 1960's. He completed several military advancements throughout his career, and received his Real Estate License in 1970.

**Outstanding memories:** Vern grew up attending local schools and enjoying the beauty of Cache Valley while camping, fishing, hiking, skiing, playing sports, music and various other activities. The Scouting (BSA) program was an important influence during his adolescence and he carried the skills learned there throughout his life. While growing up, Vern worked part-time for his father who owned the City Drug Store in Logan, earning a little extra cash while also learning a bit about chemistry. He enjoyed music and played in a dance band while attending USU and was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Upon graduating, Vern joined the war effort as a Commissioned Officer in the United States Marine Corps and his life of travel began. While stationed in



Vern, 1940

Iceland at the very beginning of the United States

involvement in WWII, Vern stood at the head of his military unit and shook hands with Winston Churchill. Vern married Lucile Macfarlane in 1942. After a short time together, he served for three years in the Pacific Theater. Following the war, their life of military service and adventure continued. Vern served in the Korean War on Okinawa, with assignments in Panama, Saipan, Hawaii, Italy (working with NATO), and many additional locations in the USA. Vern was the military aide to Utah Governor, J. Bracken Lee at President Eisenhower's inauguration. Upon retirement from a thirty year military career and as a full Colonel in the USMC, they moved to Southern California in 1966. He had a varied business career, working for a large government contractor (Division of North American Aviation), playing his hand in the real estate industry, and as an owner/officer in a company named Standard Power. He and Lucile decided to finally retire to the then small town of St. George, Utah, building a home in Bloomington and living there until her death in 2017 after seventy-five years of marriage. Vern then moved to Salt Lake City, Utah to be closer to his children.

**Impressive changes:** Vern has seen many changes in his lifetime including political, technological development, and community growth, to name a few. He



has always been interested in learning about and using modern technology ranging from computers, to cell phones and hybrid cars.

**Hobbies and activities:** Vern became an accomplished black and white photographer, developing and touching up his photographs and prints in his own darkroom which he built from scratch. He was a member of an artist co-op where many of the prints were displayed. Over the years he received many photography awards, including one from the Smithsonian in Washington, D. C. He wrote a comprehensive book titled “Black and White Fine Art Photography.” Vern developed a successful honey business named “Moonie Be Honey”, selling thousands of pounds of pure sweetness. Vern was a champion skeet shooter, winning the European Military 12-gauge championship when stationed in Naples Italy. He was a master fly fisherman and an expert at tying flies. Vern ran the St. George Marathon while in his early sixties. He was a leader in the Scouting program of his church and was instrumental in helping young men achieve their Eagle Awards.

**Secret to longevity:** “Stay interested in life, be curious about the world, and never stop learning.”

**Best advice:** “Stay interested in life, be curious about the world, and never stop learning.”

**Descendants:** Three children, eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.



Lucile and Vern, 1945

# 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.

At 102, 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



# Warren Francis Daywalt

Warren Francis Daywalt was born in 1919 in Annapolis, Maryland to Charles Robert Daywalt and Caroline Sands Daywalt. He had ten siblings, four brothers and six sisters; one brother and three sisters are still living.

**Education:** Warren grew up and attended school in Annapolis, MD, until 10<sup>th</sup> grade when he left school to work on the farm and join the Army Air Corp.

**Outstanding memories:** Warren volunteered for the draft at the age of eighteen, serving from 1940-1945. He performed as a tail gunner and belly gunner, flying fifty missions, until 1945 when he received his honorable discharge. He met his wife, Amy, after the war, and they were married in September 1947. They had a son and a daughter. Sadly, their son passed away in 2004 at the age of fifty-two. In 2010 Warren and Amy moved to Utah to live with their daughter. Warren and Amy were married for sixty-five years, when Amy passed away at the age of eighty-six in 2012.



## **Favorite accomplishments:**

Warren's family is his favorite accomplishment, having a successful marriage of sixty-five years, raising his children and being a grandparent to five grandchildren and great grandparent to three.

**Impressive changes:** The growth in technology, particularly cellphones and FaceTime, which allows Warren to see his grand kids and great grand kids on a phone!

**Hobbies and activities:** In the past, Warren enjoyed golfing and now enjoys puzzles of all kinds and loves to sing.

**Secret to longevity:** Warren's secret to longevity is a combination of genetics (mother lived to 104), healthy living, hard work, and accepting things that can't be changed.

**Best advice:** Warren would advise that you never judge another (until you've walked in their shoes; you know nothing about them). Also, accepting change and accepting the things you cannot change.

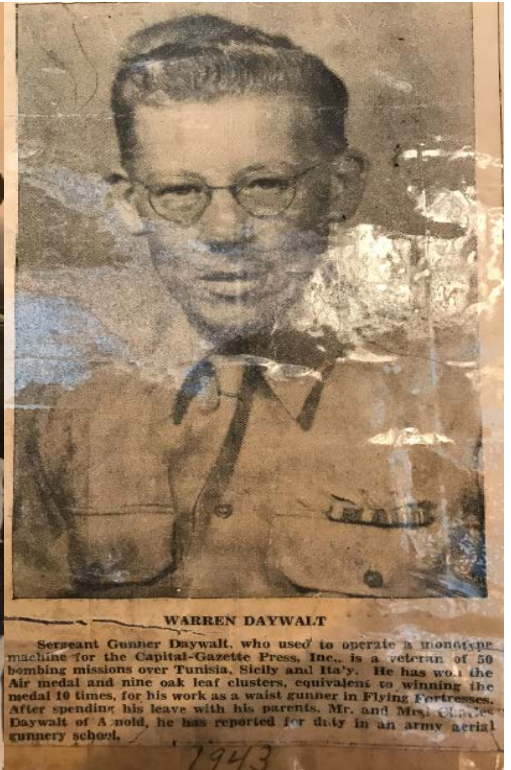


Warren and Amy on their wedding day, 1947

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



Warren, top row third from the left, 1943



Warren won the Air Medal and Nine Oak Leaf Clusters for his work as a waist gunner in "Flying Fortress" (B-17), 1943



# Ruth Isabelle J. Demsher

Ruth Isabelle Jensen was born in 1916 in the homestead her father built on his 320 acre dry farm in the far northeast corner of Montana. She was the first of four children born to a Danish immigrant farmer, Peter Jensen, and Mary Christensen Jensen, whose parents were also Danish immigrants. The tiny town listed on her birth certificate, Dooley, no longer exists; but the homestead where she was born and raised still stands today over 102 years later.

**Outstanding memories:** Ruth says she grew up like the family on “Little House on the Prairie.” Her father plowed the fields with a team of horses. They got water from a well dug by her father, used an outhouse, lit their home with kerosene lamps, had Saturday night baths in a tub in the kitchen, and the three daughters shared a bed and slept in the attic. Ruth walked a half mile to the one-room elementary school she attended. When



**Ruth as a welder for Liberty Cargo, 1941**

she completed the Montana education requirements, she went on to Summertown High School. Because the six miles was too far to walk, she, along with other students in the same situation, lived in old unoccupied houses in Summertown. When they went home each weekend, they brought back food to cook together. She graduated from high school in 1936. She would have liked to study nursing, but money was scarce so she went to beauty school in Helena. One of her regular clients was the wife of the governor of Montana! In 1941, Ruth and a girlfriend decided to go to Portland, Oregon to work in defense. They arrived there in 1941. Ruth had jobs soldering, welding the hulls of the Liberty Cargo ships, and yes, she riveted too. Here she met Joe Demsher who had just enlisted in the Army and was leaving in two weeks to The Panama Canal where he worked in Army Intelligence. They corresponded for four years and were married when the war ended and he returned home. Joe and Ruth made their home in Oregon, eventually ending up on a farm in Canby. Their family consisted of four girls and two boys, but sadly, the older son died of spinal meningitis as a toddler. Ruth and Joe joined the LDS Church in 1954 and became very busy in all of the church activities. Tragically, Joe died in a car crash in 1965. Ruth stayed on the farm, until all

the children were finished with high school; and then she moved to Utah, where two of her older children lived. Ruth's hobbies and activities have included sewing and cross stitching, gardening, politics, writing poetry and keeping many, many scrapbooks filled with pictures and tiny writing describing each picture. She served a full-time mission for the LDS Church in Virginia in 1979. She is still a voracious reader, even though she now uses a magnifying glass to see the words. History is her favorite genre along with the scriptures. She doesn't have time to waste on fiction. She loves keeping up with family activities and reunions. Ruth's favorite activity is family history which she has been involved in since 1970. She still goes to the Family History Library every Wednesday and spends most of her at-home-time on her computer searching for the Danish



**Ruth, four generations visiting her father's 102 year old homestead, undated.**



parish records for her ancestors. Ruth's secret to longevity includes inheriting her father's good genes, eating healthy food, and always seeing something good in everyone she meets.

**Descendants:** Six children, twelve grandchildren, and thirty-one great-grandchildren.



Ruth and Joe on their wedding day, 1946

# Mary Helen K. Dill

Mary Helen King was born in 1916, in Switchback, West Virginia. She was the second child born to Walter Wysor and Lillie Mae King.

**Education:** Mary Helen attended Mayberry Elementary and Elkhorn High School in Switchback, West Virginia, where she graduated in 1934. In 1936, she continued her studies in Certified Nurse Assisting School at Mease Hospital in Dunedin, Florida.

**Outstanding memories:** Mary Helen's most important memories are her childhood years spent with her grandparents in Newburn, Virginia. She enjoyed farm life there as it was very different from her life in West Virginia. In school, she was involved in the dramatic plays. Speaking another language was also interesting to her; she thoroughly enjoyed her French class. When she wasn't studying, she spent her time in the school library, where she could get all of the books that she could read! Mary Helen took piano lessons for one year, during seventh grade. She continued playing on her own and went on to play for Mayberry Methodist church in 1930 and Bramwell Presbyterian in 1937. Mary Helen loves music! She also performed with the Clearwater, Florida Community Chorus for years. Her volunteerism with the Clearwater Community Chorus took her to thirteen European countries, where the chorus sang in bandstands. She caught the travel bug and returned home to spend the next twelve years traveling the United States, Canada, South America (the Panama Canal) and Newfoundland with her husband, Bob in their motor home. Mary Helen spent most of her later years living in Clearwater, Florida. She moved to Utah in 2015 and she currently resides at Legacy Retirement, in South Jordan, near her granddaughter, Denise.



Mary Helen as a young girl, 1934

**Favorite accomplishments:** Mary Helen is proud of the three children she raised.

**Impressive changes:** Mary Helen has enjoyed the use of refrigerators and freezers, which allowed her to harvest her gardens and freeze the crops for later use. She especially enjoyed her husband's pies, which he would often make with fresh-picked berries and freeze for later consumption. Mary Helen taught herself to drive on the family Model-A Ford. She loves taking long drives through the country and seeing the sights. Mary Helen saw her first plane in Newburn, Virginia at a young age. The plane was a two-seater and it was parked on the side of a hill. Word got around that a plane was in town and all of the kids around ran to see this thing called a "plane".

**Hobbies and activities:** Mary Helen loves all kinds of music. She will often be found enjoying live entertainment, listening to a good book on tape or walking the halls of her home.

**Secret to longevity:** If she told us, it wouldn't be a secret any longer, and she would be a millionaire overnight!

**Best advice:** "Make friends with every opportunity you have. In getting to know and serving others, you gain a positive outlook on life. Appreciate everything you have."

**Descendants:** Three children, six grandchildren, twenty-seven great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.



Mary Helen and her husband, Bob - undated



# Maurine P. Dorman

Maurine Peacock was born in 1918 in Price, Utah. She was the fourth of five children born to Warren Sylvester Peacock and Alvira Mott Peacock.

**Education:** Maurine graduated from Carbon High School in 1935 with her older sister Arlien. The story goes that when Arlien went to first grade, along with the other neighborhood children, Maurine cried and wanted to go with them. Her parents let her go to school with Arlien, even though she was almost eighteen months younger. Maurine graduated from Holy Cross Hospital School of Nursing in 1940.

**Outstanding memories:** Maurine has lived her entire life in Price, Utah except for the three years she spent in nurses training at Holy Cross Hospital in Salt Lake City. She learned very early the responsibilities of keeping house, cooking and taking care of a small child. Her mother died just a few days before Christmas in 1928.



Maurine, six months old, 1918

Maurine and Arlien were left in charge of raising their little brother as well as taking care of the household duties.

She was only ten years old at the time, and Arlien was only twelve. Their father, who was the Deputy Sheriff of Price, wanted to keep his family together at home rather than farming them out to relatives. The oldest sister,

Leora, died tragically only three years after their mother passed away. Maurine grew up during the depression. She and Arlien only had two dresses each to wear to school; and she remembers as children, only getting one gift each at Christmas, along with a very special treat: an orange and some peanuts in their stockings. She remembers sleigh riding and ice skating in the winter and having fun swimming with their friends in the summer. Maurine and Arlien worked many years at the Main Street Drug Store and Fountain in Price. Their little brother, Lloyd, could always be found sitting on their front porch with his dog waiting for them to get home from work. After nurses

training, Maurine went to work at the old hospital in Price, Utah, where she first met Dr. J. Eldon Dorman. She and some other nurses were looking out the second story window when they saw the “new doctor” arriving at the hospital. He looked sharp with his hat and cowboy boots! Maurine commented on how handsome he looked, and the rest is history! They were married in 1943 in Las Vegas, Nevada. They began their life together in their home on Carbon Avenue where they raised three children. Maurine has also been a loving mother to Eldon’s daughter from his first marriage. Over the years, Maurine and Eldon had many happy adventures together on boating trips to Lake Powell, on Jeep Safaris in the desert and at their beloved cabin in Joe’s Valley. Together, they took a trip of a lifetime to Australia. She loved supporting her husband and children in everything they did and accomplished. Maurine lived in her home following her husband’s death in 2000, until she was ninety-one years old.



Maurine’s nursing school graduation picture, 1940

**Favorite accomplishments:** Maurine's favorite accomplishment is her family. She gave up her professional nursing career to become a wife, mother and nurse to her family. She has spent countless hours in the kitchen preparing delicious meals and desserts for her family and extended family. She enjoyed entertaining at Thanksgiving and Christmas and whenever company came. She was a talented seamstress and took painting lessons with her sister Arlien. She enjoyed playing bridge and being the hostess for bridge club parties in her home.

**Impressive changes:** Maurine feels like she has seen many changes over the last 100 years. She's seen it all from bicycles to automobiles and trains to planes, coal stoves to electric and microwave ovens, etc. She never did learn to use a computer, but she likes swiping pictures on the cell phone. She thinks TV shows now days aren't so good and misses the variety shows like the Andy Williams Show and the Carol Burnett Show.

**Hobbies and activities:** Maurine enjoys spending time with her family and friends when they come to visit her. She enjoys family reunions and get-togethers with her family and extended family. She loves looking at pictures in her photo albums, especially pictures of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She still sometimes attends the monthly retired nurse's luncheon with Arlien's daughter, Joyce, who is also a nurse. She doesn't watch the Utah Jazz games anymore but once was an ardent fan, especially during the Karl Malone, John Stockton era.

**Secret to longevity:** Exercise, eat nutritious food, work hard and remain active.

**Best advice:** "Love unconditionally, live life fully and family comes first."

**Descendants:** Three children, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Maurine, age sixteen, 1934

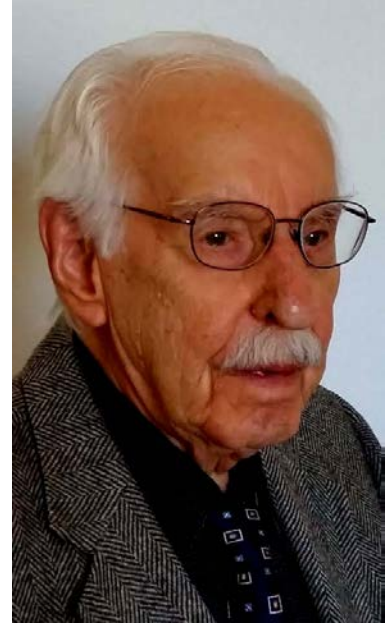


# Claudio Dos Santos

Claudio Dos Santos 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

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.

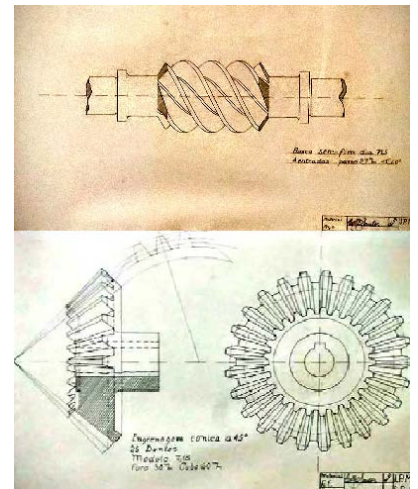
**Secret to longevity:** "Daily exercise, healthy eating and moderation in all things. The exception, in my mind to all this, I cannot say!"

**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.

**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



Designs made by Claudio 1939



# Cecil Hoeck Douglas

Cecil Hoeck Douglas was born in 1916, in Bucyrus, Missouri. Cecil was the second child born to Oscar Lee Douglas and Lottie Amelia Hoeck Douglas.

**Favorite accomplishments:** I was born in Missouri and when I turned twenty, I decided to visit the west. I visited Kansas, Colorado and Utah; I decided to stay in Utah. In Utah I met Eloise Welch and at age twenty-three I married her. My wife passed away after sixty-four years together. I live alone now but some of my children live close enough to check on my well-being. My favorite accomplishments are coming west from Missouri at age twenty, being married at age twenty-three, having nine children, fifty-seven grandchildren and 201 great grandchildren.

**Hobbies and activities:** I like to read good books and the scriptures. I visit my family often and enjoy watching my family grow and grow.

**Secret to longevity:** I wake up early, I have a big breakfast, and I exercise daily and eat supper one hour before bed time. I thank the Lord for my blessings!

**Best advice:** Enjoy each day, study books, scriptures, pray a lot and be happy!

**Descendants:** Nine children, fifty-seven grandchildren and 201 great-grandchildren.



# Lucy V. Ellis

Lucy Von Niederhausern was born in 1915 in Logan, Utah, the fourth child born to John Von Niederhausern and Anna Maria Ruegsegger Von Niederhausern.

**Outstanding memories:** I grew up on a small diversified farm and liked working outdoors weeding row crops, piling and hauling hay, picking beans and taking cows to pasture on hot summer days. When work on the farm was finished, my best friend and I went swimming in Logan River. I met my future husband when I was sixteen. We married when I was eighteen. I had our first child at age nineteen. My husband died when I was thirty-eight leaving me with a farm machinery business which I helped run till I was eighty. I served at my stake and ward; I was president of most church auxiliaries and I was a visiting teacher until 1999. I did genealogy search and temple services. I am very proud to have raised four good children. I'm thankful for being in good health and being able to take care of myself and drive my car. I have lived in the same house for seventy-one years.



Lucy is the center girl in the back row, with her siblings and parents

**Impressive changes:** It has been impressive to go from kerosene lanterns to electric lights. From horse and buggy to automobile; from a scrubbing board to an automatic washing machine; from clothes line to electric dryer (I miss the fresh smell of lined dried sheets) and from outhouse to bathroom. We talk about the good old days but I would hate to lose our modern comforts. I wish everything wasn't so rushed so kids could enjoy the freedom and get out in nature without fear like kids used to do.

**Hobbies and activities:** I enjoy crossword puzzles and I like to read; I like to send birthday cards, play some computer games, and watch television. I enjoy church and family visits and get togethers with friends for lunch.

**Secret to longevity:** It must be a God-given blessing and my genes. A healthy diet growing up which I have tried to follow all my life. Abstaining from tobacco and alcohol and staying active.

**Best advice:** Do the best you can. Don't be an obsessive worrier. Remember that "this too will pass."

**Descendants:** Four children, seventeen grandchildren and twenty-seven great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

# Norma Tuttle Erickson

Norma Tuttle was born in 1918 in Manti, Utah. She was the first child born to Lloyd Wayne Tuttle and Vera Dorothea Keller Tuttle. She has outlived all her siblings and their spouses.



Norma (left) and her brother, Wayne, 1920

**Education:** Norma began her education at Manti Elementary where she has fond memories of playing fun games outside like jump rope, jacks, hop scotch and hide-n-seek. She always enjoyed school and was a good student. High School was attended at Manti High. She remembers lots of bus trips going to Palisades State Park where they would camp and have fun dancing in the dance hall. They would do the May Pole on May Day and enjoyed singing with her friends. They didn't have school lunch so they would either bring their lunch or

go home. Lunch time was 1 hour long so they had time to get home and back. She attended Snow College where she met her husband, Austin J Erickson. After graduating from Snow College she went on to graduate from BYU with a teaching degree.



**Outstanding memories:** Norma's father was a sheepherder and she has fond memories of going to the canyons with him. They spent a lot of time in the summer living in tents and a camp wagon. When her father wasn't herding the sheep he would keep the camp wagon in their family orchard. She and her siblings spent many hours playing in it. She remembers wonderful family vacations to Zions National Park, Bryce Canyon and Manti Canyon. She has a great love for camping from her childhood campouts. Austin played in the band and she has great memories going to dances. He would sign her dance card three times so he could dance with her. The rest of the time she would dance with other boys. She loved the Big Band Era. Austin and Norma got married in 1941, in the Manti Temple. They had five children, three boys and two girls. They had a wonderful life together and enjoyed traveling the world. Austin passed away in 2001. Before he passed they were able to travel to every continent with the exception of South America and Antarctica. Norma and Austin have twenty-seven grandchildren and eighty-seven great-grandchildren.



Norma as a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade school teacher, 1980





Norma and Austin on their wedding day, 1941

**Favorite accomplishments:** One of Norma's favorite accomplishments was being a school teacher. She taught third grade and a few second grade classes. She loved the children and enjoyed the years she had with them. She has held many church callings over the years and enjoyed serving others. She is an accomplished seamstress and made each of her children and grandchildren a quilt for their wedding. She also made nearly all eighty-seven great grandchildren a baby quilt. She made temple aprons, which were hand embroidered for all her children and their spouses. She also made aprons for each grandchild and their spouse. They are cherished by all. One accomplishment that amazed her family was she was able to drive until she turned ninety three. She is 100 years old and still lives in her home. She tries to stay as active as she can and still hears and see's well (with the help of her glasses which she has worn for years).

**Impressive changes:** When Norma was young there was no television, no radio, no central heating or indoor plumbing. There also was no telephone or computers. They traveled by horse and buggy or walked. She doesn't remember any manufacturing plants when she was young either. She is amazed by all the improvements that make life more convenient.

and attends the temple once a week. She has season tickets to CenterPoint Legacy Theater and looks forward to attending each production with her friends.

**Secret to longevity:** Eat good food. Get lots of sleep. Go to church. Find joy in everything you do. Have strong, loving relationships with family and friends.

**Best advice:** "Stay as active as you can and have a small dish of vanilla ice cream each night."

**Descendants:** Five children, twenty-seven grandchildren and eighty-seven great-grandchildren.

**Hobbies and activities:** She enjoys reading

# Giacomo “Jim” Favero

Giacomo “Jim” Favero was born in 1916, in Roy, Utah. Jim was the second oldest of thirteen boys and one girl born to Italian immigrant parents, Giovanni Favero and Hazel Daley, the daughter of early Utah pioneers.

**Outstanding memories:** Jim was raised on a farm in Taylor, Utah, and farmed until finishing high school. He graduated from Weber High School in 1935, he briefly attended Weber College. Being raised in a large family and learning the values of hard work, sharing, love and discipline are among Jim’s important memories. “Love was always the center point of our family, both our immediate family and the extended family. Our most important concern was always for the health and well-being of each other.” Jim grew up when times were hard, during the Great Depression. He lived on the farm and always had plenty to eat and clothes to wear, but everybody was poor. While attending high school from 1932 to 1935, people were lucky if they had two changes of clothes. Hamburger was five cents per pound and bread was ten cents a loaf. Potatoes were sold for twenty-five cents per 100 lbs. minus the ten cent cost of the burlap sack. Dancing was a favorite past time for everyone. Attending a dance cost fifteen cents and often there wasn’t that much in the home to pay for the dance. There were five theatres in Ogden – a movie cost ten to fifty cents – and this was

before the days of talking pictures and long before

color. Even though everyone was poor, they didn’t really know it because everyone was in the same condition, and they always found a way to have a good time. Sports were fun, but considered a waste of time since so much time was spent working on the farm when not in school. Jim walked, rode horses, or drove the sleigh the two and a half miles each way to get to school every day. Jim married Marguerite Della Maw in 1940, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. They later had two children. After receiving his draft notice in 1942, Jim reported to Fort Douglas to be sworn in. Because of a performance bond at work, he was allowed one week to get his affairs in order. He left on December 1942 and returned home nearly three years later without one day off during his service. After five weeks of basic training in Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, he was shipped to Camp Polk, Louisiana, then to Maryland. In spring of 1943 they boarded the ship and sailed away, arriving in Oran, Africa. Jim was part of General Clark’s Fifth Army Combat Engineers and was among those in the first amphibious landing in Salerno, Italy on September 1943. After twenty-eight months in Italy (twenty-six of those months in combat), as the war was over in Europe, in May 1945, Jim was sent to Genoa, Italy to board the USS General Stuart to be shipped to



Jim returning from WWII, 1945

Manila, then on to Japan. After passing by New York and awaiting entrance to the Panama Canal. The atomic bombs were dropped on Japan, with the war over, Jim was sent home for a recuperation period. He returned to Utah in August 1945, counted among the roughly one third of the 180 soldiers who survived from the Fifth Army, Company C, First Battalion. Jim was discharged in October 1945, having achieved the rank of staff Sargent. Jim built his career in the shoe business for over fifty years, both in retail and wholesale. He owned and operated four shoe stores. In 1958, he opened Favero



Shoes in Ogden, Utah, and later Favero Bootery in Roy, The Shoe Store in Blackfoot, Idaho and a leased department in The Blue Door men's clothier in Ogden. After selling the business in 1969 he traveled for seventeen years as a regional representative for the International Shoe Company in the Western United States. His wife, Marguerite, passed away in 2009.

**Favorite accomplishments:** "I have enjoyed life, being in business, having a happy family, and living to an old age. The most rewarding experience of my life has been raising a family. Courting and marrying Marguerite, having a wonderful family and watching our children and grandchildren grow up to be successful has by far been the most rewarding thing for me."

**Impressive changes:** "The declaration of war changed everything. Up until the war, life revolved around the family unit. The war advanced the development of technology, the means and mode of transportation, the advancement of communication and the roles of men and women. Having grown up in the days of the horse and buggy, everything we have today is an impressive change."

**Hobbies and activities:** Jim enjoys sports of all kinds, being an avid bowler and golfer for years. He grew up working with horses on the farm and continued his appreciation of a good horse through his adult life. Dancing was the main activity while growing up. Jim and Marguerite belonged to several dance clubs and would often attend dances three times a week. Jim's most visible and enjoyable hobby has always been gardening. His family vehemently touts his yard as the most beautiful you will find in Ogden, or probably anywhere.

**Secret to longevity:** "Proper eating, hard work and exercise. You are what you put in your mouth. Keep moving and keep your mind working. Think 'straight' and stay engaged in something good. Never trouble and trouble won't trouble you."

**Best advice:** "Life is short so fill it with good things and good memories. Choose wisely the things you do. Honor your father and mother and enjoy being disciplined in your life. Respect your elders. Live close to the church and according to the principles you have been taught. Respect all people regardless of race or religion, and be loyal to and obey the laws of your country. Above all, love one another."

**Descendants:** Two children, nine grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren. In Jim's extended family from his mother and father (who lived to be ninety-three and 100 respectively) there are 791 in the Favero Family, with 772 still living.



Jim and Marguerite, 1940's



# Leo Thomas Forsberg

Leo Thomas Forsberg was born in 1918, in Daniels, Idaho. Leo was the ninth child born to Frank L. Forsberg and Margaret Gilgen Forsberg.

**Education:** Leo went to first grade in Daniels. The family moved to Logan, Utah where he completed the rest of his elementary and high school years. He graduated from Utah State University in Forestry and Wild Life Management. He then moved to Los Angeles, California until he was called to serve in the military in 1941.



**Outstanding memories:** Leo's cherished memories are raising a good family and ensuring they were well educated.

**Impressive changes:** From Model T Ford's to luxury cars, small towing aircrafts to giant jets. The evolution of the telephone and other communication systems, television, computers, banking, worldwide oil discovery, diesel trains and luxury homes. The possibility of interplanetary travel is marvelous. Also with time I have seen a decline in people's morals and more crime.



Carma and Leo, 2012

**Hobbies and activities:** Leo enjoys auto rides with his family. He also enjoys the many fun activities at the senior center where he lives. He liked gardening and raising his own veggies and fruit.

**Secret to longevity:** "Longevity comes by living a clean life, constantly exercising, working hard, eating good foods and abstaining from alcohol and smoking, staying busy and loving your wife and family. Having a secure financial income and being happy."

**Best advice:** "As husband and wife, keep love alive and honor natural decision. Stay together until the end. Always show love to your children and participate in activities with them."

**Descendants:** Five children, twenty-one grandchildren and sixty great-grandchildren.

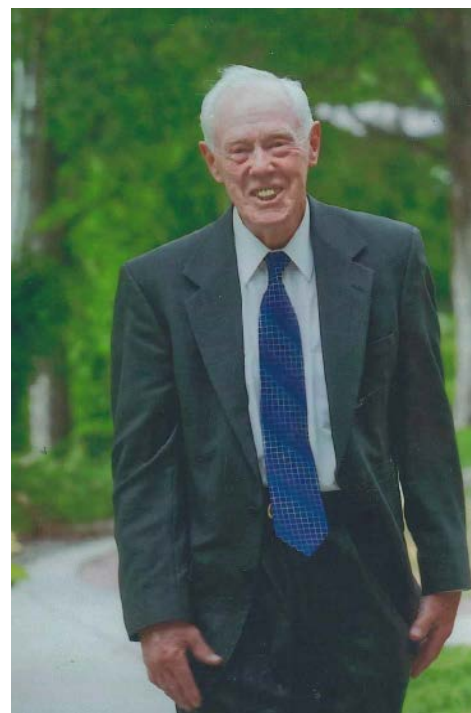


Leo, Carma and their children and grandchildren, undated

# H. Kent Francis

H. Kent Francis was born in 1918 in Morgan, Utah to Howard Francis and Jessie Taggart Francis.

**Outstanding memories:** Kent grew up farming in Morgan with his father and his brothers; he's never stopped loving being a farmer. After serving in the Army, Kent came home and got a full time job and decided at the age of twenty-eight he better look for a wife. He met and married Donna Burch from Wallsburg. She passed away in 2000. They lived in an apartment in the Salt Lake City avenues where he could walk to work up the hill to his job in the basement of the State Capitol. A few years later they built their one and only home just off Center Street in Bountiful. They were blessed with three children. Kent enjoyed his job for the Department of Agriculture. After dinner, he would go help local farmers with their work. He would also spend weekends with his father-in-law on a sheep ranch in Wallsburg. Upon retirement and in between missions he helped on his son-in-law's farm until he was ninety-five. Kent is lovingly known as "Poppy" by his thirty-two grandchildren; he has spent every Thanksgiving and Christmas with them. Kent also hosted Sunday night get-togethers in his basement or backyard where he liked



to serve roast beef sandwiches, jello, cakes and Graham crackers with frosting. These gatherings sadly came to an end when he sold his house last year; now he gets visits at the care center where he currently lives.



Kent working at the Department of Agriculture, undated.

**Favorite accomplishments:** Kent's favorite accomplishments are graduating from college, serving four years in the Army/Airforce in WWII, marrying Donna Burch, his three children, working for the Department of Agriculture for thirty-eight years, working as a state chemist until 1984. Serving two missions, one in South Carolina and another in Wisconsin. Always being available to help local farmers, and family farmers. Being able to drive a car until he was ninety-eight years old. Not ever having any joint replacements and living in the house he built in 1952 until he was ninety-eight years old.

**Impressive changes:** Kent says he can't believe how fast cars go on the freeway and so many of them. He is always amazed how large homes and business are built compared to when he was younger.

**Hobbies and activities:** Kent enjoys watching sports on TV, he enjoys the Utah Jazz games – go Utah Jazz!!! He enjoys watching movies and taking naps on his lounge chair.

**Secret to longevity:** He does not know that secret.

**Best advice:** "Stay as busy as long as possible. Keep putting one foot in front of the other and don't stop."

**Descendants:** Three children and thirty-two grandchildren.

# Ralph Porter Frandsen

Ralph Porter Frandsen was born in 1916 in Basalt, Idaho. He was the fifth child born to Earl Gregg Frandsen and Mabel Porter Frandsen. Ralph has outlived his five sisters.

**Education:** Ralph started school in Harrisville, Utah. His schoolhouse consisted of two rooms with nine grades attending there. When he was ten years old, he moved to Ogden where he completed his elementary education and graduated from Ogden High School at age sixteen. The family did not have money for college, so he continued his education by taking night classes in accounting and working during the day.

**Outstanding memories:** Ralph lived in Basalt, Idaho, until he was three when his father passed away during the flu epidemic after WWI. The family could no longer maintain their farm, so they moved to Harrisville, Utah to live near his grandparents. Ralph has fond memories of his grandfather and traveling with him by horse and wagon to pick up bushels of peaches in Brigham City. Ralph started working at age twelve during the summers to contribute to his family's income. He started with picking beans and fruit at fifty to sixty cents per day. Later he thinned and weeded sugar beets on a farm for one dollar a day. At age sixteen, he was delivering milk at 4:30 A.M. and was done by 8:00 A.M. in time for school. He also worked at Zion's Wholesale Grocery until his LDS mission to the Northwestern States. After his mission, Ralph taught himself the telegraph and later went to work for the Union Pacific Railroad for thirty-seven years. He met his beautiful wife, Marjorie, at a church dance and walked her home after. They had been married for seventy-three wonderful years when she passed away at age ninety-five.

**Favorite accomplishments:** Marrying his wife, raising good children and still living in his own home to this day. He is mainly independent, does his own cooking and goes bowling once or twice a week. Ralph jokingly says that his greatest accomplishment is living to 101 years old, but again, "Anyone can accomplish that if they live long enough."

**Impressive changes:** There have been many changes in Ralph's lifetime. Communication has changed tremendously. Ralph remembers using eight-party phone lines, and now cell phone and computers are the norm. When he was young, at least half the population still travelled by horse and buggy. Ralph's father bought the first family car in Basalt, Idaho in 1919. He doesn't recall anyone flying in planes when he was young; there was only a mail plane that flew overhead once a day. Ralph has also witnessed many miraculous changes in the medical field.

**Hobbies and activities:** Ralph skied until he was seventy-five years old, he golfed until he was ninety-nine years old, and he shot his first hole in one at the age of eighty-two. He liked to play tennis, loved to travel with his wife and still bowls every week.

**Secret to longevity:** Ralph says, "It's still a secret and I don't know the answer, other than healthy living, keeping active and staying positive."

**Best advice:** Be thankful for your blessing, try to be optimistic, be happy, friendly and help others... and "don't ever live to be too old."

**Descendants:** Six children, twenty-two grandchildren, fifty-three great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.





# John R. Frey

John Rudolph Frey was born in 1918, in Ogden, Utah to Adolph John Frey and Lila Landreth Frey. He was the oldest of three children with two younger sisters, Marie (deceased) and Ann, who will be ninety-four this year. John's father worked as a blacksmith until John was almost a year old. At that time, he packed up his small family and moved to Lancaster, California where John was raised on the family ranch with his paternal grandparents, John Rudolph and Anna Jacklin Frey.

**Education:** John attended Lancaster Elementary School and Antelope Valley High School, graduating in 1938. John did not attend college, but has always been a "can do anything man." Living on a ranch, like most people from that generation, he learned the necessary life skills of how to do anything with nothing! He is a machinist/welder by trade and "a jack of all trades." He's been blessed with the ability to master anything he does.

**Outstanding memories:** John has always loved working with his hands. He started at an early age working on automobiles and anything that had a motor or engine. He remembers buying his first car for \$10 when he was almost fifteen years old. It was an old roadster, with a rumble seat, and needed some work. Once he finished restoring it, he became the official driver to get him and his friends to school – don't tell the DMV, as he said driving sure beat riding a horse! John tells a story of getting the clean water in the wash tub every three weeks! The first week, he got the first bath and his sisters followed in turn. The next week, he got the second bath; and the third week, he got the third bath – always in that order! As he got older, his job was to bring the water by bucket from the hand pump outside. With his ability to make things easier for everyone, he decided it was time to engineer a trough type system that would run the water from the irrigation pump to the house. It was a crude system, but like he said, "It sure beat bucketing the water!"



John Rudolph Frey, 1918



By his mid-twenties, John had worked for the famous Mule Team Borax as a miner, although the mules had long since been retired, and the company was actually owned by Pacific Coast Borax. He was paid a sack of groceries, housing and \$25 a week. This supported his first wife, Sarah, along with their three children. He then became a roughneck for Tidewater Associated Oil. Tidewater was in the process of sending John to work on their oil rigs in Venezuela, but Uncle Sam had a better idea. John was drafted into the Army and served in World War II. He was stationed at Fort Dix, NJ and was assigned to work in the motor pool doing what he loved.

By December 1945, World War II had ended; and John was discharged. He returned home to Lancaster, California where he worked for Riverside Cement as a mechanic until 1951, when he moved his small family to Las Vegas, Nevada after his divorce. He met his second wife in Las Vegas when she brought her car to John's Other Garage (although there wasn't another garage) to be fixed so she could continue her trip to California from New York.

Needless-to-say, the car was fixed but Lois Ostro never moved to California. She became John's second wife, and three more children were born. To better support a family of six children, John went to work for Kerr McGee Chemical Corporation in Henderson, Nevada as a machinist/welder. He worked there for thirty years, until he retired in 1983. Lois passed away in 1986. The following year, John married Inga Johnson; and they moved to Minnesota. Upon Inga's death in 2013, John returned to live in the house he owned next door to his daughter in Manti.

**Favorite accomplishments:** John loves his children. They have been a joy in his life. He says he has a small family, as he only has eleven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and ten great-great-grandchildren!! He loves hearing of all of their successes and hopes that he's been a small part of who they are, and he says he's so proud of who they've become.

**Impressive changes:** John likes using a water heater instead of boiling water on a wood stove. For that matter, he likes a stove he doesn't have to chop wood for! He thought being able to make a phone call via a switchboard operator was great, until he got a private line with a dial. Now he thinks his iPhone is topnotch as, not only does it call by voice, it holds more information than any set of encyclopedias; and it finds the answers much faster! He doesn't like working on vehicles from the 21<sup>st</sup> century, as there are too many parts; although, he loves how fast they are, the comfort and the air conditioning!

**Hobbies and activities:** John loves basking in the sun – the hotter, the better; car rides; shopping, especially for tools – he says you can't have too many; listening to old country western music; and eating!

**Secret to longevity:** John says you just get up every day, get dressed and put your boots on, whether you want to or not. Then stay busy, don't get lazy. Eat three meals a day, not too much junk food; clean your plate, no wasting the food and chewing each bite twenty-five times!

**Best advice:** John says "you should enjoy life, be kind and don't judge anyone. Think before you speak; it's better to have someone think you didn't hear them, than to regret what you may have said!" He says "Look back to learn; look forward to succeed."

**Descendants:** Six children, eleven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren.



John and some members of his family, 2018

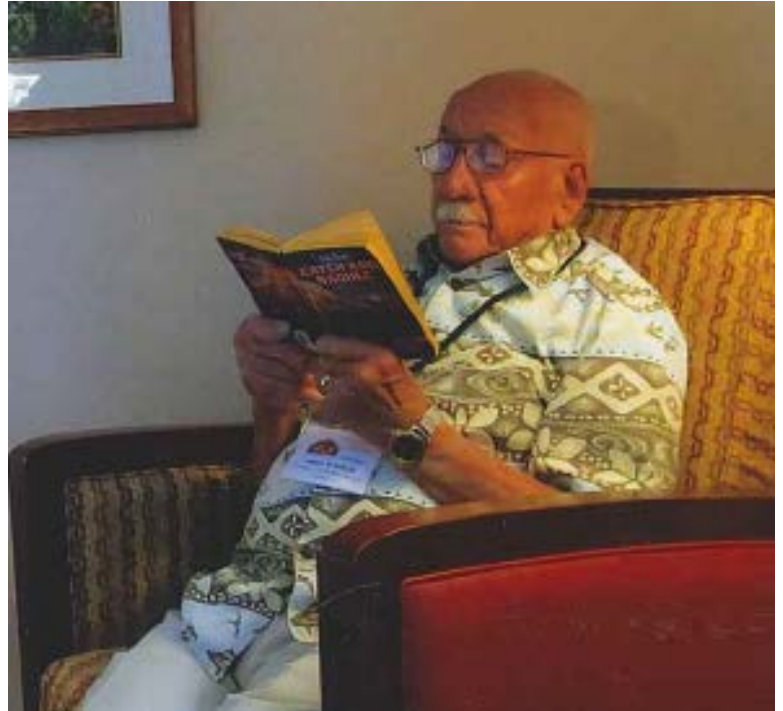


# Joseph S. Garcia

Joseph S. Garcia was born in 1919, in Kansas City, Kansas. The first born of four sons to Odilon and Aurora Segovia Garcia.

**Education:** Joseph attended grammar school in the California public schools, with the exception of fourth through sixth grade when he attended Catholic school.

**Outstanding memories:** Joseph has fond memories of growing up in Tehachapi, California. He recalls a yellow or orange fence that surrounded his housing unit, where, as a toddler, he and other kids would sit waiting for the airmail plane to fly by. The pilot would fly low and wave to the children. He remembers going to baseball games and trying to get the homerun ball. The bigger boys would always get them and return them to the manager for five cents a ball. He also remembers one Christmas receiving a tricycle and not being able to reach the pedals.



**Favorite accomplishments:** One of his favorite accomplishments was his military record in World War II and receiving an honorable discharge.

**Impressive changes:** Joseph remembers that before the enormous changes in farm technology, at age fifteen he was working for two-dollars a day, feeding his neighbor's horses and mules, which were rented to farmers to pull their equipment. Technology has also changed the way we do laundry. He remembers his mom doing laundry using a washboard. In later years, she got a washing machine.

**Hobbies and activities:** Joseph enjoys reading western books, gardening and walking at least a mile and a half every day.

**Secret to longevity:** Getting lots of exercise and eating fish, chicken and many vegetables are Joseph's secret to longevity.

**Best advice:** Joseph advises anyone reading the Yearbook to use it as a guideline for a great life!

**Descendants:** Five children, ten grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren and six great great-grandchildren.



# 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 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

# Verda Peck Hardy

Verda Peck was born in 1915, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Verda and her twin sister, Vera, were the first born children out of eleven to George Russell Peck and Louena Zundel Peck.

**Education:** Verda attended school until she started junior high (seventh grade); she didn't attend much after that as she had to help care for her other siblings. Verda's parents were very poor, she remembers once the school had sent someone with a pair of shoes so she could attend classes at the school. Even with Verda's limited education she was and still is very talented and has done wonderful things with her life.

**Outstanding memories:** Verda and her twin sister, Vera, were born at their parent's home, each only weighing two pounds each. Vera sadly passed away in a few days. Her parents had put Verda in a shoebox to keep her warm; she was so tiny, her mother, Louena, said she could put her wedding ring clear up on her little arm. Verda's childhood years were spent in Salt Lake City, Utah. She had lots of love and siblings to grow up with; she has always loved to draw pictures of people. One of her sisters, Ebadean "Dean" tells of the pretty drawings she painted on the walls of their bedroom, she also loves to draw pictures of horses. Verda met Mel Hardy and they married in 1936. They loved each other dearly and went Big Band dancing often; Verda could do the Chareston very well! Mel and Verda moved to Ogden, Utah after they were married. Mel passed away in 1983. She is still living in Ogden and she is doing well, Verda is loved and liked by all that enjoy her company.



Verda and Mel, 1936

**Favorite accomplishments:** Verda's favorite accomplishments are raising one son and four daughters. She always has loved nature and she raised so many kinds of flowers. She was an excellent cook and she enjoyed sewing. She still loves music, people, animals and all children. She has a great sense of humor and uses it often to make everyone laugh. She taught her children to be good and forgive others. She still loves to draw and she sees everyday as one to live to her fullest.

**Impressive changes:** Verda can't believe we can take pictures on our phones, she is still surprised neighbors don't drop in for coffee anymore. She has seen people go from "going the extra mile" to not even wanting to leave their cell phones and computers.

**Hobbies and activities:** Verda enjoys listening to music, watching TV and she enjoys spending time with her friend Alverda who comes over often to play cards with her.

**Secret to longevity:** "Loving and helping others." Also Verda says that if she was put in a rest home or nursing home rather than her own home, she wouldn't be here



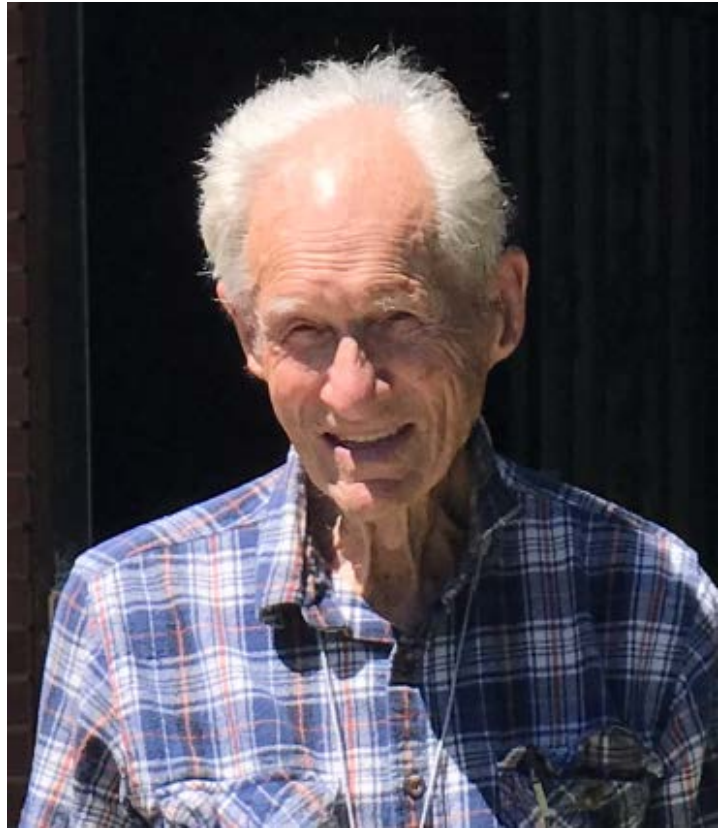
# Lloyd Rulon Hicken

Lloyd Hicken was born in 1918 in Taylorsville, a small ranching/farming community in Alberta, Canada, approximately a mile and a half from the U.S. border. He is the oldest child of Rulon E. Hicken and Eliza Ann Little.

**Education:** Lloyd completed his education through the 11<sup>th</sup> grade, prior to moving to Salt Lake City, Utah from Canada.

**Outstanding memories:** Lloyd's father taught school in ranching communities, before the family moved to the larger town of Cardston, Alberta, Canada when Lloyd was four and one-half years old. He grew up in Cardston, a town of about 2,500 people, where the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints built and dedicated the first temple outside of the United States when Lloyd was five years old. The family felt blessed to have meaningful associations with the first generation of pioneers who came into the area from the USA.

**Favorite accomplishments:** Lloyd left Canada with a strong desire to be a country doctor. He enrolled in the University of Utah as a pre-med student, where he attended for two years, until he decided to fulfill a mission for the LDS church in the middle of the Great Depression. The church's policy dictated that money be paid up front for a mission, so Lloyd dropped out of school and save up the necessary funds. He received his mission assignment to Brazil, South America at the time World War I broke out. It was at this time that the German-speaking missions in South America were changed from German to the local language. His assigned language was Portuguese. Lloyd completed his mission after two and one-half years, as the US was in war with Japan and Germany. Upon returning from his mission, rather than be drafted, he applied



Lloyd, 1945

for and was accepted to Pilot and Officer Training in the United States Air Force. He completed training and was assigned for additional training as a B24 bomber pilot. Once this training was completed, he was sent to the Pacific. He finished his last mission just before the atomic bombs were dropped in Japan. Lloyd is most grateful that his life has been spared many times from life-threatening illnesses and accidents associated with training as a pilot in the war. He returned home in 1945 and found his precious wife just over a month later. They were married in March 1946 in the Salt Lake City Temple. A few months after, he was accepted to medical school as part of the first class at the University of Utah after the war. He was intensely involved in his studies for the next three years, with the program being condensed from four years to three due to the war. He completed his post-graduate study as an intern at the largest army hospital in the world located in the Presidio, San Francisco area. He completed his residency training and general practice with an additional specialty in obstetrics and gynecology at Large County Hospital in Bakersfield, CA. He returned to Utah and commenced with his practice in Bountiful, Utah, as there were no country doctor spots available. He later

rejected a country opportunity, due to personal health and family issues and remained in Bountiful for the rest of his career. He interrupted his medical practice for three years to preside over the Brazilian mission for the Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter Day Saints. Upon returning, he remained in Bountiful, retiring in December 1992, after practicing as close to a doctor as he could. This included house calls until he retired. He delivered several thousand babies practicing his sub-specialty. In Bountiful, Lloyd was involved in running a medical clinic. He then borrowed money to build the South Davis Community Hospital (a non-profit hospital) the first in Davis County. Later as the community and number of doctors grew, Lloyd was also involved in the establishment of Lakeview Hospital in 1975. Lloyd is most grateful to have a noble woman for his wife, Alice Richards Cannon. Alice bore five wonderful children. She was preceded in death by three children and a grandson. She endured lifelong health problems resulting from rheumatic fever as a child. But she endured to the age of ninety-four with courage and without resentment.

**Church Service:** Lloyd has been very active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He was called as a member of the first high council of the newly-organized Bakersville, CA stake. Thereafter, he was called as a first counselor in the bishopric of the first division of the Val Verta, Bountiful ward. After four years, he was called as counselor in the South Davis Stake of Zion. After eight years in that calling, he received a new calling and served as mission president in Brazil for three years. He returned to Bountiful and was called to the high council on the establishment of the Val Verda Stake. From 1973 to 1979, he served as bishop of the Val Verda Ward. After being released from that position, he was called to be the first patriarch of the new Bountiful North Canyon Stake. He continued his service as patriarch until he moved to the Val Verda Stake and continued in that capacity until 2014. In December 1985, he was called as a sealer in the Salt Lake City Temple and served there for nine years. He was then transferred to the new Bountiful Temple in 1995 and served there for eighteen years. These were all wonderful experiences.

**Impressive changes:** There have been dramatic and spectacular changes in science and technology over the years, from horse and buggy to airplanes.

**Hobbies and activities:** For relaxation, Lloyd enjoyed camping, fishing, horseback riding and trips to lovely mountain areas in the West and Canada. He also had the privilege of attending the New York World's Fair prior to becoming a mission president. He is grateful for the many families and people he has had the privilege of associating with over the years. These relationships have greatly enriched his life.

**Secret to longevity:** "I was born prematurely at roughly twenty-four weeks. At this period of time, there were no medical facilities for premature babies and birth at that age meant certain death. The family stake president happened to be traveling in the area at the time of my birth and was able to provide a priesthood blessing which miraculously preserved my life. Numerous other priesthood blessings are responsible for my health and longevity."

**Best advice:** "Maintain a love of truth and search for it! Appreciate and be grateful for the superior intelligence that supports and sustains you in your live [sic]. Recognize the commonality and brotherhood of all mankind and treat them that way. And be patient and enduring in life's ups and downs. There is brightness after every storm. Hold dear your family relationships."

**Descendants:** Five children, twenty-six grandchildren and sixty-three great-grandchildren.



Lloyd and Alice, undated

# Glenna Geneva Pickett Hill

Glenna Geneva Pickett Hill was born in 1919 in Gunnison, Utah, the oldest of four children. She was named after two young aunts (Glenna and Geneva) who passed away during the 1918 flu pandemic.

**Education:** A lifelong resident of Utah, she eventually moved from Gunnison to Ephraim where she graduated from Snow College. Subsequently, she attended Brigham Young University, earning a degree in elementary education. At that time, there were only 1,900 students in the college, and most of her classes were taught at the lower campus.

**Outstanding memories:** Glenna grew up on a farm with many responsibilities such as thinning, weeding, topping beets along with herding cows and turkeys. She loved being a member of the 4H Club, hiking and playing at the “big ditch.” One memory was of admiring a doll that she saw in a store window on her way to school every day. What a disappointment when one day the doll was no longer in the window. But what a joy it was to find it was her Christmas gift that year.

Her family was devastated by the Great Depression when they lost all their money with the closing of their local bank. They did have cows and chickens. After a year of living on chicken and ice cream, they became two foods she no longer enjoys.



Glenna and Sherman, 1940

While attending BYU, she lived next door to a large family that included several Hill brothers. When delivering a telephone message, she met Sherman who immediately began courting her. On their first date, Sherman took Glenna to her first and last wrestling match. Improving on their second date to a matinee, Sherman prophetically announced they would marry on her next birthday. They spent their entire life together in Provo raising four children.

Glenna worked at a department store, Firmages, for a number of years before she got a job at the BY High Bookstore and then the bookstore on the BYU campus, where she enjoyed working for decades. She also served faithfully in her church. For many years, she prepared all of the hams for her ward's funeral luncheons and ironed altar clothes for temple service on a weekly basis. In addition she performed her visiting teaching and church callings simultaneously.

Glenna diligently supported her husband as he served as the stake president for the East Provo Stake. She had numerous opportunities to entertain general authorities in her home, all while raising young children. On one occasion when LeGrand Richards, a presiding church bishop, was staying

with them, Glenna's youngest daughter asked if his morning prescriptions were candy. His response led her to go ahead and try the bitter pill only to have him chuckle at her sour expression.



Glenna is a meticulously clean and tidy housekeeper, as well as being an excellent cook and an accomplished seamstress. She is known for her dry wit, her thrift (she really knows how to stretch a penny), her emotional strength and her continual thoughtfulness towards others.

**Descendants:** Four children, twelve grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

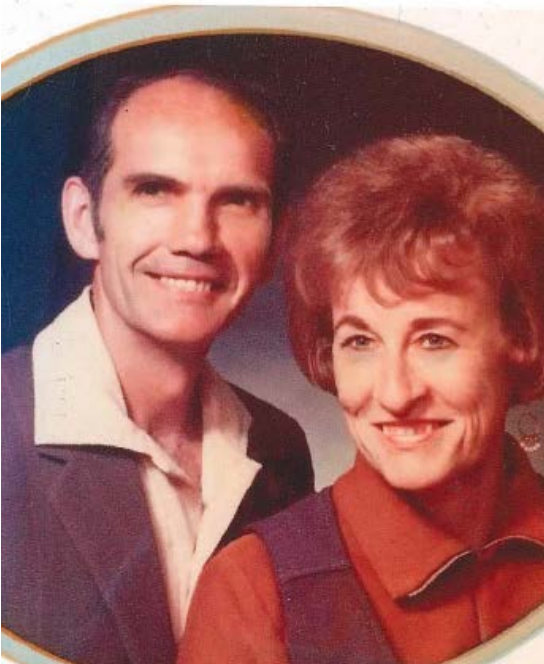


Glenna and her family, 2004

# Ida Hubbard Hoggan

Ida Hubbard was born in the quiet small farming town of Carey, Idaho in 1919, to Jesse LeRoy Hubbard and Sarah Estelle Beecher. They had a total of six children, four sons and two daughters.

**Outstanding memories:** The Hubbard family moved to Ogden in 1920. They had a cow, chickens and a nice big garden. They could play kick-the-can in the streets, in the river bottoms and in the big lot next to their house. Along with her siblings, Ida eventually attended and graduated from Ogden High School. During this time, she met William “Bill” Marler Hoggan, who was a great friend of her brother Ronnie. Ron set them up on a blind date, and the rest was history. They married in the Salt Lake Temple in 1941. In December of that year, the attack on Pearl Harbor plunged the country into war. Two of Ida’s brothers served in the military. It was a difficult time, and Ida remembers rationing food and gas and surviving other hardships of wartime. Bill and Ida had their first daughter in 1943 in Ogden. They had three more children, one boy and two girls. They later decided to move to California, where the climate and altitude were better for their health conditions. They moved to Southern California, living in Burbank, Inglewood, Los Angeles, Garden Grove, El Segundo, and Lake Forest. Bill held various jobs in order to support his growing family. He eventually went to work doing commercial art for North American Aviation, plus moonlighting doing silk screening, carpentry, photography, etc. Ida worked in, and later owned, a health food store; did housecleaning and helped Bill with his many projects. Bill died in 1983, after a two-year battle with prostate cancer. Eventually, Ida moved to Utah and now lives close to her two daughters in Grantsville, Utah. The family is very close and sees each other as much as possible.



Bill and Ida, 1960

**Favorite accomplishments:** Ida served in many church positions in Primary, Relief Society, Mutual, and especially the Scouting Program. She served as one of the oldest Relief Society presidents ever (at eighty-nine years old) and was interviewed for a church news article in 2009, titled, “This Lady’s Too Busy To Be Old,” which has proven true. Ida has been fortunate to be able to travel a lot, especially with her sister. She has been to over twenty countries and has seen a lot of the United States. She particularly loves Hawaii, having been there ten times. Ida still has her driver’s license, and she is known to take a friend on an errand around town or to the store. She has got to be one of the oldest people in Utah, if not the U.S., with a driver’s license. And, she is a great and careful driver.

**Impressive changes:** Ida has been impressed by advances in technology and improvements in transportation. These advancements have been amazing and a blessing.



**Hobbies and activities:** Ida loves to stay busy. She serves in the local Daughters of Utah Pioneers chapter. She is active in her church branch and stake activities. She loves to knit and crochet and has produced thousands of slippers, hats, dish clothes, scarves, and more. She also sews tote bags, potato bags, potholders, casserole holders, etc. She recently bought a new sewing machine, because she wore out the last one.

**Secret to longevity:** Ida claims her longevity is partly due to “good genes.” Her mother lived to 105 and passed away in 1993. Most of her siblings lived well into their nineties as well, with her last brother dying this year at the age of ninety-six. The rest of her longevity she attributes to good diet (lots of vegetables, protein drinks and no pop), a good attitude and staying busy. Her goals in life have always included her children and their happiness and success. Ida wants to stay busy and do things that are worthwhile, until the very end, and not just watch TV.

**Best advice:** Her advice to her posterity and others is to be dependable. “Stay happy. Don’t get mad or quarrel. It doesn’t get you anywhere. Talk out your problems. Stay active in the church. I know the church is true, the whole church, and this is the path I want to be on. There’s never been a question in my mind about the truthfulness of the gospel and God’s plan for us.”

**Descendants:** Six children, fifteen grandchildren, forty-four great-grandchildren and at least one great-great-grandchild on the way.



Marla, Bruce, Ida (center), Becky and Margee. 2016



today. If more people would try to keep their parents at home, they are a lot better off.

**Best advice:** “Follow the golden rule and take time to see the roses, fight for what you believe in and don’t be afraid to take the path less traveled, most of all just be yourself and enjoy your time here on earth.”

**Descendants:** Five children, seventeen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.



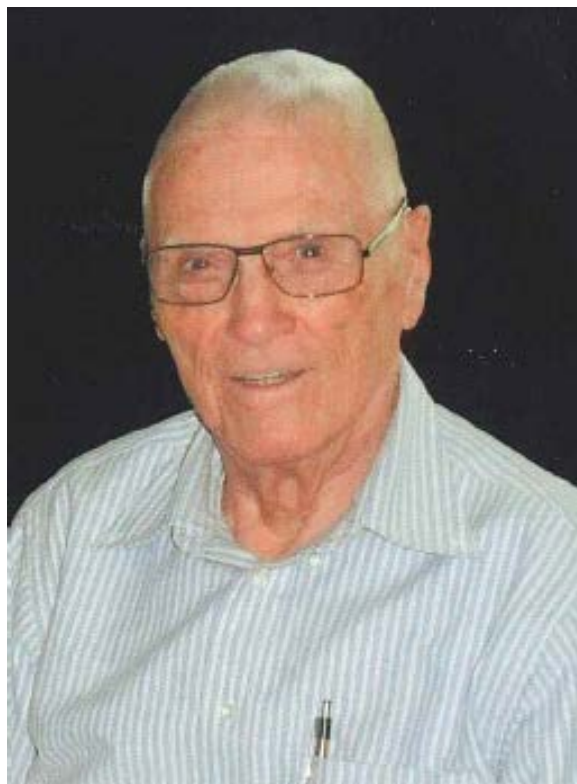
Verda and Mel, undated

# Norton B. James, Jr.

Norton B. James, Jr. was born in New York City (Bronx) in 1919, to Norton Bennet James, Sr. and Etta Geib James. He had one brother, who has passed away, and one sister who is still living. They grew up in Mount Vernon, NY.

**Education:** Norton attended A. B. Davis High School in Mt. Vernon, NY. He continued his education, studying civil engineering at New York University for two years, until he was drafted in 1941 shortly after the draft was instituted under President Roosevelt. He was selected to attend one of the first Officer Candidate School classes and reported to Ft. Knox, KY in late 1942 for training. Upon completing his service, he continued his education at the College of Southern Utah for a year.

**Outstanding memories:** After commissioning in April 1942, Norton was assigned to the 738<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion, HQ Company. The unit conducted intensive and prolonged training in the Arizona/California Mojave Desert and was eventually deployed to the European Theater of Operations in 1944. He served as the supply officer for the entire battalion. The 738<sup>th</sup> developed and operated the M3/GRANT CDL (Canal Defense Light) Tank, a top secret machine designed for night use and disruption of enemy forces with an intense carbon arc strobe light (British invention). Due to the high classification of the program; and since most field commanders were not aware of its availability, the tank's use was very limited.



Eula and Norton, 1943

Norton met his wife, Eula Lawrence in Boulder, Nevada during his deployment to the Arizona/California Mojave Desert, while she and her father were there working during the construction of the Hoover Dam. Eula and Norton were married at Ft. Benning, GA in 1943 and later solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. After the war, they returned to Eula's hometown, Cedar City, UT, where he continued serving in the National Guard, and they had their only child, Norton III (Ben) in 1949. Norton entered the Utah National Guard at the rank of captain and served in the 213<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion. In August 1950, less than two months after South Korea was invaded by the North, the 213<sup>th</sup> was activated into federal service to support the allied forces in Korea. By early 1951, the battalion was deployed to Korea and remained throughout 1951. Capt. James led the 213<sup>th</sup> Service Battery, responsible for maintenance and supply services for the battalion.

At the end of the war, Capt. James received a reserve promotion to Major. In 1954, he received a one-year assignment to Wiesbaden AB, Germany, as an Army liaison officer. Upon completion, he returned with his family to Cedar City in 1955. In late 1956, Norton was selected by the Civil Aeronautics Agency (CAA) to be an Air Traffic Controller. In 1957, the James family



moved to Salt Lake City where Norton worked at the CAA (now FAA) regional air route traffic control center until his retirement at the end of 1982. Norton lived in West Valley City with his wonderful wife of seventy-two years until she passed away in December 2015. His son, Ben (Colonel USAF Ret.), and daughter-in-law, Jody, live close by, and spend hours with him each day.

**Favorite accomplishments:** Serving his country in two wars, World War II and the Korean War, are among his favorite accomplishments, along with being a successful husband and father and creating a comfortable home for his family. Capt. James received the Army of Occupational Medal (Germany), United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, four O/S bars, Korean Service Medal, Bronze Star, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and the American Defense Service Medal.

**Impressive changes:** Some of the impressive changes Norton has witnessed are the advances in air travel and ease of communication. The landing on the moon was a very memorable advancement in history.

**Hobbies and activities:** Watching TV and daily visits with family are activities Norton enjoys.

**Secret to longevity:** Norton's secrets to a long life are clean living, exercise and good genetics.

**Best advice:** His best advice would be worry less about your rights and take care of your responsibilities.

**Descendants:** One child and three grandchildren.



**Norton's 738<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion, 1944**



# Florence K. G. Johnson

Florence Kim was born in 1918 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The third child born to Charles Albin Kim and Ingaborg Larson Kim.

**Outstanding memories:** I had a good childhood. I was the third child of four girls. Our mother died when I was four years old. Our father was a farmer and a sexton for the cemetery. He worked hard and needed help. We four girls were taught to work hard on the farm thinning sugar beets and taking care of the cows, pigs, chickens, and horses. I was quite athletic. I loved all sports and I was always chosen to be the leader, maybe I liked to show off a little because of that. I loved to swim, my father taught us to swim at a young age because the canal was in our backyard, and he was too busy working to watch us. He never remarried. Poppa always wanted to put me in a soft race. At Lagoon we would give my sisters dimes and nickels to pay but then he would enter me in a race and say, “You can win your money.” I didn’t think that was fair. After marriage, I worked at the “arms plant” making bullets. It was war time. I was a bookkeeper for Gordon Family Furniture in Tooele. I also was a nurse’s aide at Tooele Orthopedic Depot. I loved gardening, crocheting, sewing, bowling, and I enjoyed electric golf cart rides (when I played golf). I would hit a ball for my husband and hit one also for me! After my husband passed away, I reacquainted with a former grade school boy. He was an ex golf-pro, so we danced and played golf into our nineties. He died at age ninety-five.



Florence as a little girl, undated

**Favorite accomplishments:** All my many trophies for bowling, all my blue ribbons for my roses at state fairs. I enjoyed coaching young girl softball teams. Having three holes in one playing golf.

**Impressive changes:** Changes are for the better. When I was little no one had money so we made our own activities, games and sports. Life is a lot easier today with all advances at our fingertips.

**Hobbies and activities:** I wish I could play ball, swim and play golf. I enjoy playing Bingo, cards and associations with people.

**Secret to longevity:** Good health, being active, playing sports. Don’t sit around, take care of yourself!

**Best advice:** “Be happy and if you are not happy it is easy to do wrong things – then you are miserable.”

**Descendants:** Four children, thirteen grandchildren, thirty-nine great-grandchildren and forty great-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.



# 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 Waki.

**Outstanding memories:** Although Mary grew up facing a lot of persecution and racism because she is of Japanese descent and because she lost her mother at a very young age, Mary has always had good friends and a supportive family. Mary graduated from Murray High School. Mary warmly recalls from her school years when she was fourteen years old, the principal, Mr. Malstrom, asked his wife to help Mary make some clothes for her “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 had a friend in high school that helped her with her grades, although Mary can’t remember her friend’s name, she remembers learning from her friend the value of education. Mary’s step-mother introduced her to her husband, Charlie Kawakami. He was a Japanese mechanic who worked in Spring Canyon mine (Storrs) in 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 two boys and two girls. I continued to develop my hair styling business” recalls Mary. Charlie passed away when he was about 101 “Even though I miss him, I try to stay busy” says Mary.



Charlie and Mary, after their wedding

**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, Nevada.” 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 have created financial chaos for America. 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 Antique Road Show on TV. 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.”

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

#### *Things I Can Do*

*A poem by Mary W. Kawakami*

*It's the things I can do; not the things I can't do  
Smile, laugh and eat  
I can watch children.  
Some people lose these things when they get older.  
I still have a voice (gruff)  
I can see the beauty around me and I recognize my friends.  
I can smell, I can feel, I can think.  
I can see the beauty of the sun.  
With help, I can still walk.  
Music is still music to my ears.  
I still hear the birds sing and chatter in my yard  
I can identify colors. Certain colors give me joy.  
I can still differentiate between good smells and poor smells.  
I can still count my blessings.  
I can still differentiate between right and wrong.  
I can count my (limited) money and make change.  
These are the quality of life things I can still do: Sing (out of tune),  
Tai Chi exercises (I feel so elated and inspired after I do these).  
Paul, my son, spent over 1000 + hours to keep me moving with these.  
I can feel the warmth of the Smile of my caregiver.  
And I can still pray.*



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**Mary and her son, Paul**



# Hyrum Grant Keeler

Hyrum Grant Keeler was born in 1918, in Utah County, Utah, the eighth of ten children born to Charles Obid Keeler and Nora Ellender Johnson. The family lived on the forty acre Keeler farm in what is now Orem. Grant has outlived all of his siblings.

**Education:** Grant graduated from Lincoln High School in 1937, where he played on the football team. He went on to join the US Army, enrolling in flight training in the Army Air Force Advanced Flying School and graduating in 1943. After graduation from B17 crew training in June 1944, he was assigned to the 551<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 385<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group, serving his first mission in 1944. He also graduated from the US Army Air Force Aircraft Maintenance School in 1946.

**Outstanding memories:** There were many dawn-to-dusk duties for the family on their farm. In addition to working on the farm with his nine siblings, Grant remembers playing on the one lane trestle bridge that crossed the Provo River in Orem. He and his friends would climb the bridge overlooking the road and river below, sometimes randomly throwing tomatoes at the motorists driving below them. As a young boy, he caught the flying bug watching stunt pilots and aerialists (barnstormers) at county fairs. He loved learning about planes and



aviation. At age twenty-one, he left

Provo for Southern California to pursue his dream of becoming a pilot. He went to work in the aviation industry building aircraft. There, he met and married Rayola (Rae) McClellan in August 1940.



Grant and Rae, before heading off to war, 1942

**Favorite accomplishments:** Traveling the world has been a grand adventure for Grant and his family. They have lived in Los Angeles, Florida, Newfoundland, Germany, Taiwan, Colorado, Maryland, and Wisconsin. Grant has been honored repeatedly for his accomplishments in the US Air Force during his twenty-eight and a half years of active duty. He fought in World War II, as well as Viet Nam. Most of his World War II missions sent him over Germany, bombing fuel refineries, railroad yards and industrial targets, and where he was shot down twice. He received the Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Purple Heart, and POW Award. After retiring from the Air Force, he became a volunteer. In 2016, he celebrated more than twenty years volunteering at one of the busiest military pharmacies – Hill Air Force Base. In 1985, the Prisoner of War Medal was established. Twenty-eight years later, in November of 2013, ninety-five year old Lieutenant

Colonel H. Grant Keeler was formally awarded the Prisoner of War (POW) Medal at a University of Utah football game. In 2018, he was honored at the Provo Freedom Festival.



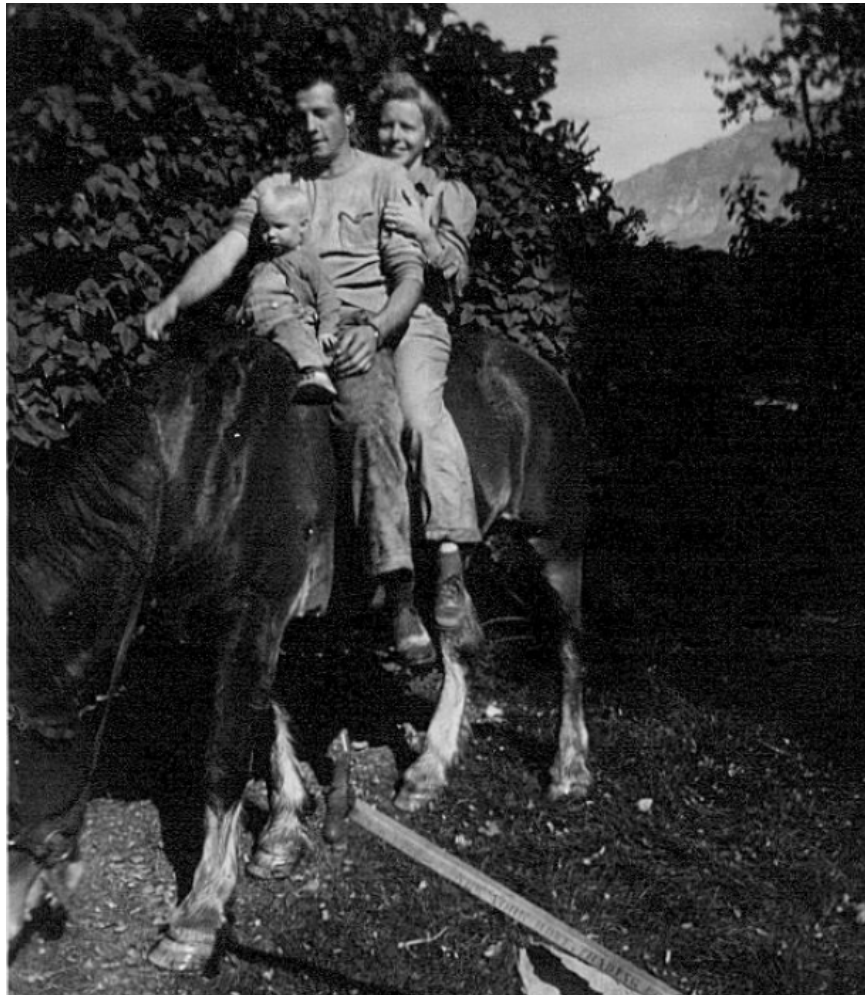
**Impressive changes:** He first learned to fly in single-engine airplanes and ended up flying jets that flew at twice the speed of sound. Life as a child in his household did not include indoor plumbing, a telephone, the internet, a microwave oven, or television. The outhouse was stocked with a Sears Catalog to be used as toilet paper. There was no hand sanitizer or sink nearby to wash one's hands. All year round, clothes were washed on a washboard and hung outside to dry. Cooking was done on a coal stove, milk, cheese and produce were stored in an underground root cellar. There was no sprinkler system for the forty acre farm, and water came from an irrigation ditch. Travel was done on foot, horse or bicycle, before the family bought a Model T-Ford.

**Hobbies and activities:** Hiking, skiing (until age ninety) and now reading.

**Secret to longevity:** Grant has always been active and prefers to eat healthy whole foods. He tries to stay away from sugar and salt much of the time.

**Best advice:** Don't sweat the small stuff, and it's all small stuff.

**Descendants:** Five children (two living), twelve grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.



Grant, Rae and their oldest son, 1942

# Donald Cask Kirk

Donald Cask Kirk was born on a kitchen table at his parents' house in 1913 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He is the eleventh of thirteen children born to James Henry Kirk and Frances Mary Cask Kirk.

**Education:** Don attended Grant Elementary, Jordon Jr. High, and graduated from West High School all of which were in Salt Lake City. In eighth grade at Jordon Jr. High he was in the student body presidency as the sergeant of arms; he helped control the "rule breakers."

**Outstanding memories:** Don grew up in Salt Lake. He loved riding horses, mountain climbing and dancing. These years were tough times during the Great Depression. Many of the children, including Don, would work whatever jobs they could find to help support their family. Don would sell newspapers and worked at a box making factory. His family raised many chickens, and he would go out each morning and collect the eggs, and then go door to door selling them for twenty cents a dozen. He recalled many times his mother would fix dinner and then not sit down and eat with the children saying she was fasting. The children knew there was not enough food to go around and mom would put them first above herself. Don, on various occasions, would go to bed hungry. Don recalled how his father would pack the kids up in their car and drive off the road into rough fields "bumpity, bump, bump" over sage brush to find and shoot wild sage hens for food. But even through these tough times, he still felt great love from his mom and siblings.

**Favorite accomplishments:** He was always proud he graduated from West High School. He has always been a great dancer, and to this day loves still to dance. He met his wife, Olive, on a dance floor and asked to sign her dance card many times. They married and were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple. For many years he worked as a bookkeeper for W. P. Fuller Paint Co. of Salt Lake. He also worked as a credit manager for Beener Block Co. He bought a new home in Holladay where he lived and raised his family for over forty-five years. He painted his home and maintained and loved his home very much. Don has always lived a frugal conservative lifestyle. Lived debt free and retired economically independent.

His greatest accomplishment was raising an active LDS Church family with his wife Olive.

**Impressive changes:** Don remembers living without electricity. Ice was delivered weekly to put in the ice box. Candles and oil lamps were used for light in their home at night. He saw firsthand the birth of automobiles, talking movies, dial telephones, black and white television and then TV in "living color" and of course the evolution of air travel from the Wright Brothers to modern air travel today. Computers, cell phones, internet and social media have since passed him by including many of us as well.

**Secret to longevity:** Not drinking alcohol, not smoking and no wild women.

**Best advice:** "Live the gospel just as close and strict as you can. Be a good citizen and don't get into trouble. Obey the laws."

**Descendants:** Seven children, thirty-seven grandchildren, ninety-nine great-grandchildren, fifty-six great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-great-grandchild.



Donald and his family, undated

# George Koehler

George Koehler was born in 1916, in Aberdeen, Idaho. He was the fourth of fourteen children to be born to David and Christina Koehler. His parents (Germans) immigrated from Stahl, Russia to the United States and initially settled in Riverdale, Illinois.

**Outstanding memories:** The family moved from Illinois to Idaho, to Michigan, to Eau Claire, to Wisconsin, and then to Fresno, California. George started school in Berrien Springs, Michigan, in a one room school with all six grades in the one room. It was more than one mile to school and he walked in snow and rain. Speaking German at home and with neighbors, he first was exposed and learned English at school. As the family moved, he kept changing schools, stopping at the eighth grade in Eau Claire, Michigan. After they moved to Fresno, California, he completed his education by completing the twelfth grade at Roosevelt High School. The family moved from Wisconsin to Fresno, California in November, 1931. Some rode inside of the Oldsmobile and some in the trailer they were towing with all of their belongings. George was the navigator, using the map and telling his father where to turn. The family would work in the orchards and fields in order to sustain themselves.



George and Rose, 1937

When George turned seventeen, he went to work for what became Roma

Winery. At the time, it was touted as the largest winery in the world. He started as a janitor and worked his way up to manager of the Materials Handling Division. He remained remaining at that position until he retired at the age of sixty-two. His responsibilities included the warehouse, bottling, shipping, and vehicle repair shop. He met Rose Karst, the love of his life. When picking up her and another girl from the movies in his Essex Roadster, he made sure that Rose was seated next to him. They dated and he asked her father for her hand in marriage. He said, not until she was eighteen. They were married soon after she was eighteen. Over the years, traveling was enjoyed by both, including trips to Europe, Alaska, and numerous other locations across the country. Other things they enjoyed included boating and fishing. George's secret to his longevity is getting plenty of exercise, eating wholesome food and a strong belief in God.



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

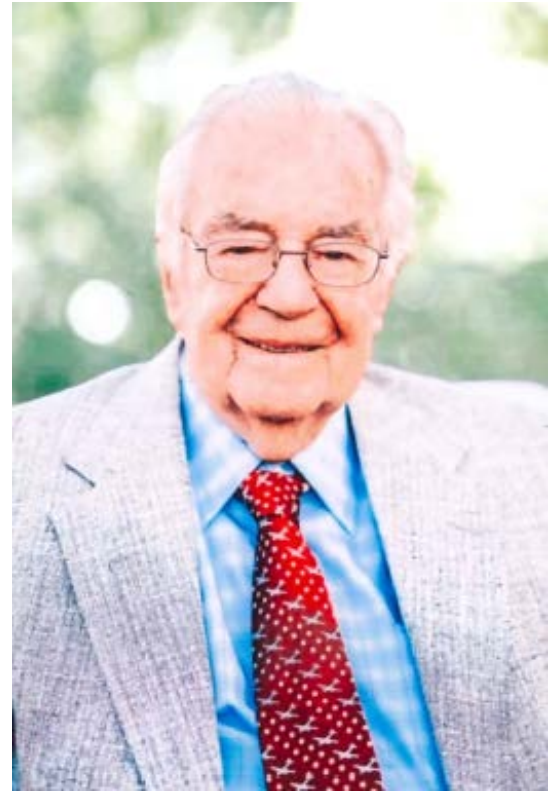


# Robert Farr Larson

Robert Farr Larson was born on a cold snowy night in 1919, to N. Leon and Verna Farr. His father hitched the horse to a buggy to drive his mother five miles from the family farm to the small town of Gunnison, Utah, where Robert was delivered by a midwife. He was the second child of five with two brothers and two sisters. He is the only surviving sibling.

**Education:** Robert attended schools in Gunnison and graduated from Gunnison Valley High School. Along with his brothers and sisters, he walked one mile to the bus stop, sometimes with snow to their waists, then rode four more miles to school.

**Outstanding memories:** Robert was raised on the family farm and felt lucky to have his grandparents living close by. His duties were tending the sheep, milking the cows and cleaning the chicken coops. Hard work was instilled in him at an early age. His first adventure in traveling was in 1938. With a group of four, he drove to San Francisco for the World's Fair. It was a great adventure! In Los Angeles, they paid thirteen cents a gallon for gas and four dollars to stay one night in a hotel, paying one dollar each. These were the days before sleeping bags, so the other nights they slept on the lawn with their blankets. After WWII began, Robert attended special training in Logan, Utah and became a propeller specialist. Shortly after, he was drafted into the Army Air Corps 334<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron and sent to the Aleutian Islands. He received an honorable discharge with the rank of corporal in August 1946 at Camp Beal, California. After the war, he settled down with his wife and built their first home in Gunnison, with much help from his father, a wonderful and precise carpenter. Robert always had a job working at local service stations and owned his own station at age seventeen. In 1952, he moved his family with his wife and four girls to Richfield, Utah and eventually became the owner of the Sevier School and Office Supply. He won trips to Mexico City and Bermuda for selling Royal typewriters. After thirty years, he sold the business and retired to become a cattle rancher raising purebred Charolais cattle. He later became a "gentleman truck farmer" with ten acres of delicious sweet corn, melons, tomatoes, potatoes, and a huge pumpkin patch. The family sold vegetables and fruits at their stands on North Main Street. Robert learned early that "retirement is a young man's dream and an old man's nightmare!" So, he kept right on working. His love of Vancouver, Canada led him and his fishing partners to buy a motor home and have a fishing boat built. They made over fifty trips with friends to their favorite fishing places in Canada. He and his wife and their favorite traveling companions loved traveling and visited all fifty states. They also traveled to Japan and Europe with family members.



Robert and his wife, undated

**Favorite accomplishments:** Robert was always active in civic and community affairs and served on the city council where he was instrumental in building a golf course and bringing a branch of Snow College to Richfield. He also served on the Utah State SBA Panel, he was president of the Rotary Club, president of the Richfield Chamber of Commerce, president of the Richfield Dancing Club, and president of the Knife and Fork Club. While a member of the Sevier Valley Hospital Board, he was appointed as finance chairman to raise money to build the new hospital. He was very active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints,

serving in every priesthood quorum, including elders' president; senior president of the 36th Quorum of the Seventies; high council in Sevier Stake and first bishop of the Richfield newly-established ninth ward. While serving as a new bishop, he raised money to buy a new chapel in the seminary building. His greatest accomplishment, along with his loving wife, was raising a wonderful family.

**Hobbies and activities:** Since Robert retired, for the third time, he does the morning crossword puzzle, checks the stock market, reads the morning paper, checks his emails, reads at least one book per week, and keeps track of players on football, basketball and baseball teams. He enjoys visits from family and friends and getting together for celebrations with his wonderful family.

**Secret to longevity:** Robert's secret to longevity is to keep breathing and to stay active. He's had a wonderful life and it is still wonderful. "Being old is the pits . . . but, it sure was a lot of fun getting here!" "I am very proud to be part of 'the greatest generation'."

**Best advice:** Robert's best advice is to decide what you want to do, then do it...and be honest.

**Descendants:** Four children, nine grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.



Robert, 1940

# M. Pearl W. Madison

Mabel Pearl Weatherston was born in 1918 in Plano, Idaho. Mabel was the third child born to Heber J. Watherston and Mabel Christina Hemsley Weatherston.

**Outstanding memories:** Pearl was born on her parents' farm. She went to elementary school in a four room building. She remembers when she was young and how she used to walk over frozen mounds of snow and breaking thin ice over frozen water around long winter days. Going to Sunday school with her grandma every Sunday and listening to her sing was joyful to Pearl. She played the violin, and she practiced it a lot. She went to Madison High School and graduated in 1936. She then went to beauty school in Idaho Falls and received a diploma and license to practice. She also went to secretarial school and received a diploma. She met her future husband and married in 1939 in Salt Lake City. In 1940, they went to San Diego, California. The war broke out and all the women worked in defense factories, including Pearl. She worked there for two



years. After she graduated from secretarial school, she and her husband moved to Los Angeles, California into a one bedroom apartment. Their only child was born, and Pearl stayed home and became a home mom until their daughter went to college. Pearl then took up oil painting. She painted many pictures for a long time, and she also played golf. Pearl had many church callings in ward and stake. She loved church work and ended up getting a job at her local church for data entry. They moved to St. George, Utah in 1981. They first bought a motor home and went traveling all Southern Utah. Traveling was very fun; she and her husband had many good times. He passed away in 1989 and she has been a widower for twenty-eight years.

**Secret to longevity:** "I did not use tobacco nor did I ever do drugs or alcohol."

**Best advice:** "There is enough bad in this world today so look for the good and you will find it."

**Descendants:** One child and one grandchild.



# Virginia E. Beyer Mason

Virginia Elizabeth Beyer was born in 1917, in Tremonton, Utah. The second child born to William Henry Beyer and Anna Rauber Beyer.

**Outstanding memories:** I was born on a farm in Tremonton, Utah. I went to Tremonton Elementary school. I finished the eighth grade in seven years. Then I went to Bear River High School and graduated. I went to Heneger Business College for one year. I went to work in the office of Utah Poultry for a short time. I was married in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1938. We lived on Waialua sugar plantation for many years, and during that time the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. We had what we needed for food and the climate was perfect. At one time, we were told we may have to evacuate to higher ground if it seemed we would be invaded. We were assigned to houses in higher areas. We were told to keep our radios on for announcements. They were advising people to evacuate in Honolulu; and we thought our call would be next, but the Midway battle changed the course of the war. We decided to move to Hood River, Oregon. It was not a satisfactory move, so we went back to the islands and the sugar plantation. Later on we moved to Rexburg, Idaho for a good many years. Our son, who was on a mission, was killed in a car accident in Austria. Many years after, one summer I decided to travel alone to Europe. I was able to visit many countries. Recently my granddaughter took me for an airplane ride to celebrate my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, which was very exciting!



**Descendants:** Three children and nine grandchildren.



Virginia (center) and her family on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday

# Harriet K. Matic

Harriet Kim was born in 1917, in Sandy, Utah in her parent's one bedroom home. Harriet was the second child born to Charles Albin Kim and Ingborg Marie Larson Kim.

**Outstanding memories:** In 1918, the family moved to Redwood Road in Taylorsville, Utah where her dad farmed his land. Harriet's mother, Ingaborg, passed away in 1922 from influenza. The family travelled to visit family in a horse and buggy. Her father bought a Model T Ford in 1921 which she learned to drive at eight years old. A coal stove warmed the house; and the kids hauled in water from the well to bathe and wash clothes, as they didn't have modern plumbing. She was a happy child who sought to involve others. She was the second of four sisters. Harriet remained the central figure to keep her four sisters united; the girls would come to Harriet for guidance, which continued throughout their lives. As a child, Harriet made clothes for her dolls; she loved to swim in the canal with her friends. She excelled in swimming at Granite High and earned a Red Cross lifesaving certificate. She was always one of the first kids picked to play baseball. When the soles of her shoes wore out, she filled her shoes with strips of cardboard. Harriet has always enjoyed playing games with friends and family. During the depression, her father would have the girls prepare meals for the vagabonds travelling through. She moved to New York in the Adirondacks where she met her first husband, they had three children. She and the kids returned to Utah during the war effort, and she met her second husband, Joe Matic, the love of her life. He was stationed in Kearns, Utah at the logistics division for the Army Air Corp. Harriet was assigned as his driver. She immediately stole his heart. Their first date was at the Wasatch Springs plunge where she won the swimming race against Joe. Joe and Harriet were married in 1944; later in the year, he was sent to the Philippines. Joe returned home from the Philippines to his wife and new daughter. Harriet started work for Mountain Bell in 1946. As a service assistant her responsibilities consisted of managing the operators; she was later promoted to a ticket investigator and service observer where she rated the employees on accuracy; she retired in 1970. After retiring from the telephone company she went on to manage three beauty salons with forty-five employees.



**Favorite accomplishments:** As a child, she wished to become an aviator or professional baseball player. As a youth, her favorite accomplishments were competing and excelling in athletic events. As an adult woman, it was raising a family. Harriet enjoys the bonding of friends and family during games.

**Impressive changes:** Long distance travel improved from days to hours, the introduction of modern kitchen appliances, modern medicine improving lives, speed of communication changed from days to seconds and putting a man on the moon.

**Hobbies and activities:** At 102 years old, Harriet still plays bridge once or twice a week.

**Secret to longevity:** Harriet credits her longevity to not worrying and stressing. Her desire to be responsible for others and to being a caretaker has made an impact in her life.

**Best advice:** "Do your best daily and be free from regret. Be a problem solver. Accept the past and progress forward."

**Descendants:** Seven children, nine grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.



# Dorothy McAffee

Dorothy Mildred Hardman was born in 1918, in Alberta, Canada. Dorothy was the twelfth and last child born to Jacob Hardman and Charlotte Hannah Dearden Hardman. Dorothy has outlived all her siblings.

**Outstanding memories:** Dorothy spent her early years following her father around the farm. When Dorothy was six years old her dad passed away and the family moved to Magna, Utah. Dorothy was loved very much being the twelfth and last child. Dorothy loves Utah and has a deep appreciation and love for the mountains and all of God's creations. The love for mother earth and its beauty is something she has instilled in all of her children and grandchildren. Dorothy and her husband, Bruce Sparks have traveled to all borders and across the United States many times in their recreational vehicle. She loves Big Cottonwood Canyon, where she used to go camping as a child with all of her brothers and sisters and their children. Her favorite memories growing up will include dancing at Saltair. The Big Band leader, Tommy Dorsee, saw Dorothy in the audience and called for the "cute brown eyed girl" to come up on stage and lead the band in their next song. Dorothy is a natural artist, homemaker, and she enjoys canning; she makes the best chili sauce! She taught everyone she knew how to pray and stay close to our Heavenly Father. Her children are her pride and joy. Her first job was at ZCMI in Salt Lake City, Utah. At one point, Dorothy moved to Washington State and she was able to work with the men and women who built the atom bomb. Later on in life, Dorothy worked as a dental assistant. She worked for JPL Jet Propulsion Laboratories in California at the time they were making great trips into space. Dorothy also worked for Congressman, Ron Packard, and his two re-elections in Carlsbad, California. She was the president of the Red Cross in San Juan County, Utah. She owned Carolyn & Carron Press Shop. She owned Colonial Beauty Salon in Sugar House, Utah. She loved working at the State Capitol. Dorothy at one point received a thank you card from the president of DuPont Companies and she also received a recognition letter from a United States President.



**Impressive changes:** There are a lot of technological changes from 1918 to 2018. Dorothy remembers moving their household items and livestock from Alberta, Canada to Salt Lake City, Utah on horse drawn flat beds and trains, she now compares it to using moving vans and airplanes, it's very impressive. From party line telephones to cell phones, from wringer hand washers to electric washers and dryers; from horse drawn carriage to electric cars and R.V's; it's wonderful and challenging!

**Hobbies and activities:** Dorothy enjoys making paper flowers for Memorial Day. She designs and sews doll clothes too. She paints oil paintings. She loves music and dancing. She was president of her church quilting group for eight years and made many quilts.



# Stella Mark McComas

Stella Mark was born in 1917, in Detroit, Michigan to Antonio and Rozalia Mark, both immigrants from an area of Ukraine that was under the governmental control of Austria at the time of their births.

**Education:** Stella's education actually began long before she entered the school system. She and her brother learned English as they played on the streets of Brooklyn outside the delicatessen owned by her father. She learned math by being given the responsibility of making change for up to a dime in her father's grocery store, after they moved to the Los Angeles area when she was about four or five years of age. She was an avid reader and used to pull her wagon to the local library where she filled it with books on a variety of subjects, reading them as quickly as possible, so that she could go back and get more. She attended local elementary schools and was so intelligent that she skipped two grades. When she caught up with her brother, her parents wouldn't let her go ahead of him, even though the teachers wanted to promote her. She graduated from Lincoln High School in Los Angeles at the age of sixteen.



**Outstanding memories:** Her mother was quite ill for most of her growing years, and she spent a good deal of time alone reading or helping her father in his store. She had a few friends, but her parents didn't speak much English and so the family was somewhat isolated after they left New York. She was the May queen at her elementary school when she was in the third grade, which was very exciting, but it was also about that time that she learned to play the piano and she found a great deal of joy in learning as much as she could about all types of music. Some of her favorite times were when her father took her, on the street car, to see the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra. She recalls the day of the "crash", when she looked out the window of their apartment in the morning and watched the people going to work on the street car and then how devastated they all were when they returned that night... having lost everything. It left a lasting impression on her and may have been the cause of her frugality. She met Willis Frank McComas when she was fifteen, while playing the piano with a jazz band. It was in Pasadena at a location where young people came to dance. They married when she was barely eighteen, and they had a very interesting life together as they faced the challenges of being a young couple in a struggling society. They had three children with whom they instilled strong moral values and the importance of being thrifty. She was a wonderful cook, an accomplished seamstress, a community volunteer, and a loving wife and mother. Willis passed away over twenty years ago, and at that time she became a clown. Her name was Peek-A-Boo. She made all of her own costumes. She volunteered her time going to senior centers, participating in fund raising activities like cancer walks and Alzheimer runs. She also enjoyed entertaining young people with the expertise that she developed in making balloon animals. At age ninety-one, she went to a movie audition with her daughter and got a part in the film. She then continued to be cast in movies like "One Good Man" and "The Letter Writer", commercials, and even got to play the widow with two mites in a production of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints about the New Testament.

**Favorite accomplishments:** She was an accomplished pianist, her last "gig" being to play for the senior choir at the local senior center when she was ninety-three years old. She made most of her children's clothes, as they were growing up, and she could make a dollar go farther than just about anyone. She loved to travel with Willis, and they went on many trips throughout the United States, Asia, Europe, South America, New Zealand, and the

Holy Lands. They loved being together as they experienced different cultures. (She was quite courageous as she tried foods from foreign lands, but Willis was not so brave.)

**Secret to longevity:** Healthy food, exercise (she started doing yoga when she turned fifty-five years old), a clear conscience, debt-free living, and a positive attitude.

**Descendants:** Three children, fifteen grandchildren, thirty-two great-grandchildren and thirteen great-great-grandchildren.



Stella performing for a children's event, undated

# Anne F. McNeil

Anne Ford was born in 1917, in Centerville, Utah. She was the sixth child born to Jos N. Ford and Algie Walker Ford.

**Education:** I went to Davis High School, University of Utah, and Heneger Business College in Utah. At age fifty-five I started my own business in Walnut Creek, California, servicing seniors at Rossmoor Retirement Community. I sold my business and retired to Utah to be close to my family.

**Outstanding memories:** As the youngest of six children I learned at a young age to work beside my siblings and cousins. We worked hard and only had a day off on Independence Day and Pioneer Day. David McNeil was my high school sweetheart. We decided to get married in 1937 in the Salt Lake Temple. We had three wonderful boys; they all graduated from college and became very successful. They married wonderful girls. After the boys were grown we moved to California and later we moved to St. George, Utah. After Dave passed away in 1998, I moved to Salt Lake City, Utah.

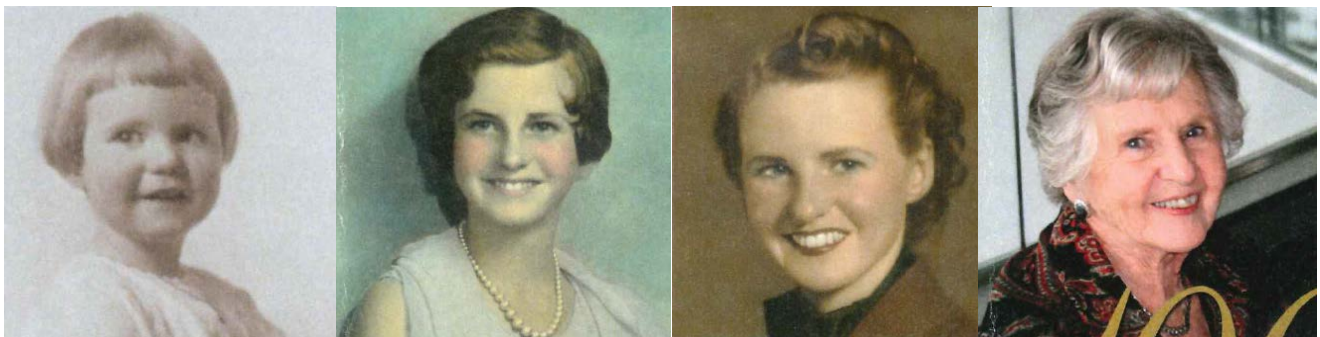
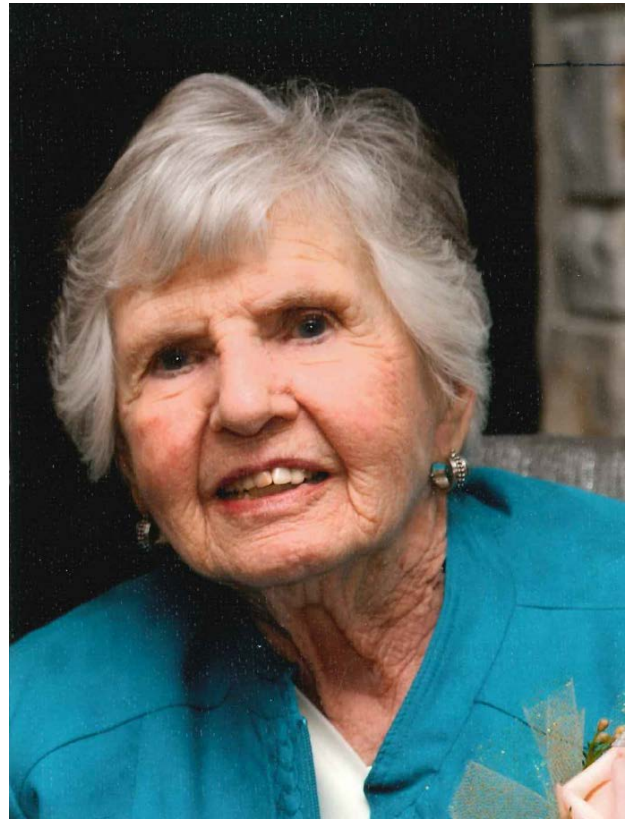
**Impressive changes:** The telephone, from calling the operator to smart phones. Automobiles, what a luxury! From coal stoves to electric or gas ranges; dishwashers, washing machines, clothes dryers and microwaves; from victrolas to radios and television; and airplanes, which has made it easier to travel.

**Hobbies and activities:** I enjoy playing bridge and board games. I like to read and knit.

**Secret to longevity:** Keep busy! Enjoy your friends, family and grandkids. Stay close to church. Keep eating healthy foods like vegetables and get plenty of sleep.

**Best advice:** Stay active as long as possible.

**Descendants:** Three children, twelve grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren.



Anne's pictures throughout her lifetime



**Secret to longevity:** “My secret to longevity is to stay in shape. Eat good, healthy foods and eat them slowly. Drink lots of water. Be happy, work hard, stay active and be social.”

**Best advice:** “If the pioneers can endure it, so can you. Don’t worry, this too shall pass. You are never too old to dance.”

**Descendants:** Five children, nineteen grandchildren, fifty-two great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.



Dorothy through the years

# Anna Olive Coleman Metz

Anna Olive Coleman was born in 1918, in Frostburg, Maryland, the second child born to Gurney Harrison Coleman and Nellie May Chaney Coleman.

**Outstanding memories:** I grew up in Frostburg, Maryland with my older sister. When I was twelve years old, a little brother arrived. My parents owned a little grocery store. While they worked at the store, I took care of my little brother. I remember dancing the Charleston and Jitterbug and all the current dances of the time. I danced every single night. I was always the happiest when I danced. After I graduated from high school I met my future husband Les Metz who was ten months older than me and lived in the next town. We dated for six years but couldn't afford to get married.

The war came and he was drafted in 1942. We decided to get married the same year. He was sent to England and he fought through the whole war and we didn't see each other for four years. Our only way of contact was through letters. We had over seventy happy years together and he was always the love of my life.

**Favorite accomplishments:** My favorite accomplishment has been my career as a nurse. I graduated as valedictorian from Brigham Young University; that was also a great honor. I worked at LDS hospital for twenty years. The last five years I was head nurse in labor and delivery.

**Impressive changes:** All of the current technology! There was no television when I was small, when we had a phone; it had to be shared with other people. Now everyone has a phone.

**Hobbies and activities:** Appreciate every day and every friend.

**Secret to longevity:** My parents took good care of me, they fed me well. I danced in my youth which was good exercise and in my later years, I walked and worked out at the gym.

**Best advice:** Keep moving and never sit in the rocking chair. Have lots of friends. I am so happy to have the same friends I had before the first grade, one of them lives in the east and I live in the west and we still communicate.

**Descendants:** None.



Nursing School graduation picture



Les and Anna, 1942

# Elizabeth Gallegos Montoya

Elizabeth Gallegos was born in 1917 in Del Norte, Colorado. She was the third child born to Diego Gallegos and Eleanor Romero Montoya.

**Outstanding memories:** When I was eighteen, I worked doing domestic duties. I soon met Louis Montoya, my future husband. We were married in 1935 in Del Norte, Colorado at St. Mary's Catholic Church. We both worked for a dollar a day; we saved up twenty-five dollars with which we bought a Model T Ford. My husband died in 2000, I am currently living in my own home. I belong to the Red Hat Society. I loved to dance. I used to go to the Murray Heritage Center; I enjoy staying active.

**Favorite accomplishments:** I was able to crochet some beautiful pieces. I used to make my own clothes, and I raised eight children.

**Impressive changes:** We went from riding horses to driving a car. From washing clothes on a scrub board to automatic washing machines. From cooking on a wood-burning stove to an electric stove. From horse and buggy to driving fast cars. I was able to drive my car until I turned 100 years old.

**Hobbies and activities:** I like to have lunch with my family and friends and I enjoy playing Bingo at the care center where I live now.

**Secret to longevity:** Eating healthy, exercise every day and do yard work.

**Best advice:** "Keep active and eat healthy."

**Descendants:** Eight children, thirty-four grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and a few great-great-grandchildren.



Elizabeth as a teenager, undated



Elizabeth and Louis, wedding day 1935



# Stanley Boyd Nance

Stanley Boyd Nance was born in 1918 in Garfield, Salt Lake County, Utah. He was the sixth of eight children born to James Milton and Ellen Alwilda Brady Nance. He has outlived all his siblings, except his youngest sister.

**Education:** At the age of five Stan's family moved to a farm near Sandy, Utah. This was the Brady farm where his mother was born. His dad had been asked by Grandpa and Grandma Brady to take over the farm. He attended Sandy Elementary School, Sandy Jr. High and graduated from Jr. LDS Seminary. He also graduated from Jordan High School and continued on with a one year post graduate degree. He enjoyed playing basketball and football while attending Jr. High and high school. With his father deceased, his sister, Beryl offered to either pay his way through college or for an LDS mission. He chose to serve an LDS mission.

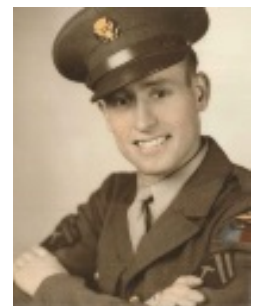


**Outstanding memories:** While his father was still living the family would vacation to Yellowstone National Park nearly every year where he learned to fish. His mother always worked hard to make their vacations fun and enjoyable. She was the "best mom ever." His father died when Stan was eighteen years old. At the age of twenty he received his LDS mission call to the wonderful and glorious islands of Tahiti! He served for one and one-half years before being reassigned for one year to the Texas-Louisiana Mission, due to World War II conflicts brewing in the Pacific. Stan met his wife, Helen through her missionary boyfriend as they served together as companions in the mission field in Texas. As soon as Stan was released from his missionary calling, he came home before his companion was released and dated his old companion's girlfriend: Helen Wardle. Stan and Helen were married in the Salt Lake Temple in 1942 with President Harold B. Lee officiated their marriage ceremony. A large reception followed that evening in the Lion House. Later on in his life he served a second mission to the islands of Tahiti in 1981-83 with his wife Helen. He served in the



Helen and Stanley's wedding day, 1942

U.S. Army in World War II and was deployed in every major military battle in the E.T.O. As a high speed Morse code radio operator, he drove a radio command vehicle in General Omar Bradley's 12th Army Group serving with Bradley's Secret Soldiers, known as the "Ghost Army of the E.T.O." While standing on the side of a dirt road just outside of Paris, France shortly after the invasion at Normandy, a French man in his 80's beckoned him to come into his home where he offered him a glass of cognac, which Stan refused, but asked for a glass of milk instead. With tears of gratitude for freeing his country from Hitler's reign, he offered Stan his World War I medal of honor, which Stan humbly accepted. That medal now hangs on the wall at Stan's home. Stan always made "fun with family" the center of his life. Year-after-year vacations were planned and always included the children. It was all or none!! Uncle Si's cabins in West Yellowstone was their summer home, spending time in the forests, traveling the park, fishing at Hebgen Lake and recording on 8mm film



Stanley in his military uniform, 1944

dozens of incidents with bears. And after all this, he would make time for homemade ice cream contests, and socializing with new found friends in Montana. Other vacations included trips to Apgar Village at Glacier National Park which were dream vacations. Family hikes into Trout Lake were often hindered by grizzly bears. One year, while traveling to Yellowstone, one of the kids made a sign that read: "Don't bother counting...there are "sixteen" of us! How all sixteen could fit, along with luggage into a station wagon was a miracle! After forty-four years of marriage, his sweetheart Helen passed away in 1986.

**Favorite accomplishments:** At the age of seven, Stan was a member of the National Geographic magazine club, where he loved to study the stars and the planet earth. He also loved to fiddle with his own inventions. He once made a gadget, (what would be called "a derrick") for hauling bundles of grass. Later on in life, his pursuits centered around real estate, insurance, and securities, where he was a member of the National Association of Security Dealers. He also worked in oil exploration, where he founded Utah-Ohio Gas & Oil Corp, Great Lakes Drilling Co. and Cambrian Equipment Co. He also founded Safari Travel Agency.

**Impressive changes:** As an avid home movie filmmaker, Stan has been very impressed with the progress of technology and filmmaking. His interest began making family movies in 1943 with a reel to reel movie camera, then a more modern 16mm color movie camera, and later a VCR camcorder. It is hard for Stan to believe movies can be made on a tiny 3"x 6" iphone and viewed on a flat screen TV.



Stanley and Helen with their fourteen children, 1962

**Hobbies and activities:** Stan has always maintained a very productive home garden. He spent over fifteen years helping his dad farm forty acres, and then later helped uncle Ken when he ran the Brady farm. Barrels of apple cider and the best watermelons in Salt Lake County were some of the harvest from the family farm. At the age of 90 Stan still planted and harvested home grown tomatoes, corn, cucumbers, cantelope, beans and peas, on his ½ acre lot. He also loves watching birds and squirrels feed from his homemade feeders. In the evenings, after the work is done, he enjoys watching any BYU or high school basketball, football, soccer or volleyball game. In the quiet morning hours, he enjoys reading the scriptures.

**Secret to longevity:** His mother's good cooking, home grown vegetables, traveling with children, lots of whole milk and cream, fresh eggs, bacon and butter! And eating a little dark chocolate everyday.

**Best advice:** Listen to your parents. Experience is worth more than gold.

**Descendants:** Fourteen children, fifty-three grandchildren and ninety-seven great grandchildren.

# Myrra Ann Williams Newton

Myrra Ann Williams was born in 1918, in Victor, Idaho, the fourth child born to David Edward Williams and Chloe Ellen Ashcraft Williams.

**Education:** Myrra attended Elementary School, Jr. High, and High School in Price, Utah. She graduated from Carbon High School in 1936. She graduated from Brigham Young University in 1941 with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and a teaching certificate.

**Outstanding memories:** Myrra's early memories of growing up in Price are centered around her family. As the only girl in her family, Myrra spent her early years playing sports with her brothers. She remembers Price as a wonderful and diverse place to grow up. The coal mines brought people from many different cultures to Price. It was a busy town where many people who worked in the nearby coal mines came to shop. When the coal miners would go on strike and march through the town she remembers it was an exciting time. Myrra attended Brigham Young University during the WWII years. Since most of the men were away at war it was mainly girls who were on campus. After graduating from BYU Myrra had several jobs she enjoyed. Myrra worked as an accountant and secretary to the manager of Associated Foods when the business was first getting started, taught school in the high school in Idaho Falls, worked for the Fabian, Clendenin, Moffat, and Mabey Law Firm in Salt Lake City, and then moved back to Provo to teach in the Business Department at Brigham Young University. While teaching at BYU she married her husband, Sammy Nathan Newton when he returned home from the war. He also was an educator and they moved to Salina, Utah where he taught school and she began to raise their children. In 1954 Myrra and Sammy moved to Bicknell, Utah where they both began working for Wayne School District. Myrra loved teaching and taught Business classes for over twenty years in Wayne High School. She is still living in Bicknell, Utah.



**Favorite accomplishments:** Myrra feels raising her three children to be good educated members of society is her best accomplishment. She also has been an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and has served in many areas. She worked in the Manti Temple for many years. Myrra's favorite way to serve in the church though was to teach. She continued to teach lessons in church until she was ninety-two years old.

**Impressive changes:** Myrra has seen many things change. One of her early memories as a child was sitting around their family's first radio listening as her father tried to get as many stations as possible. They were astounded when they got a foreign station. Now with the internet and media she knows what is happening all around the world. She also remembers their first telephone in their home and the early "Party lines". Now she texts family members with her cell phone and marvels at the way she can keep in contact with grandchildren and great-grandchildren all over the world.



**Hobbies and activities:** Myrra is an avid reader. She reads every genre but especially loves a good mystery book. She has a Kindle and an iPad which she uses to read a large variety of materials and information. Myrra is a big sports fan. She loves to watch all the BYU sports on TV and hardly ever misses a Utah JAZZ game.

**Secret to longevity:** Myrra attributes her longevity to her heredity. Her mother and three of her brothers all lived into their nineties.

**Best advice:** “Get a good education. Get as much education as you can. Education opens up the world to you.”

**Descendants:** Three children, eleven grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren.



Myrra's BYU graduation picture, undated

# Glenn C. Osborne

Glenn Clare Osborne was born in 1915 in Frisco, Utah. He was the youngest child of Michael Henry Osborne and Clarissa Augusta Ferguson Osborne. He had two brothers and one sister.



Glenn as little boy

**Outstanding memories:** Glenn started school at Ely Elementary School in Ely, Nevada and finished at Brea Elementary in Brea, California. He attended Brea Olinda High School and Union High School in California. He particularly enjoyed studying mathematics and physics. Glenn's early childhood years were spent on a ranch in a canyon known as Big Wash just southwest of Garrison, Utah. He moved with his sister and mother to Ely, Nevada, and in 1927 the family moved to California. After high school they moved back to the ranch. At the age of twenty-seven in 1942, he was drafted in the Army Air Corps. In the service he went to Mechanic School at Shepherd Field Texas and Chevrolet Pratt and Whitney School in Detroit. He trained airplane crews to replace those who were lost on their missions. He worked on B17's and B24's. He served for three years, five months and seventeen days. He met Marie



Billie and Glenn, 1967

Tuttle while he was stationed at Mountain Home Air Base in Idaho. They began to date and were soon married. After his release from the service they returned and he went to work at Big Springs Ranch near Garrison, Utah. He worked with as many as 1200 head of cattle, some days traveling great distances because the ranch stretched over fifty miles. He worked there just short of thirty years. He became interested in rocks and found some snowflake obsidian north of Black Rock, Utah. His wife Marie was killed in a mine accident in 1965 while they were mining there. He married Billie Stoker in 1967. They spent thirty-three years together.

Glenn has always enjoyed getting plenty of exercise. After retirement he began walking three to four miles a day. He believes that people who sit in their rocking chairs and don't move much will be finished off in no time at all. Besides being born with a good body, he takes care of it by walking every day, eating lots of vegetables, and not smoking or drinking. Glenn keeps his mind active by doing crossword puzzles, reading Scientific Magazine and watching TV. Glenn still mows his own lawn, drives where he wants, cleans his own house, and gets by with his own cooking.

**Descendants:** Five children, twelve grandchildren, forty great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

# Thelma F. Patton

Thelma F. Patton was born on a snowy morning on a farm in Missouri in 1915.

**Outstanding memories:** I sadly became a motherless child at age three. I was the middle child, with one older sister, and one younger brother. I won my school letter for debating on the subject of Social Security. I graduated third in my class of thirty-three. I started my first real job, sight unseen, because of my good handwriting. I worked for Civil Services before WWII in D.C. I rented a room in the home of Alice Roosevelt Longworth on Pennsylvania Avenue which had been turned into a boarding house. I met my first bed there. I left D. C. and rode a bus across the nation to Spokane, Washington, where my brother was stationed in the Air Force. While there, I applied for a job with Employment Services and I was hired to work for the Air Force. While working for the Air Force I was able to travel in a B-17 bomber on a business trip. I was a Red Cross Nurse Aide during WWII and I sharpened needles for injecting medicines. I traveled a lot. While in Colorado Springs, I rode a burro (donkey) half way up Pikes Peak, I dragged him the rest of the way. He gladly walked down later.



I met my Romeo at Camp Carson, Colorado, at a dance at the Rendezvous Ball Room. Pat and I were engaged on New Year's Eve, 1945 while dancing to Lawrence Welk in Kansas City. My fiancée felt he had to get a job so he went to California while I stayed back in Colorado. For a while ours was a long distance romance. We married in a Baptist Church in California. The wedding was arranged by a friend of Pat's. I made my own wedding dress and our total wedding expense was \$150. In our first apartment we washed dishes in a laundry tub. While we lived in Kansas, Missouri, we saved an apricot crop from freezing with Christmas tree lights. Between Pat and me, we lived in twelve states. For a while we lived in a 25' x 8' trailer with a baby two years old, while Pat finished his degree at the University of Missouri. During those years, we helped build three churches and one temple. For twelve years I volunteered to teach crochet to young men in detention at Decker Lake Youth Correctional in Salt Lake City, Utah. During my years living in Utah I have been a Relief Society president three times and Stake Primary president for almost eight years. I am now learning to teach a Sunday school class! May God support me!

**Descendants:** Five children, fourteen grandchildren and eleven great-great-grandchildren.



# Marcella V. Petersen

Marcella Vachta was born in 1916 in Protivin, Iowa. The first child born to Fred Vachta and Regina Sobolik Vachta

**Favorite accomplishments:** I attended elementary school and graduated in 1933 after four years of high school in Protivin, Iowa.

**Outstanding memories:** My parents decided to move from Iowa to California. I remember the first time I saw orchards of orange trees full with ripe fruit. To me it was an awesome sight. Marrying my husband and having my children, traveling to Hawaii, moving to Utah at age ninety-five, and being made a member of the “Century Club of Utah “by Governor Gary R. Herbert are cherished memories to me. My husband passed in the mid-nineties; we were married for fifty-four years. My oldest son passed away in 2003.

**Impressive changes:** I remember being in awe when I saw for the first time orchards of orange trees with ripe fruit on them. We had wood stoves with a hot water reservoir on the side, kerosene lamps, and we washed dishes by hand. I think the cell phones, e-mail and computers are modern miracles. When my husband and I got married, it was war time; it was impossible to find a washing machine. I had to use a washboard and tub to have the laundry completed and I was ironing every day, now they have non-ironing clothes! I also had to wash diapers every day, no “Pampers” back then.

**Hobbies and activities:** When I was young, I wrote poems, I did oil painting, gardening, cooking and made up cooking recipes. Because of arthritis I can’t do much but I love to read and do cross-word puzzles.

**Secret to longevity:** I have never smoked or used drugs and try to live by the Golden Rule. I love God and he has been good to me.

**Best advice:** Live a decent, honest and healthy life. Treat people as you want to be treated. Believe in God and pray a lot.

**Descendants:** Three children, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



# Edith Carlquist Reed

Edith Carlquist was born in 1917, in Salt Lake City, Utah, the fifth child born to Carl Hjalmar Carlquist and Ethel Rich Carlquist.

**Outstanding memories:** I was born two days after the false armistice and two days before the real armistice of WWI, in 1917. I was the fifth child of nine children born to my parents. Except for the oldest sibling, we were all born in the craftsman style home designed by architect Richard Karl August Kletting, who also designed the Utah State Capitol. Liberty Park was only two blocks west on 1300 South. Church was on Browning Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> East. Emerson School was two blocks east on 1300 South. Our ward was within walking distance. It was a happy time in life. Then the Depression hit. The family moved to the Draper farm. It was one of the several farms my father owned. Dad was still in real estate and he coined the phrase “Draper, The Egg Basket of Utah” because raising chickens and selling their eggs was the cash crop. Rural Draper was beautiful. Across the street from the adobe two-story home we moved into there was a stream going into Bell Canyon. A wire cage was secured in it to hold and cool dairy products before we owned a refrigerator. One of my older brother taught me how to drive our 1927’s Marmon in our pasture (now the Draper Park). “Don’t ride the clutch!” he said, many times. The school bus picked us up for the ride to Jordan High School, I graduated in 1934. Getting to the University of Utah meant an automobile ride with my father in the morning and being picked up at night on the steps of



Edith as a young adult, undated

the campus library after school closed at 10:00 PM, then having to practice piano when I reached our Draper home no matter how tired I was. On Sunday evenings, Ruth Hardy and I played a two piano piece. I graduated in 1938 with a B.A., music major from the University of Utah. That fall I was lucky to be hired as the music specialist of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Emerson School, the school of my childhood. I saved some money and I enrolled in Teachers College in Columbia. I lived in a dorm; fortunately, Maria Duggan hired me to work in the student welfare office. In those pre-technology days student employment records were on file cards. I also had a job at the YWCA in the Bronx, New York, organizing activities for young women to explore “The Big Apple”, some of the women had never seen the Statue of Liberty. A few days before graduating from Teachers College my oldest sister passed away and the faculty waived my graduation attendance so I could return to Utah for the funeral. My next teaching job was at the Hamilton School in California. Six months later I embarked to North California as a missionary for the LDS church. Music was always a factor in my missionary life but it was secondary to the main purpose. V.J. Day (Victory over Japan Day) was a tremendous celebration in California. Before I left Santa Rosa, California

as a missionary, I was hired to teach choral music in the middle school. I came home to Draper, Utah for Christmas vacation and I ran into my future husband, John G. Reed a teacher I had known in the Salt Lake City schools. We made plans to be married after my Santa Rosa teaching job was fulfilled, in May 1948. Being a wife and a mother and



experiencing the joy of life and the sorrows of death, of guiding the earthly development of those children dear to your heart till they leave home has been the highlight of all my life. In 1949 we bought a home in Salt Lake City, five blocks away from the home of my birth, I call that “full circle!” It was hardly the answer to our prayers but through the years it has been transformed into a place of peace and beauty with a lovely garden. Teaching music, associating with so many delightful people, sharing the love of people and music has been pivotal in my life. Walking my way through life and choosing to create a beautiful environment though gardening and music has been essential. I am a woman who has worked harder than anyone. I cared for my mother and at the end of her life she said “If I had to do it again, I would love, love, love!” So would I.

**Descendants:** 10 children, twenty-eight grandchildren and sixty-two great-grandchildren.



Draper High School Band, undated



# Erma Helen Rosenhan

Erma Helen Rosenhan was born at home in 1915, in Salt Lake City, Utah. The seventh child born to German immigrant parents, Friedrich Wilhelm Ernst Rosenhan, and Ida Rosa Anna Klara Gering Rosenhan.

**Education:** Erma attended Columbus School from kindergarten through seventh grade. She attended the “new” Granite Jr. High School for eighth through twelfth grades from 1928 to 1933. She maintained a B average. She attended the University of Utah for one quarter in 1940.

**Outstanding memories:** Erma lived in two homes in the Sugarhouse area. She lived on Green Street for eight years and then the family moved to Ashton Avenue; which she called home for the next ninety-five years. When Erma was in the third grade, her father was called to serve a two and a half year mission in Germany. A year after his return and the day after Easter, he died. Eight months later, her youngest sister contracted diphtheria and died on Christmas evening. Their home was quarantined; it was a sad and challenging time for her family. Erma



Erma, early years

and the other children worked odd jobs in order to survive. Years later, Erma was very involved in music. She took piano lessons from Frank Asper (Mormon Tabernacle Organist). She attended the McCune School of Music and enjoyed performing with The Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Erma had the opportunity to



Erma, 1938

travel. Her favorite trips were the Chicago World Fair Tour in 1934 and The Europe Tour in 1955. In the fall of 1938, Erma began serving her church as a missionary in Germany. She traveled by ship with several stops on the way. Ten months into her mission, she was in Essen, where she saw Rudolph Hess, the right hand man to Adolph Hitler. WWII broke out and she was part of the historical exodus of Mormon missionaries who “escaped in the middle of the night” as Germany closed the borders. She spent a month in Holland and then completed her mission in the Southern States Mission. Erma never married. Erma and her mother lived together until her mother’s passing in 1969. Erma lived by herself and maintained her home for another forty-eight years. She is devoted to family. She is generous, proud of her heritage, and a very loving person. Erma is committed to genealogy; she worked at the Genealogy library until she was 102 years old.

**Favorite accomplishments:** Erma’s favorite accomplishments include her genealogy research and commitment for the past eighty-two years to her ancestors and family. She sang with the Tabernacle Choir, starting at age eighteen and finished in 1958 when she was twenty-three years old. She was a switchboard operator for the Wasatch Division of The Telephone Company for five years before serving as an LDS



missionary in Germany and later the Southern States. Erma worked for the LDS church for forty-five years in the membership department and was the supervisor of the Financial Department. Her generosity to worthy causes such as the Food Bank, Salvation Army, American Red Cross, humanitarian causes, church, extended family and those in need, is exemplary.



Genealogy newspaper picture - undated

know I am old but I will do what you would have me do if you will help me and he always does. The Lord said if ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me let us always be kind to one another.”

“I believe in miracles. Miracles are the work of the Lord, and miracles truly never cease. Miracles, whether great or small, have been in place throughout my life.”

**Descendants:** Though she has not borne children, her posterity of those who affectionately call her “Aunt Erma” is as numerous as the stars in the sky and include the hundreds of thousands of her family that she has found through genealogy.

**Impressive changes:** Erma acknowledges the great inventions and developments from her youth until now such as electricity, radio, television, telephones, computers, cellphones, automobiles, trains and airplanes. These are all things she did without most of her life and feels her life was better without them. She loves simplicity.

**Hobbies and activities:** Her life has been devoted to genealogy research of her German ancestors. She has manually identified, linked and submitted over 400,000 family names going back to the year 1150 AD.

**Secret to longevity:** She strongly believes that eating healthy (as she says “I still have a healthy appetite!”) and avoiding sweets has helped her remain physically strong, along with staying active and walking. Erma reads the daily newspaper in its entirety every day, along with her scriptures, church magazines, and other books. She does not watch TV and loves to share her life’s experiences.

**Best advice:** “One person can make a difference no matter how old they are, so don’t give up. I tell the Lord, I



Erma (middle) with Alexander Shriner performing for The Mormon Tabernacle Choir, 1941



# Lola B. Smith Rowley

Lola B. Smith Rowley and her twin sister were born in 1919, in Roosevelt, Utah to Leo Fuller Smith and Ann Elizabeth Evans Smith. She was the first-born, and including her twin, had six sisters and one brother. Lola has survived all of her siblings.

**Education:** Lola graduated from Uinta High School and continued her education at the BYU Academy.

**Outstanding memories:** Lola remembers at about the age of six falling into a canal and her brother and sisters running to get her mother. Meanwhile, the pet dog, Old Jack, jumped in and pulled her out. The dog saved her life. Another memory is when she and her twin sister attended BYU Academy and planned to be teachers and go to Hawaii. Their plans changed when they both married before graduating. Her dream of going to Hawaii was fulfilled, however, during World War II. She went over on a convoy battleship with her first two babies to meet her husband. Lola traveled extensively with her husband visiting several countries and all of the states in the union.

**Favorite accomplishments:** Among Lola's favorite accomplishments are reaching 100, going to college and raising eight children.



**Impressive changes:** Lola finds travel an impressive change. She remembers walking, riding horses or using a horse and buggy to get places. When traveling from Vernal to Salt Lake City, they had to stop over two nights.

**Hobbies and activities:** She enjoys reading, crocheting, completing puzzles on her tablet and spending time with her family.

**Best advice:** Lola's advice is, "Families are important."

**Descendants:** Eight children, thirty-two grandchildren, sixty-seven great-grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren.



# Louise Puenzieux Schmidt

Louise Puenzieux was born in 1917, in Lausanne, Switzerland, the fifth child born to Charles Puenzieux and Louise Zingg Puenzieux.

**Education:** I went to school in Switzerland and graduated from high school there. I went back to school in the U.S. once my children were raised. I graduated from BYU at the age of fifty-six; I obtained a degree in secondary education to teach English, French and German.

**Outstanding memories:** I grew up in Switzerland where I have fond memories as a child. I was a member of the Church of Latter-Day Saints. I had a great desire to marry in an LDS Temple. I didn't have that opportunity in Switzerland so I immigrated to the United States on one of the last passenger ships to cross the ocean during WWII. I went through Ellis Island. I worked as a nanny in Boston for the son the Swiss consulate. I had met Ed Schmidt (my future husband) when he was a missionary in Switzerland. After I arrived in Boston he moved

there. We dated for a year then fulfilled my dream by getting married in the Salt Lake Temple. My greatest joy was raising six children in Salt Lake City.

**Favorite accomplishments:** I taught French, English and journalism at South and Cyprus High Schools. I served three full time foreign missions for my church with my husband to Reunion Island, Mauritius Island and French Guiana.

**Impressive changes:** I am happy to see all of the technology available to the younger generations.

**Hobbies and activities:** My activities are very limited because of poor vision but I love listening to music, conference CD's, attending church and Relief Society.

**Secret to longevity:** There is no secret. I don't know why I have lived this long, except it is the Lord's will.

**Best advice:** I think living the commandments of God brings more happiness and blessings than any other way of life. I would encourage all to obey them.

**Descendants:** Six children, twenty-nine grandchildren, forty-one great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.



Ed and Louise, 1946

# Mae Rindlisbacher Hilton Schmucker

Mae Rindlisbacher was born in 1918, in Salem, Idaho. She was the eighth and last child born to Swiss immigrant parents, Rudolf Rindlisbacher and Bertha Gross Rindlisbacher.

**Outstanding memories:** My parents were kind and gentle people. I don't remember any of my sisters or brothers arguing or fighting with each other. We lived in a two bedroom house and slept three or four in one bed. All of us were hard workers, we worked in the fields. We raised wheat, oats, hay, and beets which is very backbreaking. The snow was deep where we lived. It covered the fence post which was about four feet high. So we walked to school right on top of the snow and the fence post. When I left home we still did not have indoor plumbing, electricity, phone... nothing. My father died when I was about twelve, his death was very hard on the family; my older brother had to quit as a sophomore to run the farm. My mother was a very good woman. She took good care of us; she was a good cook and always made sure we had nice warm clothes for school. After graduating from high school in 1938, I went to Safford, Arizona to live with my sister. I helped her with her babies, a boy, a girl and a set of twins.

While in Safford, I met Alois Joseph "Al" Hilton. We were married in Lordsburgh, New Mexico in 1940. Al was a medic for the Civilian Corporation Corps camp. My niece said that when she saw Al's picture, she thought how handsome he was, "I thought that surely he must have been a movie star." Besides being a foreman at structural steel in Salt Lake City, he also was a renowned taxidermist. He mounted animals for Walt Disney, Yellowstone Park and various sporting goods stores. He specialized in mounting small to large sailfish. I once told my friend Ruby Bergen, "Oh, I would like to get on a bus and just go wherever it took me!" In 1948, my husband Al, the kids and I decided to travel the country; we began our trip in Pennsylvania and traveled all the way to the west until we made our home in Salt Lake City, Utah. Al died from a heart attack in 1969, far too young. In 1971 in Elko, Nevada, I married Percy Schmucker. Percy passed away and I took the Hilton name back. I have volunteered for over forty years at the Heritage Senior Center and Columbus Senior Center. I received the volunteer of the month from Salt Lake County and was in a parade, I had so much fun!



Al and Mae's wedding day, 1940



**Hobbies and activities:** I enjoy going out for lunch with my family and friends. I like car rides to Wendover. I like family get-togethers; Christmas and birthday parties are fun and lately, graduations.

**Secret to longevity:** "Live every day to the fullest!"

**Best advice:** Be as active as possible every day. Don't fret the small stuff.

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



# Carmen H. Shepard

Carmen Haltiner was born in 1915 in Logan, Utah to Ernest Haltiner and Emma Hollenweger Haltiner. She is the second oldest of nine children, she and three others siblings are still living.

**Outstanding memories:** The language we spoke in our house was Swiss. When we went to school it was difficult because we couldn't read English and had no one to help us learn it. Kids made fun of us because we didn't know English. We had a coal stove in the kitchen to cook and keep us warm. We would heat water for dishes, washing and bathing. We bathed in a round tub in the kitchen. We started with the younger children first and worked up to the older children. By the time I got a bath, the water was pretty dirty. We were very poor.

As a young girl, about six to eight years old, my father would take us out to the fields in the summer with no shoes to glean the wheat. I started babysitting for the neighbors when I was seven. When I was eight to twelve, I used to pick strawberries and raspberries when they were in season. At twelve I started doing housework for other people. I used to be so tired I would cry as I walked home from work, about two miles. My mother got sick and I had to stay home from school for three months to do the housework, cook and take care of the younger children. I never went to school activities because I didn't have a student body card. I had to work for the school just to pay my tuition. By the time I had the money, school was over. I had to attend school longer so that I could get enough credits to graduate from Logan High.



I met Cal Shepard in high school; we loved to dance. Cal won a contest enabling us to attend the dances for free for a whole year. We got married in 1936. Cal made ten dollars a week and our first apartment was fifteen dollars a month. We were sealed one year later in the Logan Temple. I lost three babies during the next eight years. A Stake Patriarch gave me a priesthood blessing when I was expecting my fourth child. In the blessing, I was promised that this baby would live and I would be able to raise a child. She was so tiny, weighing four pounds. Cal had been drafted and fought in WWII. At this time he was still in the United States, so the Red Cross brought him home because they didn't think the baby was going to live. She is now seventy-two years old. It was a hard time for me to be alone and raise a child by myself. I had one more child that lived for a short time. Later, Cal and I adopted a precious little baby girl. I am so thankful my parents joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and came to America. I have been active in the church all my life. I was especially fond of my callings with the Blazer scouts. I have experienced many tender mercies in my life and I have seen miracles. The gospel is my life; without it I am nothing.

I started my own catering business, Shepard's Catering. I was known for my lace cookie cups, chicken meatballs, quiche, chicken crepes, stuffed zucchini, stuffed pork chops and many other dishes. I worked for Neighborhood Garden Club, Floral Culture Club luncheons, General Authority luncheons, Ballet Guild, Relief Society Reception for fund raisers and



weddings, opening of Crossroads Mall, Modern Display, Intermountain Health, Skaggs, Winder Dairy, McKay family, Felt-Buhorn and many, many others. At age seventy-eight I built the Carmelle Reception Center, which I continue to help with.

**Hobbies and activities:** I have a large garden which I enjoy all summer long. Last year I made big batches of zucchini bread, lemon pies, cookies and jams. I love giving them away to friends and family. I raise geraniums every year by taking cuttings from the old ones. It gives me something to do every day. I love watching the jazz games on TV; and

I don't miss more than one or two games each season. I enjoy my children and foster children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren along with my foster grandchildren and foster great-grandchildren.

**Secret to longevity:** I think the secret is hard work and eating meals with lots of vegetables; keeping busy and helping others.

**Best advice:** Get a good education and learn how to work hard. Loving family and serving others has brought me great joy and happiness. Whatever you do, do it to the best of your ability.

**Descendants:** Two children, ten grandchildren and thirty-nine great-grandchildren.

# Robert W. Simmons

Robert W. Simmons was born in 1917, in Mira, Louisiana. Robert is one of nine children born to James Monroe Simmons and Bessie McLeish Simmons. Robert grew up working on a farm with his eight brothers and sisters.

**Education:** Robert completed his education at the sixth grade level in Marshall, Texas. He especially remembers learning the multiplication tables while attending elementary school in Campti, Louisiana. Robert has fond memories of his fourth grade teacher; "She was like a mother to me" and years later he went to visit her in a nursing home in Shreveport, Louisiana. As a teenager, Robert completed a four-year apprenticeship (schooling and working), which resulted in him becoming a machinist.

**Outstanding memories:** Robert's farming life taught him a lot about life. He left the farm at an early age to live with one of his sisters in Texas. During this time he worked for Western Union and the railroad for four years. Robert moved to New York where he met his wife Ruth, at the Percy Crawford Christian Camp (Poconos, Pennsylvania) and shortly afterward they were married in Brooklyn, New York. Also at this time, he spent three years and eighteen days in the Army and was in France and Germany during WWII. After returning from the war, Robert worked ten years in New York City in the movie industry, making the first colored movies and developing the first 3-D cameras. He then went to work for Lockheed Aircraft at Idlewild Airport (now Kennedy Airport) on Long Island, NY. It was at Lockheed that he spent sixteen years maintaining Air Force One – the VIP fleet from Presidents Truman through Nixon. Robert left Lockheed and moved to Texas to work for American Airlines and he assisted in opening the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport. It was several years later that he retired and moved with Ruth to Florida where they remained until her death in 1989. He moved to Goose Creek, South Carolina where he met and married his second wife Evelyn, and stayed there until her death in 2016. Robert is currently living with his daughter and son-in-law in Salt Lake City, Utah.



**Favorite accomplishments:** Robert's favorite accomplishment was his apprenticeship and the effect it had on his working life. Robert is most proud of his wife Ruth whom he was married to for forty-seven years, his family and his Christian life.

**Impressive changes:** Mechanical developments (automobiles, aircraft, etc.)

**Hobbies and activities:** Robert started riding motorcycles when he was eighteen years old until he was ninety-three years old and loved to ride Harley Davidson and other Japanese-made bikes. He also loved working in his own machine shop. These days he loves getting out in the warm weather, mowing the grass and tending to the family's garden.

**Secret to longevity:** Robert's Christian relationship with his creator has had a lasting effect upon his life.

**Best advice:** Respect your fellow man and be a blessing along the way.

**Descendants:** Four children, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

# Jewel Almira Pitcher Skousen

Jewel Almira Pitcher was born in 1918, in San Bernardino, California. She was the first child born to Hiram Nathan Pitcher and Myrtle Gertrude Barton Pitcher.

**Outstanding memories:** Jewel grew up in San Bernardino, California. She graduated from high school at age sixteen. Not long afterwards, Jewel received an engagement ring in the mail from her soon-to-be husband, W. Cleon Skousen who was obtaining his law degree in Washington, D.C. She was married to him at age seventeen in the Salt Lake Temple. Her parents were sealed on the same day. Jewel lived with her husband in D.C. while he finished his training in the F.B.I.



Jewel, one year old, 1919

Then a transfer took them to Glendale, California with their two little boys and baby daughter. In 1951 the family moved to Edgemont, Utah where Cleon taught at Brigham Young University. Five years later they moved to Salt Lake City so Cleon could serve as Chief of Police.

Jewel and Cleon traveled the world. They visited Europe, China, The Middle East, England, South Africa and South America, including Mexico. One memory that stands out for her is a special night in Israel on the little hills of Bethlehem. It was evening and the tour group sat on the boulders in the shepherd's field. She remembers gazing up at the silhouette of Bethlehem which stood out on the horizon and watching the tiny lights come on as the sky darkened.

LDS President Spencer W. Kimball was presenting a Christmas message when a shepherd boy came up over the hill where they sat, leading his sheep. When the boy realized there was a meeting going on, he immediately turned to his sheep and whispered to them "Shhh!" The bleating stopped and only their bells could be heard as they passed quietly through the astonished group. Jewel spent many years taking care of her daughter Kathleen, who contracted Nephritis (inflammation of the kidneys.) Nation-wide newspapers and international ones even down in Argentina, carried the story of the mother who operated the first dialysis machine in a home. Jewel was assisted by her teen aged son. She operated the machine for four years, giving her daughter a longer life. Jewel has always enjoyed music. She played the piano in Primary at age ten and took voice lessons from Richard P. Condie years later. She enjoyed



The Skousen's, 1965



being a chorister, singing in a trio and loved playing difficult pieces on the piano. She also took pleasure in sewing Easter dresses for her little girls and shirts for the boys. She crocheted baby clothes and other useful items as well. Probably the most notable accomplishment was proofreading all thirty-five books authored by her husband Cleon. She has written some poetry and also quips, "I color inside the lines."

**Hobbies and activities:** Jewel loves doing family history indexing (over 13,000 records so far). She loves gardening, kitty-cats, she enjoys watching the antics of her canary Sunbeam, and she is an avid reader. She likes adult coloring books and quiet moments.

**Secret to longevity:** "Just breathe deeply and regularly."

**Best advice:** "When advice is needed, consult parents, scriptures, spiritual leaders and Heavenly Father."

**Descendants:** Eight children, fifty grandchildren, one-hundred and sixty-five great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

## Jewel Pitcher, Cleon Skousen Are Married

A young San Bernardino couple exchanged marriage vows Friday afternoon in the Latter-Day Saints temple at Salt Lake City, Utah, when Miss Jewel Pitcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram N. Pitcher of 831 Trenton street, became the bride of Cleon Skousen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Skousen of 1409 Waterman avenue. The ceremony took place at 2:30 o'clock with high officials of the church officiating.

Accompanied by Mrs. Pitcher, the bridal pair left San Bernardino Monday, going by way of Napa, where Mr. Pitcher joined them for the trip to Salt Lake City. Mr. Skousen is on a vacation from the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C., and has been in California since July 23.

For her wedding the attractive brunet bride wore a white satin gown, fashioned in princess style, with tiny satin-covered buttons down the back and white lace insets in the long sleeves. There was a lace stand-up collar and the bride wore a gift from her mother, a coral clasp, at the throat, and the long white veil used in the Latter-Day Saints church ritual.

Immediately after the wedding the couple left for a trip through the east and Canada, motoring in a new car, which is the wedding gift to them from Mr. Skousen's parents. From Salt Lake City they will drive to Buffalo and Niagara Falls and go into Canada from there, visiting Montreal and other cities in eastern Canada. Returning to the United States their itinerary includes Boston and New York City, where they will meet Mr. Skousen's brother, Irvin, who will have returned from a two-year Latter-Day Saints mission in England. The bridegroom went to England on a similar mission several years ago.

Accompanied by Irvin, Mr. and Mrs. Skousen will continue to Washington, where they will reside at 2515 Thirteenth street, Northwest. Before resuming his duties, Mr. Skousen is planning to take his bride for a trip into Virginia and the Carolinas for a glimpse of the Old South, which neither has ever visited.

The romance began during school days and through mutual interest

## BRIDE IN UTAH CEREMONY



MISS JEWEL PITCHER, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Pitcher, who was married Friday to Cleon Skousen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Skousen, in an afternoon ceremony at the Latter-Day Saints Temple in Salt Lake City. High church officials pronounced the vows and the couple left immediately afterward for Washington, D. C., where they will reside.

in church activities, both families being active in the Latter-Day Saints church. The bride is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pitcher and is a native of San Bernardino, graduating from high school in 1935 and attending junior college last year.

Mr. Skousen was prominent in student affairs both in high school and junior college, having been student body president at the latter institution and commissioner of forensics at high school, from which he graduated in 1930. The two-year mission abroad interrupted his school career and he completed the

junior college course in 1935. He is a native of Canada but lived in San Bernardino the greater part of his life.

He is in Government service with the Department of Justice under J. Edgar Hoover and is studying law at Washington university. His bride also expects to continue her education in Washington, where they plan to remain for three years.

Jewel's wedding announcement, 1936

# Wanda May Hill Stone

Wanda Hill Stone was born in 1918, in a pioneer rock house in Mendon, Utah to James Leslie Hill and Echo May Sorensen. Her ancestors helped settle Cache Valley. Her paternal grandmother, Mary Ann Sorensen Hill, was the first baby born in Mendon in the log fort on Mendon square in 1860.

**Education:** Wanda started school in Garland, Utah and graduated from Mendon Elementary School in the eighth grade in May 1933 as valedictorian of her class. She rode the train to South Cache High School in Hyrum, Utah, where she played cornet in the band, and graduated in May 1937. She attended Henager Business College for nine months in Salt Lake City, while working for her room and board. She then attended agricultural college for one year in Logan, Utah.

**Outstanding memories:** At a few months old, Wanda was taken to Naf, Idaho to live in a log house. Her family and relatives were homesteading in the desert valley of Raft River. Her family then moved to Garland, Utah. Her childhood days were spent in Garland and Mendon. At age ten her childhood changed when she went to Mendon to live with her maternal grandparents. She helped them do all the things necessary to run a small farm and keep a household. There were cows to milk and pigs to slop, chickens to feed, wood to chop, butter to churn, bread to bake, flour sacks to bleach and soap to make, crops to plant and beets to thin, fruit to pick and jars to wash to for canning. There were socks to darn and clothes to sew, corn patches to weed and hay to mow. Clothes were scrubbed on a washboard -- rub-a-dub dub -- and weekly baths were taken in an old tin tub. Amid the work, there was time for fun. There were walks down the lane and hikes in the hill, a May Day celebration and the Saturday night dance, stolen moments for climbing trees and wading in the creek. Winters were cold with deep snow; flatirons wrapped in flannel warmed beds when it was twenty below. There was sleigh riding and winter time fun and stories around the coal stove when day was done.

During nineteen years of marriage, she and her husband had welfare children and a Native American student in their home. Wanda helped her husband manage several restaurant businesses. They divorced in 1958. She then went to work for the federal government. She chose to remain single the rest of her life. She had many joyful experiences while raising her daughter, babysitting her granddaughters, sitting overnight with elderly ladies, reading to the blind, being involved in volunteer service, and actively engaged in church service. After retiring from work, she traveled extensively in the states and foreign countries. She saw the beauty and wonders of the world from the frozen north to the warm isles of the sea, from ancient ruins in deep green jungles to timeless monuments in the burning sands of the Sahara.

**Favorite accomplishments:** Wanda taught herself to play the steel guitar, the piano and the small accordion. She sewed her own clothes for seventy-eight years on a treadle sewing machine. At age eleven she sewed her some underwear from bleached flour sacks. She is able to spell backwards. Being a lifelong member of the LDS Church she has held thirty-eight positions, done temple work, served a stake mission and was a visiting teacher for forty-eight years. From 1998 to the present, she has been a primary teacher. She has taught primary at the branch for the deaf and blind and has taught in the special needs primary. She has taught hundreds of boys and girls the gospel and had joy in seeing them grow into beautiful women and fine men. In 1940, she taught the eight-year-old boys in Sunday school and lived to see them become great-great grandparents.



**Impressive changes:** Wanda has seen changes too numerous to tell; but three stand out -- the coal oil lamp on the kitchen table to the bright long lasting LED light bulbs electricity has brightened and enlivened our world. The second change that stands out is going from a six-party line telephone that sits on your desk to a small hand-held smart phone/mini-computer you can carry around in your pocket that will tell you everything you need to know at the touch of a button. Last from rub-a-dub dub on a washboard to tossing clothes into an automatic washer has made wash day easy and pleasant.

**Hobbies and activities:** Wanda has compiled numerous daily and scrapbook journals. She loves music, reading, sewing and spending time with her family.

**Secret to longevity:** "Keep the body free of harmful food and drink, think clean loving thoughts, have proper sleep and exercise, do your work diligently, and have a grateful heart."

**Best advice:** "It isn't what you do, but how you do it; it isn't what you have, but how you use it that makes this life worth going threw [sic] it."

**Descendants:** One daughter, two granddaughters and four great-grandchildren.



Wanda May Hill Stone, undated



# Enedina Astorga E. Stubbs

Enedina Astorga was born in 1917, in Silt, Colorado. Enedina was the fifth child of ten children born to Gregorio Astorga and Euphemia Sena Astorga.

**Outstanding memories:** I attended North Denver High School where I took shorthand, booking and business courses and received my high school diploma. When I attended school it was not a priority for a girl to receive an education. It has always been a priority in my life, no matter the circumstances, to work hard and to receive the education I needed to move ahead. We settled as a family moving from Colorado to Idaho Falls, Idaho. At age eleven, my siblings and I were orphaned. Four of the siblings remained in Idaho Falls working and/or marrying. Four of us were sent to live with relatives and the two youngest were sent to the orphanage in Boise, Idaho. Even though the family was scattered they were not forgotten and we never lost hope of reuniting. I kept in touch with six of my siblings going to school and working to help support myself. After graduating from North Denver High School, I caught a bus and came to Salt Lake City, Utah where I was reunited with my six siblings. In 1939, I married and had two children. In 1947, I divorced and raised my children as a single parent, working as a waitress. In 1959, I had an opportunity to go work for Eimac on the assembly line. At the closing of my department, Eimac gave me an opportunity to move into the data processing department. I had no experience, but the opportunity was there and I took it. I went from using the key punch machine to the computer systems as we know them today. I remained at this position for eighteen years. I retired in 1977. In 1961, after searching for lost family members, namely the two siblings who were put into the orphanage, we were reunited. We met at Brighton Ski Resort along with approximately 250 members of our families. What a miracle and such a joyous time! In 1962, I remarried and remained married until 2011, when I lost my husband. He was ninety-five years old. During our life together, he bought me a new home which I never thought I would have. It remains my castle, where I still live today. We traveled, did family research and enjoyed family trips. We never gave up finding another family tie.



**Favorite accomplishments:** I am of Hispanic descent; I speak Spanish and have been able to take advantage of this throughout my life. I have enjoyed volunteering, receiving recognition as Women of the Year Award through St. Therese Child of Jesus, Catholic Church and a plaque from Salt Lake County for the services rendered at Midvale Senior Center. There I participated in the computer and set-up services, teaching, quilting and helped wherever needed. My hobbies are sparse now but I have enjoyed making ceramics, crocheting and knitting.

**Impressive changes:** From kerosene lamps to electricity. From pop belly heaters fueled by coal or gas to electric stoves and heaters. From Flour Sack dresses and long silk stockings to store bought fashions; from dresses to pants. From yelling out the front door to telephones with the old party lines to the cell phones, computers, tablets and many other multimedia medium devices. The advances in the medical field, the medical procedures, medications and means of caring for

complicated individuals and their problems. In 1955, because of a double heart defect at birth, my son who was eight years old, required open heart surgery. He came through the surgery as the first juvenile to survive open heart surgery with the use of the heart lung machine. In 1965, at age eighteen, he went through another open heart surgery. Through the grace of God, lots of prayers and an outstanding surgeon, Dr. Russell M. Nelson, along with all of the medical advances made it possible for him to experience many things throughout life. He is now seventy years old.

**Hobbies and activities:** My family keeps me active and busy visiting and traveling to Star Valley, Wyoming in the summer and Hurricane, Utah in the winter. I attended Midvale and Hurricane Senior Center where I direct the card game and skip-bo. Life is great. My favorite TV shows are Family Feud, Dr. Phil, CNN, MSNBC and taking afternoon naps (primarily after each meal which didn't happen until I turned ninety.)

**Secret to longevity:** The loss of my mother at age eleven and the separation of our family, the birth of my children, the reuniting of our whole family, my second marriage to a wonderful man, remembering the love of family; It all came about through the grace of God.

**Best advice:** "Be proud of who and what you are. Never give up. You are never given more than you can handle. Be patient and enjoy your life. Keep it clean."

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



Enedina, two years old, 1919

# Richard Thorley Stucki

Richard T. Stucki (Stuke to his friends) was born in Cedar City, Utah in 1918. He is the oldest of four sons of Samuel Benjamin Stucki and Ann Stewart Thorley Stucki. One brother is still living. For the first several years of his life, the family lived with his mother's father, Richard Aldredge Thorley, in his home on Main Street in Cedar City.

**Outstanding memories:** When Richard was about six years old, his parents built a home just a few blocks southwest on 300 West. Richard spent his growing up years climbing fruit trees, teasing his sisters, "borrowing" fresh baked pies cooling on his aunt's kitchen window sill, herding sheep with his uncles on top of Cedar mountain, visiting his Stucki cousins in Santa Clara and just plain having a great childhood. He attended elementary school and junior high school in Cedar City. He also attended high school, which was a joint venture between the local school district and the Branch Agricultural College (BAG).



In January of 1941, Richard joined the National Guard; and in March of that same year, he was sworn into active duty. He attended artillery school and became the unit's artillery mechanic. The entire 222 field artillery unit from Utah was deployed to Manila that fall and scheduled to leave out of Oakland Harbor the first part of December. Richard remembers on the day they were to leave, two of their three ships were loaded and heading out to sea. He was scheduled to leave on the third ship. They waited and waited with their barracks bags on the shore but were never called to board. Then word came that the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor. It was December 7, 1941. The earlier ships returned to port.



Richard, 1943

At this point, Richard decided he would like to apply to be a pilot. He already had a private pilot's license. Of the group of thirty-five candidates for pilot training, there were only two accepted, and Richard was one of them. After receiving flight training in Santa Ana California; Blythe, California; Lemoore, California and Douglas, Arizona, the entire group of new pilots was sent to specialized training to become pilot trainers. Richard spent the rest of his time in the service teaching young pilots how to fly the B17 bomber. Near the end of the war, Trans World Airlines (TWA) recruited Richard to fly for them. As soon as the war ended, he took a quick trip back to visit his hometown before going to Denver to begin a career as a pilot for TWA. He says he got off the bus in Cedar City and just knew that this was home. Although his parents and sisters had moved to Kaysville, Utah, so his father could help with the war effort at Hill Field Air Force Base, Richard wanted to stay in Cedar City. He sent a letter to TWA thanking them for their offer but told them he would not be accepting the position. Richard and a friend opened a small automobile repair shop in Cedar City called Stucki-Urie Repair Shop. A few years later they got the Rambler car dealership and the business became Utah Rambler. Sometime later, they added Plymouth cars, International trucks and Road Runner Travel Trailers; and the name was changed one last time to U&S Motors.



Shortly after Richard settled in Cedar City, he was invited to a dinner party where he met a cute young lady from Central, Utah in Sevier County. Her name was Gwen Anderson. She had come to Cedar City to teach school. Richard and Gwen were married in 1947. Richard set to work building them a lovely home on Dewey Ave that was just through the block from the home where he had grown up. Richard and Gwen raised their two daughters in that home. Richard was very involved in his community. He was a member of the Lions Club, the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, the American Legion and served seven years on the city council. Richard was a member of the committee that designed and built the World War II monument in Veterans Park. Richard and Gwen moved from their dear Cedar City home in December of 2014 to be near family in the Salt Lake area. Since moving to Salt Lake City, Richard has been able to go on a Veterans Honor Flight to Washington, DC, fly once again in a fully restored B17, and be an honored guest riding in a Willies World War II jeep in the Days of 47 Parade. Gwen passed away in September of 2016. Richard is now living with his daughter in Taylorsville, but in his heart, he will always be a Cedar City boy.



**Gwen and Richard, 1947**

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



**Richard (center) and part of his family, undated**

# Irva Sudweeks

Irva Sudweeks was born in 1919 in Widsloe, near Bryce Canyon, to Robert B. and Maud Snyder Gleave. She was the seventh of thirteen children.

**Outstanding memories:** The remains of the old schoolhouse, Irva attended until the eighth grade, are still standing. It's one of the few remainders of Widsloe, which is now a ghost town. She attended Piute High School in Junction, and her family moved to Kingston when she was seventeen. When Irva was born, transportation was limited to horse and wagon in Widsloe, Utah. "We didn't even have a buggy," she said. She spent her summers in Burro Flat. After graduating from high school, Irva married Bob Brindley in October 1938, and they resided in Angle with their three children. The couple had a farm when Bob unexpectedly died in 1946. Irva sold the farm, and then did everything she could to make a living for her and her young family. She sorted potatoes for everyone in Antimony, Junction, Kingston, and Circleville. She also landed a job wrapping meat. She decided she wanted to do something else, so she ran for Piute County Clerk as a Republican, a position she held for eight years. Her time in public office helped lead her to be the parent teacher association president, as well as the Piute County Republican party president. In 1947, she married Peter Sudweeks, and the couple resided in Kingston. Irva had four children: Charley Brindley, Cedar City; Bill (Joyce) Sudweeks, Kingston; (Linda) Brindley, Enoch; the late Jerald "Dude" Brindley; and Juana Englestead. After eight years as the county clerk, she applied for a job as the business director of the Piute School District. She retired from that position in 1986 at the age of 66. However, retirement didn't mean she quit working. Irva continued to irrigate, cut and haul hay. She still enjoys working in her yard.



**Favorite accomplishments:** That's not all she can remember. Irva can still recite the famous speech by Patrick Henry, "Give me liberty or give me death." Her keen ability to speak earned her many invitations to do so at public events in Piute County. She also is an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and has served in callings including primary, Sunday school, Relief Society, and was the Young Women president for many years. "Everybody knows mom," said Bill Sudweeks, Irva's son.

**Impressive changes:** In the past century, Irva said she has seen a lot of changes. "We've gone from horse and buggies to airplanes; that's quite a change," said Irva. Once as a teenager, she and a friend decided to attend a dance. They rode a horse, carrying suitcases and coats. The idea was to hit the main road and get a ride with the mail truck. However, the horse had other ideas and ran to the granary. Eventually, they got the horse turned around and back on the highway; but, by that point, the mail truck had passed. It was the kind of adventure that teens don't have these days. "Things were different then," Irva said. She said one thing that is striking is how much the towns and communities have grown. "Refrigerators have been a blessing," Irva said. As a child, she remembers the days of not having an option to keep food cool.

**Hobbies and activities:** Irva still drives herself places, lives on her own and can recite poems she memorized decades ago.

**Secret to longevity:** Irva says, "The only medication I take is Diet Coke. I should really be paid money from the Diet Coke Company for all the advertising I give them."

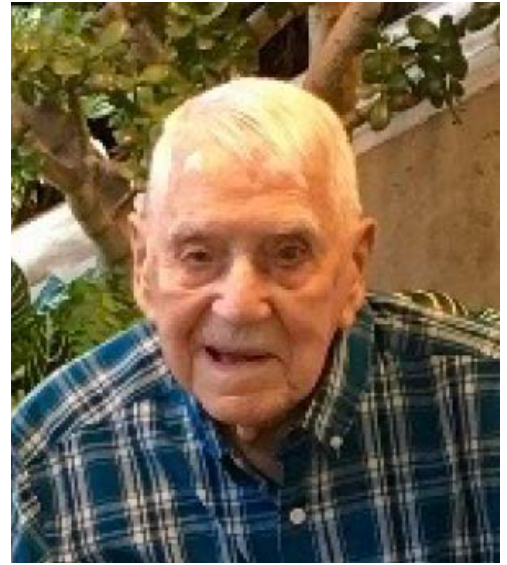
**Descendants:** Four children, twenty-one grandchildren, sixty-seven great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.



# Delmus Royal “Del” Thompson

Delmus Royal Thompson was born in 1918 in Midvale, Utah. He was the thirteenth child born to Neils Peterson Thompson and Johannah Mathilda Melchersson Larson Thompson.

**Outstanding memories:** Del is proud of his Danish and Swedish heritage. His mother was from Sweden and his father was from Denmark. Swedish was spoken in his home and his mother taught all her children to play the mouth organ (harmonica). Del has entertained children, grandchildren, great and great-grandchildren with his Swedish tunes played on the harmonica. He says there was always music, fun, laughter and love in his home. When Del was seven years old he went to live with an older sister, Florence. She and her husband had two little girls and wanted a boy, so Del lived with them until he was seventeen. This was done to help his parents with their finances. When Del moved to his sister’s home, he also changed schools from Midvale to Murray, Utah. His first day as a second grader at his new school also ended up being his first fist fight. He says a third grader came up to him and said, “All the new kids at school here have to fight me!” After school, Del went with the



Del (right) consulting with an architect, 1958

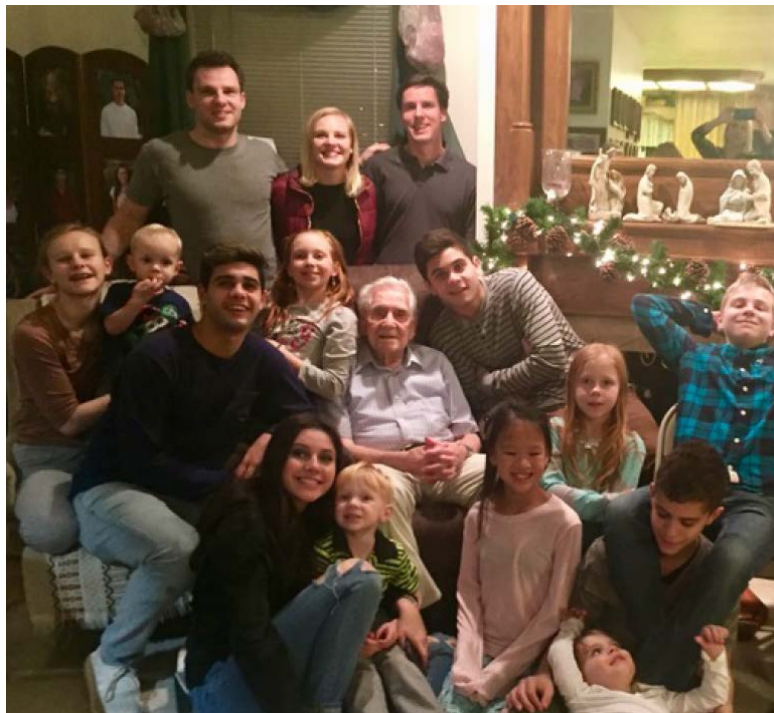
rest of the kids to a field by the school and the two boys lined up with their fists up, ready for the fight. Suddenly, a kid behind Del shoved him into the bully and his fist connected with the boy’s nose. The boy started to cry, saying “You bloodied my nose!” and the fight was over, with Del the winner. He says no one had any more trouble from that boy! Del learned early in life to be a hard worker. When he was ten years old, his nephew, who was twelve years old, talked him into trying to get a job picking beans. The man doing the hiring said they only hired kids twelve or older and that Del didn’t look old enough. At that point, his nephew spoke up and said, “He is old enough and I should know because he’s my uncle!” Del always gets a kick out of telling that story. When Del was sixteen years old, he bought his first car, a Model T Ford, for \$8.00. He fixed the back up so he could load it up with produce to sell, to help his family during the Depression. Only a year later, he joined the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) in Escalante, Utah and drove a truck for about five months. The CCC provided Del and the other young men with shelter, clothing and food. He was paid \$30 a month and sent \$25 home to help his family. After those five months, he was given a certificate stating he had been driving a truck for the CCC. With this certificate, he was able to get a job with a contractor who was building a road from Bluffdale, Utah to Camp Williams. Del says after that, he and his brother went every day for a week to the Brigham Copper Mines, trying to find employment. Their persistence paid off and they were hired to pour concrete at \$3.50 a day. Del worked twelve hours a

day until the project was finished. After that job, Del was hired as a truck driver by Utah Construction to help build the power plant in Magna, Utah. This job paid \$8.00 a day. He had been working as a carpenter’s assistant there for several months when the superintendent told Del he thought he would be a good carpenter. After a visit from a Representative from the Carpenter’s Union, Del started as a third-year apprentice and after three years of night school, became a journeyman carpenter. Del had begun his life-long career as a carpenter and as a member of the Utah Carpenter’s Local Union #184. In 2018, Del was recognized by the Utah Carpenter’s Union for being a member for seventy-six years. Del’s reputation as a master carpenter grew and he became well known as an honorable man with the expertise to get the job done right. For thirty-five years, he worked for Culp Construction as a superintendent over many projects. He says his favorite project and perhaps the one he is most proud of is the Salt Lake City Library (now The Leonardo Museum). He also was the Superintendent over the Student Union Building at Weber State College, Grantsville High School and



gymnasium, American Fork High School, gym and swimming pool, the Salt Lake City Fire Station on 2<sup>nd</sup> South, the Cottonwood Hospital and the Little America Hotel on Main Street in Salt Lake City. Del has also supervised the construction of fifty homes in Bountiful, fifty homes in the Fort Union area and several homes near the University of Utah. Earl Holding, the owner of Sinclair Oil Corporation, the Grand America Hotels and Resorts, ski resorts in Sun Valley Idaho and Snowbasin, near Ogden Utah, told Culp Construction they would not have to bid any more jobs for him, if they had Del Thompson as Superintendent! When Del was building the road to Camp Williams, he happened to stop at a little café in Bluffdale to buy a hamburger and met a cute waitress, Elna Mousley, who was filling in that day for someone else. He asked her out, they started dating and in 1939 they were married. On their fortieth wedding anniversary, they were sealed for time and eternity in the Salt Lake Temple. Del and Elna had one son. Del started bowling when he worked for Culp Construction, and then Elna decided she wanted to try bowling too. They turned out to both be great bowlers and between the two of them won many trophies. Del remembers when Elna made 800 points in three games and won both the high game and high series. They also enjoyed camping and fishing together. Del and Elna enjoyed working in the Jordan River Temple with her doing sealings. Using his own design, Del built a camper for his truck. Everywhere they went camping people came over to see his homemade camper! That wasn't the first or the last of his inventions. Del is very creative and skilled at whatever he does. He built his own home and the home of his son. He says it cost \$3000 in 1947 to build his home and he did most of the labor. When Elna was diagnosed with cancer, Del retired and took care of all of her needs. He could make a great rice pudding and hamburger casserole. Del lovingly cared for his sweetheart, Elna until her death in 1987. Del met his second wife, Ina Marie "Betty" Reed Cleveland, on a blind date, set up by his daughter-in-law Shauna and Betty's daughter, Ann. The first date was a great success, as they laughed and talked together. So, after falling in love all over again at age seventy they were married in 1988. From this marriage, Del gained two daughters and a son, along with their families. Del and Betty, now both 100, have had thirty wonderful years together. Del introduced Betty to camping and fishing and they spent many happy days at various lakes and reservoirs in Utah. There have been many trips throughout the United States, visiting extended family and enjoying all the grandchildren. Best of all, they have traveled the world together and have been on many cruises. They've been to Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark, Russia, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Israel, Austria, Hungary, Canada, Mexico, many Caribbean Islands, Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales and the Greek Isles. Del says that he couldn't have had any better wives and that he loves them both. Del and Betty still hold hands and enjoy sitting on the outdoor swing together. Every night, without fail, Del walks around their bed to give Betty a goodnight kiss as he tells her he loves her. Del believes the secret to longevity is to always keep active and have faith in God.

**Descendants:** Four children, nineteen grandchildren, fifty-two great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.



Del (center) and some of his family members, undated

# Roger E. Thompson

Roger E. Thompson was born in 1914, in Dawson, La Qui Parle, Minnesota. Roger's father died as a volunteer fire chief fighting an arson-set fire seven months before Roger was born. His mother worked at home as a dressmaker to provide for Roger and his older sister.

**Outstanding memories:** Roger went to school from first grade through high school in the small town of Dawson, Minnesota. Spending summers and other times on his Grandma's farm in South Dakota became a place to have fun, and work hard. The farm had a well in the yard for water, and kerosene lamps for light. He and two good friends from Dawson went on to college at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In order to pay for tuition and for living expenses, he worked selling shoes and cleaning campus buildings. He was active on the basketball team in college. Taking a year off from college, Roger went to Alaska and worked on the Alaskan Railway out of Fairbanks, and for a short while, worked in a fish cannery in Anchorage. He graduated with a four year degree in Biology with a minor in Physical Education. Some of his



happiest and most carefree days were in college. After graduating in 1940, he moved to California and worked in the Sierras in a lumber mill. At loose ends, he joined the military, training as a pilot but later decided to work as an armament officer. Finishing his training, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and was assigned to the 109<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron in the Army Air Corps. Roger spent thirty-eight months in Europe during World War II and completed duty as a Major. He was a member of a National Guard unit that was called up for the Korean War and served one year in Korea. Roger met his wife, Pearl, on a blind date on New Year's Eve set up by his sister, Doris who was a nurse in Sacramento and introduced Roger to fellow nurse, Pearl, who happened to hail from Salt Lake City. They married six months before Roger was shipped overseas for the war. Roger joined the LDS Church at age fifty, and Roger and Pearl were then sealed in the Salt Lake Temple. Roger has been a widower for twenty-three years. Roger exercises every day, goes to the gym three times a week, mows his lawn and takes care of his own home and yard, and also serves in Church. He drives but currently avoids the freeway. He has learned to use the computer to email family, pay bills, and look up items of interest. His favorite recent invention is his cell phone.

**Descendants:** Three children, eight grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

# Georgia Tripp

Georgia Chiezis was born in 1918, in Murray, Utah, to John Chiezis and Verna Peterson Chiezis. Her mother passed away in labor when Georgia was only eighteen months old; her mother was twenty years old.

**Outstanding memories:** After my mother passed, we lived in a house by the Murray smelter. My dad took care of us for six months, then he gave us up to two different families from the City of Murray. The Riley family took me and the Glavas family took my little brother. My brother passed away three years ago. We kept in touch over the years after we were split up. We both stayed in Murray. I went to Arlington Elementary and Murray High School until the eleventh grade. I worked at Murray Canning Company, baby-sat and cleaned people's houses. I met and started dating Wallace J. "Wally" Tripp. Our first date we went to a movie called "Union Pacific" and Wally fell asleep. We got married in 1937. I was nineteen and Wally was twenty-eight. Wally was a farmer. I gathered and cleaned eggs from our farm so we could sell them. I took care of the children and helped him too. The kids also helped a lot. We were together for forty-three years before he passed away. I always lived on a farm. My adoptive mother and I would eat green peppers, cucumbers, white bread and butter. I got baptized into the LDS church in 1999. I went to church and greeted people. I have been going to my local senior center for eight years, twice a week. We play Bingo there which I enjoy. I also like to go to Wendover as much as possible. I love the Jazz team!!! I never traveled much other than some camping trips with the kids and their families until after Wally passed away. But I have made up for it in the past thirty-six years. One of my sons took me to London and Paris for my eightieth birthday. I have been on a Mexican cruise and an Alaskan cruise; I've been to Hawaii twice, Disneyland, Disneyworld, Graceland, Grand Old Opry and California a lot because my kids lived there. I traveled a lot in motorhomes and trailers on trips with kids. I have never driven a day in my life, but I am probably the best back seat driver ever. I am always telling people where to turn and which way to go.



**Favorite accomplishments:** My biggest accomplishment is raising eleven wonderful kids. I now live by myself in a nice little apartment. It has a washer and dryer and kitchen appliances although I cook once in a while for myself but not too much. I eat at the senior's center a couple times a week and get Meals on Wheels a few days a week. One of my daughters lives the closest and she comes by and checks on me quite often. One of my sons comes over and does a little housework every week. My kids call quite often, some not as much as others. Like I mentioned before, they are great and I have a great family. I am so lucky. I have had a very fulfilling life.

**Impressive changes:** Going from a Model T. Ford to today's fancy cars, planes, computers, television, fancy appliances and cell phones.

**Hobbies and activities:** I used to crochet and make beautiful embroideries. I made a lot of quilts and afghans for family and friends. I had a greenhouse in our yard for a few years called "Granny's Greenhouse." I like going to Bingo, going to Wendover and spending time with kids and grandkids; playing cards and games with them makes me happy.

**Secret to longevity:** Hard work and keeping busy. I used to walk four miles a day until I was ninety-five.

**Best advice:** "Live life and enjoy things that do you good."



**Descendants:** Eleven children, twenty-five grandchildren, forty-five great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.



Georgia, Wally and their eleven children, undated.

# Thelma F. Tripp

Thelma Ferrin was born in 1914, in Council Bluff, Iowa. Thelma is one of five children born to Frank Ferrin and Bertha Brown Ferrin.

**Outstanding memories:** Thelma's childhood was wonderful. She lived a very simple life on her family's 160 acre farm. She loved picnics in the park with her family and her church. After high school she went to work as a part-time clerk at the Council Bluff Building and Loan. Thelma met her husband, Stacy Tripp at her church and fell in love. They were married in 1931. They both loved baseball and continued playing on recreational teams that traveled through Iowa and Nebraska. Six years after they were married they had a daughter, and six years later they adopted a boy. In 1965, they moved to Utah so Thelma could be baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She had never seen mountains before so she was scared of them. When she asked her husband about going around the mountains, he said "we are not going to go around them, we are going to go through them," she immediately was scared. As they drove into



Wyoming, she realized what he was talking about. Now Thelma loves the mountains. All of Thelma's children have passed away. Thelma is still living in the first home that she and Stacy bought together. She still drives and loves going to Golden Corral for lunch and meeting new people. On a nice day you can find Thelma sitting on her porch looking at her flowers and watching as people pass by.

**Favorite accomplishments:** Thelma's favorite accomplishments are playing the organ, learning to sew, making all her own dresses and playing croquet and baseball.

**Impressive changes:** Thelma was born before WWI and she has seen so many changes, from cars to television, to phones. It's impressive to her.

**Hobbies and activities:** She enjoys playing the organ for church and for fun, and she enjoys going on long drives.

**Secret to longevity:** She says "hard work and don't eat sugar."

**Best advice:** "Keep active, do things that count, are important and mean something. Be a hard working person."

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



# Albert Marshall Vice

Albert Marshall Vice was born in Knoxville, Tennessee in 1919 to William M. and Jimmie L. M. Blake Vice. He was the only son in a family with five sisters. One sister is still living.

**Education:** Al attended Carlisle High School, where he lettered in football and was part of a memorable undefeated season in 1937.

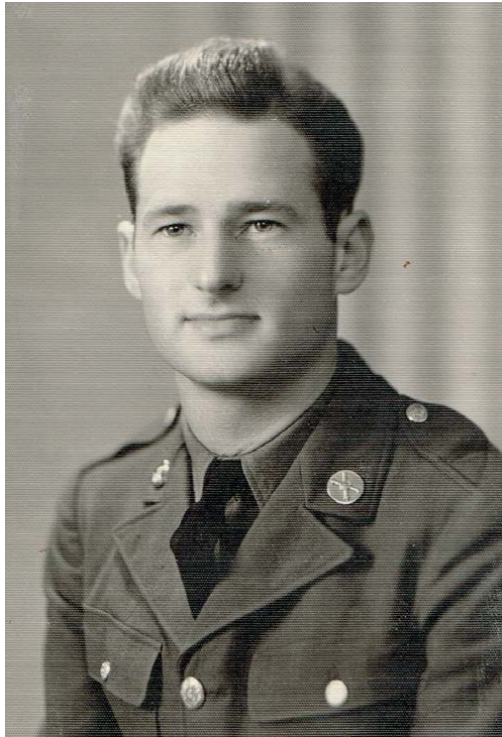
**Outstanding memories:** Growing up in the Great Depression, all the siblings cooperated and pitched in. As they grew older, all had jobs to help support the family. The Vise family moved to Carlisle, Kentucky when he was three years old, and Albert remained there until joining the Kentucky National Guard for three years 1938-1941. In 1941 he joined the Army. The war years initially took him to Belfast, Northern Ireland for seven months of training before shipping out to French North Africa, Sicily and ultimately Normandy, France – Omaha Beach for the D-Day invasion as the fifth wave fighters. In Belfast, Al met his future wife, Etta Wilson, who joined him in the USA after the war. In 1945, Al moved to Utah, where his family had relocated,



bringing his new bride to be part of a close-knit, loving family and creating their own life together. They were married fifty-one years until her death in 1997. They had a full and adventurous life with four children and eight grandchildren, while running a business together, Al's Hair Design, for over fifty years in Salt Lake City. Al has been a proud Utahan for seventy-four years. Al and Etta loved to travel and together visited all the western states including Kentucky; New York; Washington, DC; Hawaii; and Alaska. They also traveled abroad to visit Ireland, Hong Kong, Thailand, Jamaica, and Puerto Rico. Al continued his love of travel after Etta's passing, touring China, Russia, Poland, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, Mexico, England, France, and Italy.

**Favorite accomplishments:** Al's favorite accomplishments include being an Army Veteran who served in World War II, landing on Omaha Beach in Normandy, France as part of the D-Day invasion seventy-five years ago. He is proud of his fifty-one years of marriage to Etta Wilson Vise. Another favorite accomplishment is being a small business owner of Al's Hair Design for fifty years and retiring at the age of eighty. He is proud of being an inspiration to his loving family. And of his extensive travels throughout the USA and internationally.

**Impressive changes:** Impressive changes Al has witnessed during his lifetime include the introduction of home radio entertainment and later television. The most exciting change was traveling on jet airplanes. In each case, the developments were beyond his expectations and added great joy to his life.



Albert, 1940



**Hobbies and activities:** Al discovered his “inner artist” later in life and continues to draw daily with colored pencils. He attends daily exercise class, enjoys reading, word search puzzles, follows current activities, and is an avid Utah Jazz fan, tuning in to every game.

**Secret to longevity:** Al’s secret is to “keep on moving and stay active.”

**Best advice:** His advice is to keep a good sense of humor, stay positive and enjoy all of your good memories.

**Descendants:** Four children, eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.



Albert and Etta on their wedding day, 1941

# McEwan W. Voorhees

McEwan Wintch Voorhees was born in 1916, in Christianberg, Utah to Stephen Reid and Ida Wintch Voorhees.

**Outstanding memories:** I was born in the same farmhouse that I spent my early years. I was involved in farm chores and exploring the area around the Sanpete mountains. We always tried to create our own entertainment. We put paraffin wax on bed sheets and tried to fly off the hillside. I made skis from old barrel staves. I blew up my mother's oven while drying out homemade gunpowder. I'm surprised I lived past my teenage years! In 1932, my brother Stan and I thought it was time to modernize the farmhouse. With the help of our shop teacher, we drew up plans. We brought electricity, indoor plumbing, and a telephone to our home. During this time, a new girl from Ogden moved to Gunnison. That started my great romance with Helen Farr. We got engaged, but it was the Depression, and jobs were hard to find. I went to LDS Business College, became a bookkeeper, and picked up jobs when I could. Finally, I found a permanent job, and Helen and I were married in the Manti Temple in 1939. We moved to Salt Lake and had our first-born son. When WWII broke out, we returned to Gunnison to raise turkeys for the army. I was drafted and went to Officers Training School in Fort Benning, GA. I was on my way to the Philippines when the war ended.



Because of my typing abilities, I was pulled off the troop train in San Francisco to type up the discharge papers of thousands of returning GIs at the Presidio. Upon returning to Salt Lake, I decided that office work was not for me. I purchased a tractor and started grading yards. This developed into Voorhees Landscape. My wife, Helen, was my partner in our business. Long before answering machines, she was tied to our home phone taking calls. The business grew and I was proud of the work we did. Besides beautifying homes in the area, we landscaped the Union Building at the U, the old Governor's Mansion, and the Visitors Centers at Arches National Park and WawEEP Marina. I was a charter member of the Utah Nurseryman's Association and past president. In 1980, I was named Nurseryman of the Year. I was able to provide for my growing family. Helen passed away in 2008, after seventy wonderful years of marriage.

**Impressive changes:** I have seen many changes over my lifetime. I was there for the industrial revolution. I saw the beginnings of airplanes, electricity, automobiles, movies and TV. The thing that impresses me the most is the computer and the smart phone. To have information available to us so fast blows my mind! It needs to be used with wisdom and care, though.

**Hobbies and activities:** I spend most of my time listening to biographies and history books on tape. I still enjoy hitting an occasional golf ball around (I have four hole-in-ones under my belt!) I love to sing and listen to music. I am blessed to have wonderful family and friends to visit with.

**Secret to longevity:** Heredity and hard work. Meet life's challenges with a positive attitude!

**Best advice:** “Be happy! Enjoy your time on earth. Have a smile on your face, so the world can smile with you. We don’t need all the stuff. He who dies with the most toys really doesn’t win. Families are the most important thing we have.”

**Descendants:** Three children, ten grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren.



McEwan and Helen, engagement day, 1938



# Floyd LeRoy Waite

Floyd LeRoy Waite was born in 1918 in Bunkerville, Nevada. Floyd was the second child born to Jesse LeRoy Waite and Martha Lucina Bowman Waite.

**Outstanding memories:** I went to elementary and high school in Bunkerville, Nevada and attended Utah High School of Beauty Culture, where I became a licensed electrologist in 1947. I practiced both cosmetology and electrology in Las Vegas, Nevada. I married Eleonor Leavitt in 1937 at the Logan temple. We had four beautiful children. I served in many capacities for the LDS Church, including Sunday school teacher, Ward clerk, counselor in the bishopric, I was a high priest group leader and a temple worker in the St. George temple. I became a member of the Nevada State Board of Cosmetology. We moved to St. George, Utah in 1981.

**Favorite accomplishments:** My family and my church service.

**Impressive changes:** Electricity, indoor plumbing, radio, television, space age, computers and cell phones. For the most part change has been good, however, I never thought our lives would revolve around a phone.

**Hobbies and activities:** I like to work in the garden, I like to paint, read and make jewelry.

**Secret to longevity:** I always told my family I would live to be 100 years old if I kept my mouth shut. My dad lived to be ninety-eight years old.

**Best advice:** “Don’t get old.”

**Descendants:** Four children, twenty-one grandchildren, sixty-five great-grandchildren and seventeen great-great-grandchildren.



# Doris Leprieve Rucker Wasden

Doris Leprieve Rucker Wasden was born in 1918, in Beaver Dam, Utah to William Richard Rucker and Addie Christine Wilkerson Rucker. She was the first born child and had five brothers and three sisters. One brother and one sister are still living.

**Education:** Doris started elementary school in Logan and attended Collinston Elementary School. In the fifth grade, she had her first male teacher and got to ride a bus to school, no longer needing to walk or ride the horse to school. She then moved to Tremonton and attended McKinley Elementary School and continued her education at Bear River High School while attending several leadership courses and genealogical courses at BYU.

**Outstanding memories:** Doris grew up on a 40 acre farm, where they raised alfalfa, wheat and beets; and there were cows, horses and chickens. Being the oldest of nine, she helped with the new babies as they were born. There was no indoor bathroom, but an outhouse where they kept a Montgomery Ward catalog for paper. She studied by kerosene lamp, and in high school they got electric lights and also a telephone. When she was six years old she was able to take a correspondence course to play the piano and continued to play throughout her school years. She held many positions throughout her life in the LDS Church, doing genealogy and family history for many years. To this day, she works on her computer continuing family research. She enjoyed sewing for many years, making clothing and making many quilts. Her travels have included Nevada, California, Georgia, Virginia, Illinois, New York, Alaska, Mexico, England and Israel. Doris was married to Kenneth Peterson in December 1936 (deceased), Morris Franklin Wade in January 1955 (deceased), and Reed Lewis Wasden on October 1981 (deceased).



**Favorite accomplishments:** Doris' favorite accomplishments include becoming the organist for her LDS Ward in 1955 and serving for sixty-three years, through March 2012, at the age of ninety-four. Her LDS missions, as follows, are also among her favorite accomplishments: England – 1964-1966; Atlanta Temple – 1984-1985; Jordan River Temple – 1985-1994; and LDS Stake Mission – 1985-1986.

**Impressive changes:** Doris lists automobiles, electricity, running water, and an indoor bathroom among changes that have occurred during her lifetime. Doris states, "I feel that I have embraced change well and have always wanted to study and learn as much as I had the opportunity."

**Hobbies and activities:** Doris enjoys getting on her computer and doing family research, as well as attending church when possible.

**Secret to longevity:** Good genes and a healthy lifestyle are Doris' secret to longevity.

**Best advice:** Doris' best piece of advice is, "Treat others as you would like them to treat you."

**Descendants:** Two children, ten grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren and nineteen great great-grandchildren.



# Verda Louise H. Watkins

Verda Louis Howard was born in 1917, in Provo, Utah. Verda is the fifth child born to Josiah Howard and Louisa B. Park Howard.

**Outstanding memories:** In August 1928, when Verda was eleven years old, her mother moved with the four youngest children to Long Beach, California. Verda's mother, Louisa, was an obstetrician and worked as a mid-wife helping expectant mothers deliver their babies. This required her to stay in the homes of her clients for several days at a time. During those times Verda and her siblings lived at home alone preparing their own meals and caring for themselves. This was during the great depression when money was scarce.

Verda learned to play the violin and the piano. Then she learned to play the baritone horn in her junior high school's South Gate Girls' Band. At Long Beach Poly High School Band,

she learned to play trumpet, then trombone and oboe briefly. She also played cello a little on her own. In Long Beach Junior College she continued with trumpet for a short time. Verda then enrolled in a sewing class which prepared her for her future as a seamstress. Verda met Leroy "Roy" Watkins at a dance in Long Beach around 1939. Roy had recently



**Verda and her brother, Melvin. 1929**

moved with a friend from Temple, Oklahoma to nearby Alhambra. Roy was nineteen and Verda was twenty-two. Roy was drafted into the Army in 1941, shortly before the Pearl Harbor attack. Mail became their only source of communication except for his military leaves authorized by the Army. During one of those military leaves Roy and Verda were married in 1943. After their marriage, Verda and Roy lived in Georgia, and later at an Army base in Charleston, South Carolina, where their baby boy was born in 1944. Roy was later transferred to Salinas, California, but concerned that he could go AWOL, the Army did not allow him to move Verda and their child to Long Beach, California while in route to Salinas. Roy was sent directly to Salinas on a train, leaving Verda to drive her 1941 Chevy, alone with her baby to California. At that time new automobile tires were rationed to conserve rubber for military use. So she could only buy new tire if it were bald and flat, on her way she had two flats and was able to buy only two new tires. She managed to reach Temple, Oklahoma at the home of Roy's parents, Jep and Emma Watkins. There she called her mother in California telling of her two remaining worn out tires. Through a special acquaintance,

Verda's mother had two new tires shipped to her in Oklahoma. Verda had her old tires changed and she was again on her way to California. On her way to California she made another stop in Clovis, New Mexico to visit her younger brother, who had recently joined the Air Force. There she was privileged to climb through his airplane while other soldiers held her baby. This was her last visit with her brother, as later in WWII, her brother's plane was shot down and he was missing in action. Melvin was reported to have been killed in May, 1945 when his airplane crashed after a bombing



mission over Tokyo. Later Roy was transferred to Hawaii, where he finished his service until the end of WWII. He then came to Long Beach to live with Verda and their son. In the early 50's, Verda enrolled for two years at Los Angeles Trade Tech in Fashion Design where she graduated with straight A's. From the early 50's into the early 60's Verda sewed many shirts for her son to wear to school. In the late 50's Roy and Verda became involved in square dancing. Every Friday night they met with friends in the Lyngate Squares square dance club. During this time Verda started a home business called, Twirl-Away-Togs, sewing petticoats and dance dresses for square dancers. She rented booths at square dance conventions, and placed ads in square dancing magazines nationwide taking orders for petticoats. She also sewed clothes, bags and toys for her grandchildren until her vision deteriorated from macular degeneration in the mid 80's. Eventually, she became legally blind and took braille classes. She was also afflicted with osteoporosis where she required a walker or scooter to move about. But in spite of these disabilities associated with advanced age, she has remained optimistic and positive. In 2002, Roy passed away from Alzheimer's at the age of eighty-one. In December 2015, Verda was moved to a Retirement Community in Orem, Utah, to be closer to her five grandchildren living in Utah County. At 100 years old, Verda loves to listen to conservative talk radio, semi-classical music, and "Sounds of Sunday" streamed over the internet and produced weekly by her son, who has worked as a radio broadcaster for over fifty years. During the baseball season, Verda is perhaps the oldest Los Angeles Dodgers fan listening to their games regularly over her satellite radio.

**Descendants:** One son, seven grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren.



Verda and Roy on their wedding day, 1943

# F. Earl Webb

F. Earl Webb was born in 1915 in Riverton, Utah; the fifth child born to W. M. Lafayette Webb and Dora Alice Brown Webb.



**Outstanding memories:** My childhood days in Riverton, Utah were happy. Although we were poor, I had lots of friends to play with. We made our own fun playing games and reading books. I had clean clothes and plenty to eat. I was well disciplined in a warm and loving home. I always got some Christmas presents and had family parties with our relatives. My father died when I was two. My nickname was “Harry.” When I was six years old I worked for Uncle Pete Green. Over the years I thinned sugar beets, topped beets and hauled hay and grain into stacks. I worked driving a tractor pulling a drill planting grain on a thrashing machine. Driving a school bus my senior year at Jordan High in winter I hit a slick spot on the road and slid into a gully with the bus tipped and leaning against a hill. I had the girls all sit on the high side of the road and us boys got out and pushed it back upright. I drove the gully until I could get back on the road, I didn’t even put a scratch on the bus! I met my future wife Norma Mary Mousley at high school. I began driving at fourteen and had a model T Ford. After high school I went to Civilian Conservation Corps (C.C.C.) and worked in Salina and the Soapstone area above Kamas. In 1935 I got a job with Kennecott Copper and ended up working in Magna Mill as a receiving clerk until I retired in 1978. Norma and I were married in Salt Lake City in 1937. We made our first home in Garfield, Utah. In 1939 we bought an old home on a lane in Bluffdale, UT with thirteen acres. Our first child was born in 1941 and our second was born in 1946 “I have just as many kinds of kids as Brigham Young.” In 1955 we had enough money to build a new family home down the lane on Redwood Road where I still live today. We had a milk cow and we raised a steer and pigs for meat. I also raised a large garden and had fruit trees. I remember the night I waited in the dark for kids coming to steal watermelons out of my garden. I had my double barrel shot gun and fired into the air to scare them. I heard the neighbor holler “give them the other barrel Earl.” I enjoyed driving to Tijuana, Mexico and along the coast. Another enjoyable trip was when we went to South Dakota and saw passion plays in the forest. I saved up and enjoyed paying cash for new cars. My favorite accomplishments are becoming wealthy, living 100 years, being able to help my great grandchildren with school expenses, and having property to give to my kids to build their homes.

**Impressive changes:** Going from horses and buggy to automobiles which made life so much easier. Men going to the moon and back. Television. I had the first color television in Bluffdale!

**Hobbies and activities:** I fix my own breakfast and supper. Meals on Wheels brings lunch and I like visiting with the ladies. I consider them my friends and look forward to seeing them. My son takes me grocery shopping and out to lunch every Saturday. On Sunday, my daughter takes me to lunch. I read the paper every day and I watch television. I especially like Dancing with the Stars. I go to a senior center yoga class once a week and stay for lunch.

**Secret to longevity:** I have good genes. I did a lot of hard physical work. A good married life. Eating a variety of vegetables from my garden. Friends would say “you can’t take your money with you.” I would answer “I’m not going without it” and I’m still here.

**Best advice:** Work hard and take care of your money so you will have some for your old age. Don’t pay interests. If you want something, save your money until you can pay cash.

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

# June Calderwood Wilde

June Calderwood was born in 1917, in Coalville, Utah. June is the oldest daughter of William E. Calderwood and Mildred Wright Calderwood.

**Outstanding memories:** I had a great time growing with my three brothers in Henefer, Utah. Being the oldest, I would often babysit them. They would play pranks on me like locking me in the outdoor toilet. Christmas and birthdays were some of my best times. These were the only times we

received gifts. I had many friends in Henefer. I remember many happy times playing with them. I went to grammar school in Henefer and junior high school in Coalville and high school at North Summit High in Coalville graduating in 1935. Later I took some classes in math and special education from BYU Extension Services. My first job was working for my father at his filling station in Henefer.

I was paid two dollars and fifty cents a week. After I graduated from high school, I worked in Salt Lake City at Booklawn Creamery. I married Carl Nix Wilde in 1937. My father, who was Henefer's bishop, performed our wedding ceremony. Carl and I were married in the LDS Salt Lake Temple eighteen months later. After my children were old enough to care for themselves; I worked for about seven years at Dean's Coffee Shop in Coalville. I also worked as a cook at North Summit High School and later as a teacher's aide. My last job was at the Summit County Hospital as a food supervisor, cook and dietary assistant. I have been an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Days Saints all my life. I have had the privilege of serving in the Sunday school, Mutual, Young Women and Primary

auxiliaries. My husband and I also served for five years as workers in the Ogden Temple.

**Favorite accomplishments:** Raising a family and having forty-four descendants and that number is growing. Living to 100 years of age has been unexpected but very fulfilling.

**Impressive changes:** I have witnessed impressive changes, from horse and buggy to motorcycle to our first car, a Ford Model T to the modern car that can actually speak to you. I have seen the progress from outdoor toilet to total indoor plumbing, coal stoves to gas, electric ranges and handwashing of clothes and clotheslines to washing machines and dryers. I have seen the time when all our clothes were handmade, now I buy off-the-rack clothes. When I was born, radio and newspapers were the main public media. I have lived to see the advent of television, computers, cell phones and the internet and space travel. I feel all these wonderful things have led to making life better for everyone.



June, three years old, 1920



June and Kelly, 1940's



**Hobbies and activities:** My favorite hobbies have been to quilt, crochet, read, cook (especially preparing special meals for hospital patients) care for a flower garden, travel and family get-togethers. I have traveled to all but four of the fifty states. I have been to Hawaii twice with my husband, brothers and their wives and my parents and I have been to Alaska three times.

**Secret to longevity:** Always stay busy to keep body and mind exercised and alert, eat right and regularly exercise. Most importantly, stay away from harmful foods and drinks. It always helps to have healthy genes also!

**Best advice:** “Live life with faith and never give up! Be positive. Cultivate good friends and family and serve others”.

**Descendants:** Three children, thirteen grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren and seven great, great-grandchildren.



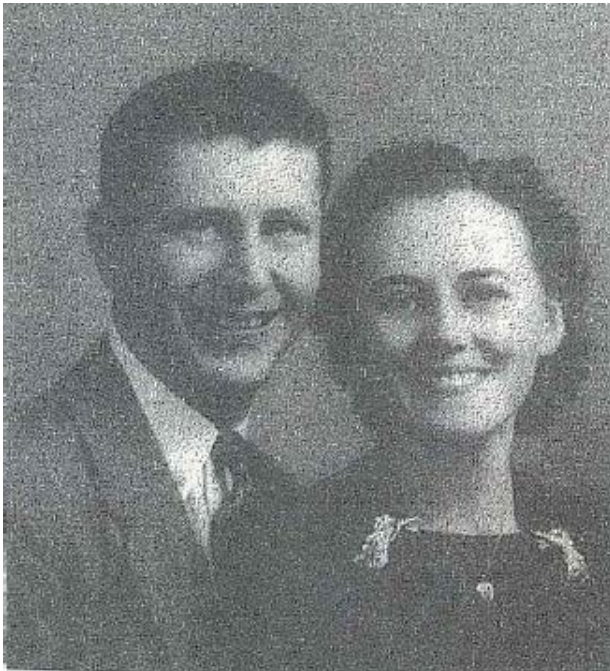
June and her family celebrating her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday, 2019

# Gina Maxine Ferguson Wilson

Gina Maxine Ferguson was born in 1918, in Detroit, Alabama, the first born child to Robert Jackson Ferguson and Flora Lily Anthony Ferguson.

**Outstanding memories:** Maxine was born in Detroit, Alabama on a small farm close to the Mississippi state line. The schools she attended were in Alabama and Mississippi. After graduating from high school her parents moved to Los Angeles, California; where she attended Welister Business College. She was employed at the Slauson bowling alley where she met her future husband, Ivan Devoe Wilson. After a short period of dating, Ivan and Maxine were married in 1940, in Los Angeles, California. They had two children. Ivan and Maxine relocated to Utah in 1944 and have been resident of Utah, since. Ivan died in 1995. Their marriage lasted fifty-four years and eight months.

**Favorite accomplishments:** She considers living a long and healthy life her highest accomplishment. Staying away from smoking, chewing tobacco and snuffing or drinking has helped her stay fit. She believes a good diet has helped her live a full, long life.



Ivan and Maxine, undated

**Impressive changes:** Seeing her first airplane and advancement of air flight has been impressive to Maxine. Another impressive change she has witnessed in her life time has been the internet of which she knows nothing of.

**Hobbies and activities:** She enjoys outdoors activities such as fishing, camping and traveling. Currently, she is just enjoying relaxing in her home.

**Secret to longevity:** Her secret to longevity is a nice view of the Utah Base and the Oquirrh Mountains with the Rockies on the east.

**Best advice:** I really don't have any advice, except to lead a clean life and respect others.

**Descendants:** Two children, eight grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.



# Esther Witte

Esther Witte was born to William L. and Vera Stevenson Lafferty in Denver, Colorado in 1918. She has a brother, Wayne, and a younger sister, Betty. Esther's father worked for the Bureau of Roads as a field engineer for the construction of the Alcan Highway, Colorado's Monarch Pass and the famous Trail Ridge Road, which crosses the Continental Divide at 12,000 feet. In the summer months, the family lived in Estes Park, Colorado where Esther became an accomplished horsewoman, marksman and camper. Perhaps these experiences contributed to her love of adventure and travel.

Esther graduated from East High School in Denver as a member of the National Honor Society and the University of Colorado with a bachelor's degree in social work. She is a member of Delta Delta Delta, Board member of the Denver Botanical Society and the American Association of University Women. Mrs. Witte was an active lobbyist for the Colorado legislature and a national delegate to the 1960 Democratic convention. She has been a generous volunteer, and as a member of the English Speaking Union, has welcomed many visitors to her home from all over the world.



Esther, undated

Esther married Les Witte in 1942. Basketball history buffs will recognize Witte as the All-American Wyoming player who scored 1,000 points and helped win the 1936 National Collegiate Basketball Championship for the University of Wyoming. They purchased a house in East Denver where she lived until her recent move to Utah.

Mrs. Witte is an avid reader, accomplished photographer and is perhaps best known to Denverites as an amazing world traveler, reporter and lecturer. She has taken many "paths less traveled" all over Europe, Mexico, Russia, Viet Nam, India, Arabia, Israel, Africa -- well, you get the idea. However, it is the mode of transportation that sets Esther apart from most tourists. For example, she went from London to Bombay on a bus which took eighty days of camping and blood transfusions upon her return to the United States! The family loves to hear her describe her adventures sailing down the Nile, up the Amazon, flying into the Peruvian earthquake zones on American Air Force jets and testing the polar tundra on foot.

Two months ago, Esther's grandchildren moved her to Utah to be with her Utah relatives. We are happy to celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and look forward to the reunion of family and friends from all over the globe. You might catch her quizzing the young ones about native plants of the Rocky Mountains or reciting her signature poem, *Invictus*.

**Descendants:** Two sons, ten grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.



# Jane R. Wright

Jane Rindlisbach was born in 1918, in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was the first child born to Albert Rindlisbach, and Jenny Arament Beckstead Rindlisbach.

**Education:** Jane started school at Jefferson Elementary in 1924. The family moved to Ogden for a short time, then to Bingham Canyon where she attended Copperfield Elementary. She graduated from Bingham High School. Jane studied to become a nurse at the University of Utah; she took a break from her studies to marry. After having three children she returned to her studies and received her B.S. and master's degree in nursing. She always enjoyed learning and studying.

**Outstanding memories:** Jane was born in her parent's apartment in Salt Lake City in 1918. A baby sister was added to the family in 1922. Jane had a mostly happy childhood which included family gatherings in which the children would play "dress up" and play with their dolls. Her family liked to go camping and fishing in the Uintah Mountains with her family and friends. When she was young, her girlfriend died of spinal meningitis. When she was nineteen, her sister died of a ruptured appendix at age thirteen; she was devastated by this. Jane met her future husband in 1932 at a dance at Bingham High School. They secretly eloped when she was in nurses training in 1937. She had to drop out when her pregnancy began to show. Jane and her husband Orson George Wright became the parents of three children, two boys and one girl. After their marriage they moved quite a lot throughout the West, they lived in Colorado, Napa, Bull Head City, Riviera and Las Vegas). While living in California, their rental house was completely destroyed by fire; miraculously, the family of four were able to escape unharmed with only their pajamas on. Orson and Jane loved to travel and they went on several cruises. Jane started her career as a registered nurse in 1947. She worked at the Salt Lake General Hospital as a staff nurse and progressed to nursing administrator. She worked in public health for several years. She finished her working career as a teacher of mental health and psychiatric nursing at Brigham Young University.



Jane at age two, 1920

**Favorite accomplishments:** Jane's favorite accomplishment came from her nursing career and her church. Much joy and happiness came from serving others. It was wonderful to know. She had a small part in helping people to regain their health and teaching them how to stay healthy. When this was not possible, she made sure she helped terminal patients live this life with dignity and supported their loved ones with the grieving process.

**Impressive changes:** School integration in the south. Living in Utah, race was never a big issue. We accepted everyone. The most positive social change has been the availability for as much education as one wants. When she was growing up, only the rich could afford higher education. Man being able to travel in space; this has exposed us to further exploration, which is so exciting.

**Hobbies and activities:** Jane loves to read, attend church and loves watching the “Golden Girls” and the Utah Jazz on T. V.

**Secret to longevity:** “Day by day doing the best I can, try to help someone who needs help. Eating a good diet, and doing lots and lots of exercise.”

**Best advice:** “When choosing a career, choose something you really want to do. Keep your words soft in case you have to eat them. No one has ever injured their eyesight by looking at the bright side of things. Friendship is a special gift we must nurture and cherish. God’s gift to us is our life. What we do with it, is our gift to God!”

**Descendants:** Three children, sixteen grandchildren, forty-five great-grandchildren and thirty-two great-great-grandchildren.



Jane in her nursing uniform, 1936

# Romaine W. Zito

Romaine Wahlin was born in 1917, in Yakima, Washington. She was the fourth child born to Walter Wahlin and Mattie Argust Wahlin.

**Education:** Romaine attended school in Magna, Utah. She was a cheerleader for Cyprus High School. She attended business school at Heneger Business College.

**Outstanding memories:** Romaine loved playing softball for the Copperettes when she was seventeen. She kept in touch with her teammates over the years. Her sweet mother-in-law, an Italian immigrant, taught her to cook. Romaine has many fond memories surrounded by her friends and family, who enjoyed many delicious Italian meals cooked by her. She also recalls driving across the country with her husband Robert J. “Bob” Zito. Particularly memorable was their trip to Washington D.C. during Watergate and then visiting Mount Rushmore on the way home. She and Bob loved taking road trips with family and friends. She was also pleased she had the opportunity to go through the Salt Lake Temple with her husband to celebrate their sixty years of marriage before Bob died in 1995.



Romaine as a little girl (left) and as a young adult (right)

**Favorite accomplishments:** Romaine is proud of raising her two beautiful children. She had a twelve year career as an executive housekeeper for University Hospital. At 100 she still does her own laundry.

**Impressive changes:** From indoor plumbing, to T.V., to cell phones and medical advancements; Romaine has appreciated every new discovery over her 100 years. “I think they improve our lives. Also, space flight, and moon landings were very exciting!”

**Hobbies and activities:** Romaine was an excellent golfer and bowler. She enjoyed competing in local tournaments and leagues, receiving numerous trophies. Romaine golfed until she was ninety years old. She now enjoys reading, crossword puzzles, watching golf and



other sports on T.V. She is a fan of the Utah Jazz, Grizzlies, U of U and sometimes BYU. She also enjoys socializing with her neighbors and is known as the “Candy Lady” because she will always offer you a sweet treat from her candy dish.

**Secret to longevity:** “Laugh a lot! I think laughing is one of the main reasons I have lived this long. I have always been active both physically and mentally. Additionally, I come from a hard-working family. My grandma Wahlin lived to be ninety-seven.”

**Best advice:** “Enjoy life and the people around you. Love animals and children.”

**Descendants:** Two children, five grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.



From left to right: Bob, Bob Jr., Cookie and Romaine – Undated

## More Governor's Century Club Centenarians

**Laura Archuleta**

Born in 1918

Lives in Heber City

**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

**Bernice Beckstead**

Born in 1918

Lives in West Jordan

**Alice Bennett**

Born in 1911

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Philip Bergeson**

Born in 1917

Lives in Layton

**Katy Blackham**

Born in 1918

Lives in St. George

**Angelica Bolic**

Born in 1916

Lives in Ivins

**Joseph Brubaker**

Born in 1918

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Della Bulkley**

Born in 1916

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Bea Burnett**

Born in 1916

Lives in Park City

**Leah Calder**

Born in 1916

Lives in Farmington

**Milton Christensen**

Born in 1915

Lives in West Haven

**Bessie Clayton**

Born in 1913

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Melba Colvin**

Born in 1913

Lives in Saratoga Springs

**Thelma Conrow**

Born in 1916

Lives in Richfield

**Kay Croen**

Born in 1917

Lives in Salt Lake City

**David Curtis**

Born in 1918

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Helen Day**

Born in 1917

Lives in Bountiful

**Mabel Devore**

Born in 1915

Lives in Centerville

**Ada Dewey**

Born in 1917

Lives in Ogden

**Vera Dugdale**

Born in 1913

Lives in St. George

**Zella Dunyon**

Born in 1917

Lives in Morgan

**Hazel Edler**

Born in 1914

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Ann Erickson**

Born in 1912

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Alice Funk**

Born in 1917

Lives in Nibley

**Ouida Glenn**

Born in 1918

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Lillian Grant**

Born in 1915

Lives in St. George

**Davina Gray**

Born in 1917

Lives in Clinton

## More Governor's Century Club Centenarians

**Mona Hammond**

Born in 1914

Lives in Provo

**Leila Hansen**

Born in 1916

Lives in Murray

**Zola Harman**

Born in 1919

Lives in Taylorsville

**Luella Hellewell**

Born in 1919

Lives in Mapleton

**Celeste Herman**

Born in 1919

Lives in Logan

**Mark Heyrend**

Born in 1918

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Marjorie Holm**

Born in 1919

Lives in Cedar City

**Tennys Houston**

Born in 1917

Lives in Taylorsville

**Gerda Hubrich**

Born in 1918

Lives in Taylorsville

**Marie Humphrey**

Born in 1918

Lives in Sandy

**Mildred Hymel**

Born in 1919

Lives in Herriman

**Eursle Jackson**

Born in 1919

Lives in Lehi

**Lydia James**

Born in 1915

Lives in West Jordan

**Vilate Jensen**

Born in 1919

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Eunice Johnson**

Born in 1912

Lives in North Ogden

**Lillian Jones**

Born in 1910

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Sophie Jones**

Born in 1916

Lives in Montrose

**Bertha Kemp**

Born in 1917

Lives in Murray

**Ebrahim Khodaverdian**

Born in 1917

Lives in Sandy

**Ralph T. Kimball**

Born in 1918

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Kay Kotoku**

Born in 1917

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Eva Larsen**

Born in 1913

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Melvin Lemmon**

Born in 1918

Lives in Lehi

**Marguerite Lowe**

Born in 1915

Lives in St. George

**Dorothy Macrate**

Born in 1919

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Rosemarie McCrea**

Born in 1917

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Betty Mendoza**

Born in 1912

Lives in Hurricane

**Howard Mills**

Born in 1918

Lives in Bountiful

**Eleanor Miltner**

Born in 1919

Lives in St. George

**Donald Moore**

Born in 1918

Lives in Salt Lake City



## More Governor's Century Club Centenarians

**Barbara Morwood**

Born in 1918

Lives in St. George

**Zelta Nebeker**

Born in 1919

Lives in Farmington

**Carl Nelson**

Born in 1919

Lives in Taylorsville

**Elener Nelson**

Born in 1916

Lives in Washington

**Gladys Nelson**

Born in 1916

Lives in Spanish Fork

**Mabel Nelson**

Born in 1914

Lives in Cedar City

**Leola Nielsen**

Born in 1917

Lives in West Jordan

**Masae Nishimoto**

Born in 1914

Lives in Farmington

**Cornelia Nisson**

Born in 1914

Lives in St. George

**Paul Nkoy**

Born in 1915

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Ada Nordell**

Born in 1913

Lives in Washington

**Shirley Oberg**

Born in 1915

Lives in Spanish Fork

**Alice Pay Bateman King**

Born in 1917

Lives in Springville

**Alice Perrine**

Born in 1919

Lives in Taylorsville

**Mary Pinnell**

Born in 1916

Lives in West Haven

**Venice Pitcher**

Born in 1915

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Cleo Powel**

Born in 1915

Lives in Murray

**Martha Proctor**

Born in 1919

Lives in Provo

**Christine Purvis**

Born in 1919

Lives in Bountiful

**Lucille Robbins**

Born in 1912

Lives in Brigham City

**Enny Schulz**

Born in 1918

Lives in St. George

**Susie Scott**

Born in 1914

Lives in Price

**Dorothy Sheeley**

Born in 1917

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Venice Shields**

Born in 1918

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Darwin Shupe**

Born in 1918

Lives in North Ogden

**Irene Smith**

Born in 1918

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Paul Smith**

Born in 1912

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Marion Snedecor**

Born in 1918

Lives in Wales

**Wilson Stevens**

Born in 1915

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Doris Stock Atwood**

Born in 1916

Lives in Ogden

## More Governor's Century Club Centenarians

**Zelda B. Stoddard**

Born in 1914  
Lives in Richmond

**Lila Straley**

Born in 1912  
Lives in Salt Lake City

**Louis Stuart**

Born in 1912  
Lives in Woodruff

**Esther Sturgeon**

Born in 1913  
Lives in Vernal

**Indra Subba**

Born in 1912  
Lives in Salt Lake City

**Leon Tapia**

Born in 1915  
Lives in West Valley City

**Maude Tapper**

Born in 1913  
Lives in Spanish Fork

**Winona Thorderson**

Born in 1919  
Lives in Layton

**Lucile Tibolla**

Born in 1918  
Lives in Salt Lake City

**Jens Karl Tinggaard**

Born in 1914  
Lives in Taylorsville

**Gwen F. Torman**

Born in 1919  
Lives in Murray

**Ethel Tregeagle**

Born in 1912  
Lives in Provo

**Maria Trujillo**

Born in 1918  
Lives in Plain City

**Louise Tuck**

Born in 1912  
Lives in Murray

**Cleon Tucker**

Born in 1918  
Lives in Woods Cross

**Harold Ure**

Born in 1918  
Lives in Erda

**Mary Vigor**

Born in 1915  
Lives in Price

**Mary Wahl**

Born in 1914  
Lives in Draper

**Josephine Walsh**

Born in 1916  
Lives in Hurricane

**Alonzo Waterlyn**

Born in 1915  
Lives in Salt Lake City

**Lila Weller**

Born in 1915  
Lives in Salt Lake City

**Ted Wells**

Born in 1910  
Lives in Orem

**Lorell Widdison**

Born in 1914  
Lives in Hooper

**Effie Widman**

Born in 1917  
Lives in South Ogden

**Woodrow Wilson**

Born in 1918  
Lives in Clinton

**Theron Yates**

Born in 1916  
Lives in Salt Lake City

**Ruby Young**

Born in 1919  
Lives in Lindon

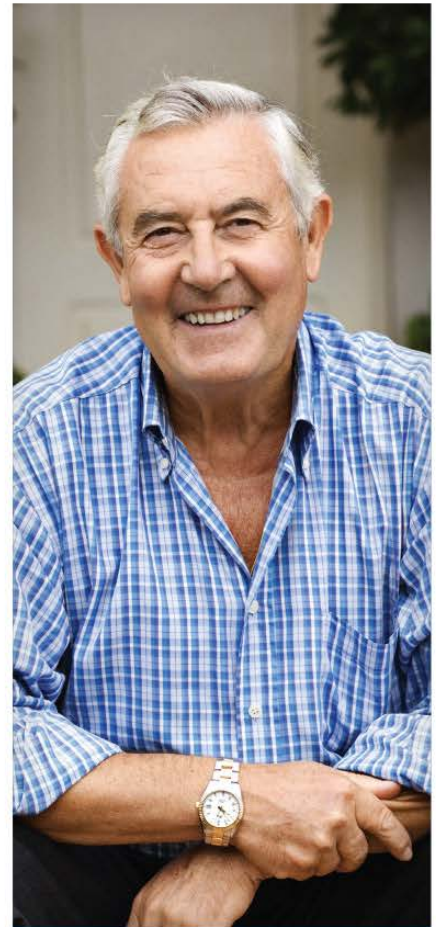
## AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM MEDICARE



**“I found a better deal on prescriptions.”**



**“We found lower co-pays.”**



**“I found a plan that works better for me.”**

## WHAT WILL YOU FIND DURING MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT?

You'll never know unless you go. Compare your current plan to new options. See if you can lower some costs or find a plan that better suits your needs. Many people do. Even if you like your current plan, check to see if the costs or coverage are changing at [medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov). Or call 1-800-MEDICARE for help.

**Medicare Open Enrollment Oct. 15 - Dec. 7**

**WWW.MEDICARE.GOV**  
**1-800-MEDICARE (TTY 1-877-486-2048)**



### LOCAL INFORMATION

**FREE Medicare Counseling!** Do you need help with: Medicare, Medicare Paper Work, Medicare Prescription Drug Program, Medigap Insurance, Medicare Advantage, and Medicaid?

**Contact the Utah Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIP):**  
**1-800-541-7735.**





# TYPES OF MEDICARE WASTE

## HOW ARE YOUR TAX DOLLARS LOST?




Waste in the Medicare program accounts for nearly 10% of Medicare's overall spendings. There are 3 types of waste.

### Errors

Errors are mistakes. Mistakes and billing errors happen often because of the complexities in the Medicare program.


**Billing errors**  
**Duplicate claims**



### Abuse

Abuse occurs when a healthcare provider commits a pattern of unintentional errors. Here the provider is experiencing a lack of training and education.

**Unnecessary services**  
**Unnecessary medication**



### Fraud

Fraud is also a pattern of errors but the difference is "intent". Fraud is billing Medicare in order to obtain inappropriate payment

**False claims**  
**Pressure for your Medicare number**  
**"FREE" offers**

## PROTECT YOUR MEDICARE FROM WASTE



### Protect

Protect your Medicare number as you would your credit card! Never share it with anyone except your health care provider or insurance.



### Detect

Read through your Medicare statements thoroughly! Check for errors and things that just don't look right.



### Report

If you see any errors, report them immediately! Contact your provider or the Utah Senior Medicare Patrol to get them corrected.



### Document

Keep a Personal Healthcare Journal. Bring it to your doctors appointments and record the doctor's name, the date, and services you received. Then compare your journal to your MSN each quarter.

**FOR MORE INFO OR TO REPORT MEDICARE WASTE, CALL**  
**Utah Senior Medicare Patrol at 1-800-541-7735**

