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# MESSAGE from the GOVERNOR

s governor of the great state of Utah, it is my honor to recognize Utah's most exclusive club, the Governor's Century Club of Utah, and its members: Utahns who have reached their 100th birthday and older in 2021.

We have much to learn from our centenarians. They have been instrumental in shaping our state's culture, legacy, history, and people. These individuals have lived to see changes and historic moments that many of us can only read about in history books. They've watched modern transportation evolve and technology grow among other things. The Utahns in the 2021 yearbook are resilient. They lived through historic events such as World War II, the Civil Rights movement, and a global pandemic to name a few.

I encourage all Utahns to take advantage of the wisdom gained by the Utah Centenarians throughout their lives. We work to collect life histories and photographs from Utah's Centenarians in hope of not only honoring them through this yearbook, but also preserving their legacy and stories for the benefit of generations to come.

I join the Utah Division of Aging and Adult Services, and all of Utah's governor's since 1987, in presenting the Governor's Century Club of Utah Yearbook. I hope you cherish these remarkable individuals and their stories. I hope we will all be inspired to live a life of impact and legacy – for however many years we are gifted on this earth.



# ABOUT the GOVERNOR'S CENTURY CLUB

hirty-two Utahns over the age of 100 gathered at the Utah governor's mansion in 1987 at the invitation of Utah Governor Norman Bangerter and first lady Colleen Bangerter – the first of what would become the proud tradition of the Governor's Century Club Celebration.

It used to be a common belief that people of advanced age should be left alone and not bothered. In 1985, with the intent of proving that many older people enjoy socializing and participating in community activities, Lynn Peters Alder, a volunteer consultant, implemented the Phoenix Centenarian Program. In 1987, the National Institute of Aging established Sept. 22 as National Centenarian Recognition Day. 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 Gov. Bangerter, who held the first celebration. The tradition continued under Governors Michael Leavitt, Olene Walker, Jon Huntsman and Gary Herbert.

The celebrations were initially held in the mansion's ballroom, then in the gardens. After a fire damaged the mansion in 1993, the event was held in various locations before returning to the mansion's gardens. As more people lived longer, healthier lives, the Century Club Celebration outgrew that venue, and was moved to the Utah State Fairpark. It has since been held in multiple locations. Since 2013, the celebration has been held at the beautiful Viridian Event Center at the West Jordan Library. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the event was canceled in 2020 and 2021.

The number of Centenarians who attend the celebration has fluctuated year by year, but grown over time. Thirty-two Centenarians attended the Governor's Century Club Celebration in 1987, a number that nearly doubled to 58 attendees by 2017. The total number of Centenarians known to the Division of Aging and Adult Services peaked in June 2020 at 172.

The oldest person in the history of the Governor's Century Club of Utah was Joe Begay, a Native American living on the reservation near Bluff. He was born on March 15, 1886, and passed away in late 2001, just a few months shy of his 116th birthday. When he was 112, his children had to "take away his car keys" by refusing to let him continue to ride his horse.

We are inspired by the Centenarians' lives and stories, and look forward to continuing this celebration of their lives for many years to come.

The club is open to anyone over the age of 100. You can apply for you or your loved one to be recognized at daas.utah.gov/centenarians or by calling 801-538-3910.



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# DEMOGRAPHICS

165

TOTAL NUMBER OF
CENTENARIANS IN UTAH AS
OF JULY 2021



WORLD WAR II VETERANS

OLDEST UTAH
CENTENARIANS



LILLIAN JONES

Born March 1910 Salt Lake City



ALICE BENNETT

Born May 1911 Salt Lake City



BETTY MENDOZA

Born April 1912 Hurricane



PAUL SMITH

Born May 1912 Salt Lake City UTAH CENTENARIANS RANGE FROM 100 TO 111, BUT MOST OF THEM ARE BETWEEN 100 AND 104.



36



29

103

19

104

101 102

COUNTIES WITH MOST
CENTENARIANS

WEBER

DAVIS

SALT LAKE
CITY

UTAH

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# 100 YEARS AGO

### **NOTABLE BIRTHS**

Mary Jackson – NASA Mathematician

Prince Phillip – Duke of Edinburgh

Nancy Davis Reagan – First Lady

John Glenn – Astronaut



Bat Masterson - Gunfighter

### **HISTORIC EVENTS**

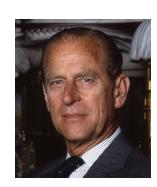
Warren G. Harding sworn in as President of the United States

Tulsa Race Massacre

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier dedicated by President Harding in Arlington National Cemetery.

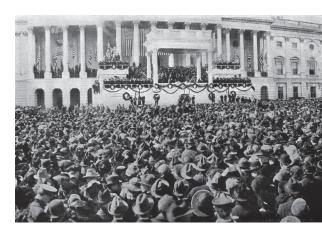
White Castle hamburger restaurant opens – foundation of the world's first fast-food chain.

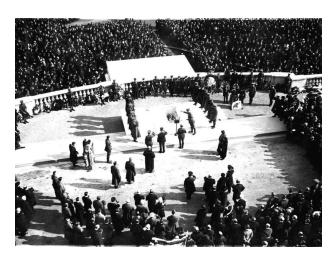










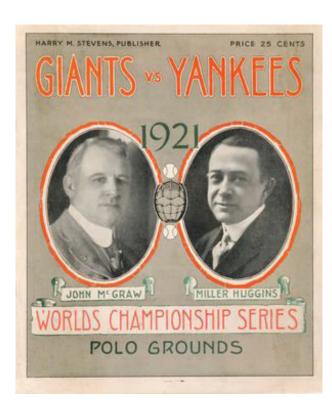


### **S**PORTS

World Series broadcast on the radio for the first time.

Babe Ruth broke his own home run record with 59 home runs.

The Chicago Staleys (later renamed the Chicago Bears) were the national champions in 1921 in what would later become the National Football League.



### Popular Art:

Number 1 movie: The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse(Silent Film)

Best selling fiction book: Main Street, by H.G. Wells.

# The Triumphant Return of REXINGRAM'S INGRAM'S INGRAM'S Shasoo IBANEZ VALENTINO Alice Terry "She will dance with me now!" THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE

### WHAT THINGS COST:

House: around \$6,000

12 eggs: 47 cents

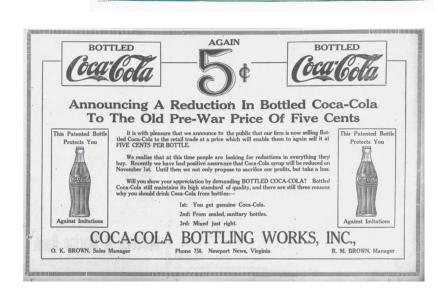
Manicure: 25 cents

Movie ticket: 15 cents

Hoover Vacuum Cleaner:

\$39

Chevrolet: \$525



# Edith "Edie" Allison Akers

# Derral J. Allen



BORN:

Allison.

HOBBIES:

Fishing

Needlepoint

Flower gardens

Collecting coins,

stamps, spoons

tournaments.

Bowling - She bowled in

local leagues as well as

city, state and national

**DESCENDANTS:** 

1915 in Dupo, Ill., the

third child of Phillip Arthur

Allison and Mildred Berry

Two sons (both deceased),

great-grandchildren and six

great-great-grandchildren.

three grandchildren, six

"Never hurry, never worry. Trust in God. Choose to be happy. 99

### **EDUCATION:**

dith'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, the family would move to a better place. Edith attended five different elementary schools in six years and three junior high schools in three years. She spent a full term at Soldan High School in St. Louis, Missouri, and graduated with honors in June 1932. After her husband's death, she took night school classes in medical terminology, typing, office machines, bookkeeping and accounting.

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

In 1927, Charles Lindbergh was the hero of everyone in St. Louis. One day Edie and her brother, Bobby, 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 one of the ladies was Lindbergh's mother. Edie timidly approached her and asked if they could shake hands. Mrs. Lindbergh agreed with a smile. That has been a nice memory for 88 years! On another occasion, her family went to Lambert field. The caregiver rolled Lindbergh's plane out of the hangar, and Edie took pictures with her Brownie Box camera.

### FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Edie's family was so scattered that they were strangers until she took it upon herself to write letters and travel long distances to establish

a new feeling of love and kinship among her cousins, uncles and aunts. This bond is still strong.

### **ACTIVITIES:**

As a volunteer in World War II. Edie became a member of the auxiliary police (Civilian Services). 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 an officer in a chapter of Golden State Mobile Home Owner's League. 🥨



Edith, 1929

### BORN:

1919, in Hyrum, Utah to Donald and Mabel Allen.

### FAMILY:

He had two brothers, two 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 69 years. The two of them traveled extensively in the U.S. and Europe. Helen died at the age of 95 in 2015.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Three children, five grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

### HOBBIES:

- Reading
- Spending time outdoors
- Attending exercise class everyday

### **"You must treat nature and other** humans with respect and make the most of it while you can. "

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

erral 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 20 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, Oakland, Phoenix and Hill Air Force Base in Utah. He retired from the Federal Aviation Agency after 25 years of service.

### FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Derral's favorite accomplishments were serving in World War II, working as an air traffic controller, and 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

## Emma Melissa Cooper Ankerson

# Carmen F. Boss



### BORN:

1919 in Belton, S.C., the fourth of Byron and Carrie Lou Cooper's seven children

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Three children, 10 grandchildren, 35 greatgrandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

### HOBBIES:

• In 1947, Bill gave Emma a set of 1930's silhouettes for their anniversary. Her collection grew to 87 silhouettes. Much of this collection has now been shared with family, but Emma still has silhouettes to enjoy.

### "Just don't die."

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

n Feb. 1938, Emma married Wilmer Anthony Ankersen II. In 1943, they packed up their three young children and moved to California, where Wilmer took a position in the naval shipyards. Emma and Bill loved animals. Over the years, Emma's menagerie included several cats, a variety of birds, a turtle that lived for 30 years and, most recently, a toy poodle named Birdie. Emma is regarded for her southern hospitality and cooking, which she showcased often. Grandchildren fondly remember hearing a bell tinkling, which indicated Hostess Ding Dongs would appear. She drove her children, and



Emma and Bill's wedding, 1938

often their friends, many miles to school in neighboring towns. She never missed one of her kids' sporting events, and went to great effort to attend important events and be part of the lives of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loves taking her grandchildren to parks, Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, and teaching them to play cards. Her listening ear and warm heart make everyone who spends time with her feel special and valued.

### **FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

Emma served for decades in leadership roles with the Legion of Mary. Emma had a card for every occasion for friends, family and community alike, each with a personal note and often a dollar or two tucked inside. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren anxiously awaited the mail, especially around their birthdays. Beginning in 1953, Emma spent 25 years managing cafeterias in public schools in Buena Park, CA. Teachers and administrators from all over the district chose her cafeteria for lunch.

### **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.



Bill, Emma and their three children, 1945



### BORN:

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

### **DESCENDANTS:**

11 children, 53 grandchildren, 158 greatgrandchildren and 38 great-great grandchildren

### HOBBIES:

- Crocheting
- Knitting
- Scrap booking
- Books on tape
- Listening to church
- Magazines on tape
- Having visitors



### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

/hen 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 11 children, I married 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 100th 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.

### **SECRET TO LONGEVITY:**

Good genes, exercise and the best thing I do is stationary bicycling.



# June Agren Brown

# Telesila Triviño Castro



1919 in Harrisville, Utah,

Samantha Shurtleff Agren.

grandchildren, 58 great-

grandchildren and one

great-great grandchild.

the seventh of eight

children of Stephen

Andrew Agren and

Three children, 23

Handiwork

Sewing

Knitting

Embroidery

Crocheting

Exercising

cookies

family

Bottling and drying fruit

Spending time with her

Cooking and baking

HOBBIES:

BORN:

expected to help with farm chores and household duties. Her family was blessed to be on the farm with plenty of food to

### **DESCENDANTS:**

June has served in many capacities for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, including as first Stake Relief Society President, ordinance worker in the Ogden Temple, and pianist/organist for

Horses and buggies changed to motor cars, coal stoves to gas and electric stoves/microwaves, washing machines with wringers to automatic washers, ice blocks to refrigerators, hand washing to dishwashers, Victrola record

Inheriting good genes, eating wholesome foods and living a healthy lifestyle. "When I was a carrot because we didn't have iunk food."



Ken and June, 1942

"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. "

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

une spent her childhood on a farm in Harrisville, Utah, and was eat during the Great Depression. She enjoyed hiking, being pulled by horses on a bobsled, and playing games outside with family and friends. She went to church with her family in a horse drawn "surrey with the fringe on the top." June's courtship with Kenneth Brown started in spring 1942, and they were married in the Salt Lake LDS Temple Aug. 10, 1942. They had twin boys, Bruce and Brent, and a third son, Christopher. She lived in Washington Terrace and moved that same home to Harrisville in 1951, where she still resides. She started teaching school in 1941, stopped teaching to have her family and returned as a kindergarten teacher in 1955 for 19 more years. During the summer breaks, June and her family traveled many places in their camper. Ken passed away in 1991, and her son, Christopher, passed away in 2000.

### FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

services. She still participates with the Utah Daughters of the Pioneers.

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

players to radios and TV's.

### **SECRET TO LONGEVITY:**

kid, if I wanted a treat, I'd go out to the garden and pick a turnip or

BORN:

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

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Four children, 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren

### **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 U.S. 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.

"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!!! "

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

'y 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 I 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.

### **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. 68



Telesila and Ernesto, 1940

# Phyllis A. Chatwin

## Marian Irene Feulner Christensen



1915 in Devil's Slide, UT,

the second child born to

William Walter Abplanalp

and Ida Huber Abplanalp.

She has outlived her two

grandchildren, 11 great-

great-grandchildren

Having family over for

Bottling my famous

mustard pickles (a

Driving my Honda

Accord (I love to be

able to go when I want

family favorite)

grandchildren and six

BORN:

siblings.

HOBBIES:

Knitting

Cooking

dinner

to go!)

Oil painting

**DESCENDANTS:** 

One child, three

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

y 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, Hong Kong, Hawaii, and around the United States. I worked until I was 70 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!

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.

Be prepared to receive the challenges of life Make good friends. Have financial security by saving. Start saving when you are young.



Phyllis and her family

# the less fortunate and be happy.

Be pleasant, smile more, be kind to

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

### **SECRET TO LONGEVITY:**

with a positive attitude. Take very good care of your health. 😘

# BORN: 1920, in Hunter, Utah, the

same year women in the U.S. were given the right to

vote. She was the eldest of seven children of Emil and Irene Feulner.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Four children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### HOBBIES AND ACTIVITIES:

- Traveling internationally and in the U.S.
- Dancing
- Tennis
- Mushroom hunting
- Attending family gettogethers and visiting with friends and neighbors.
- She was a member of the Blue Mountain Mycological Society, the Utah Valley Symphony Guild Board, Daughters of Utah Pioneers and multiple book clubs.

Stay curious and informed by reading widely in local newspapers, national magazines, etc., and by staying in touch with extended family, friends and acquaintances.

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

"arian's father bought the first Model T truck in the community and the first power hay baler in the county. Growing up during the Great Depression, Marian worked alongside her father and brothers baling hay and assisted her mother in bottling fruit from the family orchards. Marian has many happy memories of times spent with cousins, aunts and uncles, and grandparents who lived nearby. She also enjoyed many activities with her church youth group including climbing to the summit of Mt. Timpanogos. Marian attended Brigham Young University for two years beginning in 1937, where she met Bernard C. Christensen. Together they graduated from Utah State University (USAC) in 1941 with degrees in Landscape Architecture. Marian was the second woman to graduate in that field and the only female student in surveying at that time where she was known as the "powder puff" engineer. She and Bernard were married in 1946. They lived in Portland for a few years and then spent 36 years in Walla Walla, Wash., where they happily raised four children. They retired to Provo in 1985 to be nearer family. Bernard passed away in 1997.

### FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

When the children were young, Marian had a private landscape design practice. Later she enthusiastically taught junior high school for 16 years. She was active in the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Delta Kappa Gamma (Teachers' Honorary) and was the only female on the Regional Planning Commission in Walla Walla. As an active and lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Marian has served in all of the auxiliaries at the ward or stake level including serving as a Relief Society visiting teacher for over 60 years.

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

Improved air travel allowed her to see interesting parts of the world and visit out-of-state family members. She has also been impressed with computer technology: "Much of it is beyond me, but it certainly changes everyone's lives."

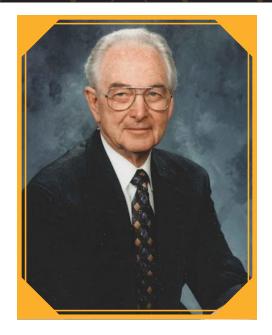
### **SECRET TO LONGEVITY:**

Who knows? Maybe just following in the footsteps of my mother and grandmother who both lived to be 103.

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# Lloyd Albert Clement

# Mae Fairchild O'Born Craner



1918, in Fairview, Utah, the

grandchildren and 26 great

Camping with his wife

fishing in Island Park,

Telling stories around

Singing a lot of songs

and playing numerous

games with his family.

the fire while the Dutch

ovens cooked the meals

and children (often

first child born to Albert

Nephi Clement and Oris

Stevens Clement

**DESCENDANTS:** 

Six children, 16

grandchildren

HOBBIES:

BORN:

"Must be good genes. Live well each day. \*\*

### **EDUCATION:**

loyd attended Fairview Elementary School and 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 with a degree in business administration. He returned to Utah State University and spent 26 years as a professor. While working, he attended Texas A&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 operettas and programs in the community. In the fall 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.

### FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Lloyd is a member of the LDS Church. He served as a seminary teacher and was a home teacher until he turned 97. During World

War II, 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 iournals.

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

cell phone. From traveling with wagons to spaceships: "It's all wonderful." (3



Lloyd as a baby, 1918

From riding horseback to deliver a message, to a party line to the

### BORN:

1917 in Burley, Idaho, to Ancel and Mabel Fairchild

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Two children, seven grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren

### HOBBIES:

- Dancing
- Camping
- Four-wheeling and being outdoors
- Watching television
- Doing puzzles
- Receiving phone calls and visits from family and friends

### "There's not enough discipline in this ol" world these days.\*\*

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

n 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 City Airport, where she worked for 10 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. 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 a wonderful trip to Santa Catalina, Calif., but her favorite memory was when she married Milton. They spent their honeymoon in West Yellowstone, Mont. – the first time she ever saw Yellowstone National Park. Mick and Mae weren't alone on their honeymoon. They took three of Mae's siblings and their spouses. She loved going on picnics with Mick, 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 53 years, she met and married Darwin Craner. They lived in Monticello, Utah. They moved to Holbrook, Ariz., where Darwin passed away. Mae then moved to Wendover, Nev., and now lives in Grantsville, Utah.

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

Changing from riding in a horse-drawn buggy to going places in her dad's first car, men walking on 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 shows with their kids. 🥨



Mae, her parents and siblings

# Ruth Isabelle J. Demsher

# Mary Helen K. Dill



BORN:

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

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Six children, 12 grandchildren, and 31 great-grandchildren

### HOBBIES:

- Sewing and Cross Stitching
- Gardening

"Inherit good genes, eat healthy food, and always see something good in everyone you meet."

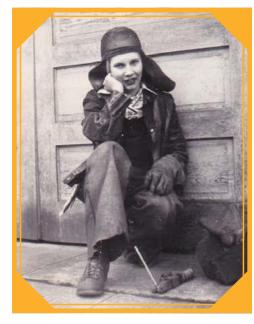
### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

uth 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 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, OR 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 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 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. She then moved to Utah, where two of her older children lived.

### **ACTIVITIES:**

She goes to the Family History Library every Wednesday, using her computer to search for the Danish parish records for her ancestors.



Demsher



### BORN:

1916 in Switchback, W.Va. She was the second child born to Walter Wysor and Lillie Mae King.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Three children, six grandchildren, 27 greatgrandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren

### HOBBIES:

- Music
- Live entertainment
- Good books on tape
- Walking the halls of her home

### **S**ECRET TO **L**ONGEVITY:

If she told us, it wouldn't be a secret any longer, and she would be a millionaire overnight. "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.

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

ary Helen's most important memories are her childhood years spent with her grandparents in Newburn, Va. 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, and 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 loves music, and 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. She also performed with the Clearwater, Fla., Community Chorus for years. The chorus took her to 13 European countries, where they sang in bandstands. She caught the travel bug and returned home to spend the next 12 years traveling the U.S., Canada, South America (the Panama Canal) and Newfoundland with her husband, Bob. Mary Helen moved to Utah in 2015 and currently resides at Legacy Retirement in South Jordan, near her granddaughter, Denise.

### FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Mary Helen is proud of the three children she raised.

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

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 freshpicked berries and freeze for later consumption. Mary Helen taught herself to drive on the family Model-A Ford, and loves taking long drives through the country to see the sights. Mary Helen saw her first plane in Newburn, Va., at a young age. The two-seater 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." 🥨



Mary Helen, 1934

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# Maurine P. Dorman

# Cecil Hoek Douglas



BORN:

Peacock

HOBBIES:

**DESCENDANTS:** 

Three children, four

great-grandchildren

togethers

grandchildren and six

Spending time with

her family and friends

at reunions and get-

Visits from family

Looking at pictures

(especially of her

grandchildren and

great-grandchildren)

Attending the monthly

retired nurse's luncheon with Arlien's daughter

in her photo albums

1918 in Price, Utah, the

born to Warren Sylvester

Peacock and Alvira Mott

fourth of five children

### "Love unconditionally, live life fully and family comes first."

xcept for nursing school, Maurine has lived her entire life in Price, Utah. Her mother died just before Christmas in 1928, and her oldest sister, Leora, died tragically three years later. their little brother. Growing up during the depression, she and Arlien had two dresses each to wear to school. Each child got one gift for Christmas along with a special treat: an orange and some peanuts in their stockings. Maurine and Arlien worked many years at the Main Street Drug Store and Fountain in Price. Their brother, Lloyde, would wait on the front porch with his dog for them to get home from work. Maurine met Dr. J. Eldon Dorman while working at the hospital in Price. She saw the new doctor arrive, looking sharp with his hat and cowboy boots! Maurine commented how handsome he looked, and the rest is history. They were married in 1943 in Las Vegas, Nev. They raised three children, and she has been a loving mother to Eldon's daughter from his first marriage. She loved supporting her husband and children in everything. Eldon passed away in 2000, and Maurine

### **FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

She gave up her professional nursing career to become a wife, mother and nurse to her family, who are her favorite accomplishments. She has spent countless hours in the kitchen preparing delicious food for her family and friends. She was a talented seamstress, took painting lessons, and enjoyed playing bridge and hosting bridge club parties.

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

bicycles to automobiles, trains to planes, coal stoves to electric and microwave ovens, etc. She never learned to use a computer, but likes swiping pictures on the cell phone. She thinks TV shows nowadays aren't so good, and misses the variety shows like the Andy Williams Show and the Carol Burnett Show.

hard and remain active. 😘



Maurine in Nursing School, 1940

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

Maurine and Arlien were left in charge of household duties and raising lived at home until she was 91 years old.

### Enjoy each day, study books, scriptures, pray a lot and be happy!

### **FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

was born in Missouri, and when I turned 20, 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 23 I married her. My wife passed away after 64 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 20, being married at age 23, having nine children, 57 grandchildren and 201 great grandchildren.

### **S**ECRET TO **L**ONGEVITY:

"I wake up early, I have a big breakfast, and I exercise daily and eat supper one hour before bedtime. I thank the Lord for my blessings!

She watched things change from

### **SECRET TO LONGEVITY:**

Exercise, eat nutritious food, work

# BORN: 1916, in Bucyrus, Mo.

Cecil was the second child

born to Oscar Lee Douglas

and Lottie Amelia Hoeck

### HOBBIES:

Douglas

**DESCENDANTS:** 

Nine children, 57

• Reading good books and the scripture

grandchildren and 201

great-grandchildren

• Visiting family often and watching my family grow and grow

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# Louis Hal Edison

# Richard A. Fay



### **BORN:**

1919 in Logan, Utah. He is the second of three sons born to Louis Milton Edison and Ferrell (Faye) Priscilla Evans. He has outlived all his siblings

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Two children, two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren

### HOBBIES:

- Listening to music from the 1930s and 40s
- Playing pool most weeks with friends
- Hal was a bit of a pool shark in college and a fixture at the White Owl Billiards in Logan

"Take a deep breath every morning, drive carefully and watch out for detours."

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

t 14, Hal began working in the American Food Store in Hyrum. He kept his job when the family moved to Logan, commuting by train or bus to work every Friday afternoon through Saturday evening and sleeping on a mattress in an adjacent building owned by his family. He shifted from grocery stores to drug stores, becoming a salesman for McKesson and Robbins for 33 years until retiring in 1984. Drafted into the army in 1942, Hal joined the paratroopers because the pay was \$50 more per month. He had three combat jumps into Sicily, Italy, and Holland and was among the first troops to parachute into Bastogne, Belgium, beginning the Battle of the Bulge. Thankfully he missed D-Day! He was in the hospital with a collapsed lung and three broken ribs following a car-bicycle accident in the British Isles. He married Alice Nelson on Christmas Day 1949, the only day he could get off work. They met at Low Cost Drug in Logan when he hired her for a summer job. They lived in Ogden, then bought their first home in the Sugar House area where they lived for 14 years and raised two delightful daughters. In retirement, Hal and Alice enjoyed traveling internationally and in the U.S. by rail, plane, ship and automobile. They especially enjoyed driving the Mormon Trail from Illinois to Utah. They both worked at the Salt Lake Temple, and Hal held positions in Sunday school and Elder's Quorum and served as a home teacher and ward clerk. Hal says his two granddaughters "are the pride and the joy of my life" as are his five great-grandchildren. Losing his dear wife Alice after 68 years of

marriage has been the hardest challenge he has faced.

### FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

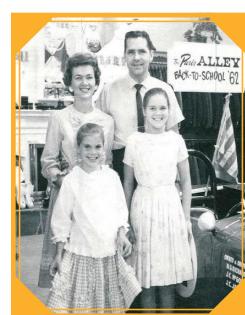
Marrying the lovely Alice and graduating from college.

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

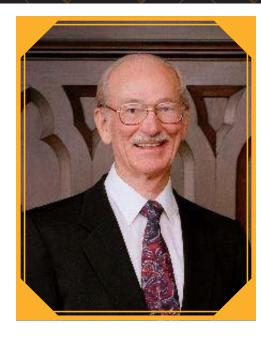
Witnessing the man on the moon and the Challenger explosion.

### **S**ECRET TO LONGEVITY:

Be content and be prepared for what lies ahead.



Hal, Alice and their two daughters



### BORN:

A Westerner in philosophy and spirit, Richard (Dick)
Fay was born in 1919 in
Boulder, Colo. His father died when Dick was two, and his mother and grandmother got the wanderlust and migrated to Southern California when Dick was four.

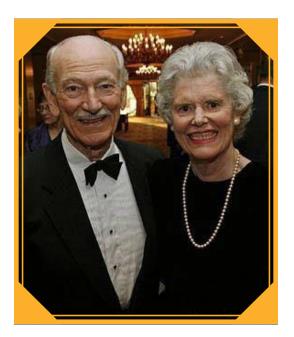
### "Success is measured not by what you can get from society but what you can give back."

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

ichard started in 1949 as an account executive (stockbroker) in a Los Angeles office when the Dow Jones average was 164 and average daily volume of trading was 400,000 shares. He became a regional sales engineer, and was responsible for introducing some of the first color television broadcasting equipment, closed circuit TV equipment, transistors, and microwave communications equipment in the southern half of the United States. In 1955, he formed Richard A. Fay & Co. (RAFCO), a securities broker/dealer firm in Beverly Hills, CA. An entrepreneur at heart, in 1970, he combined his background in finance and computers to work full-time in computerizing securities analysis. Dick was an early user of computers and financial databases. The strength of his techniques has been the use of statistics and quantitative approaches, which later financial research and theory validated in academic circles. He was a pioneer in theories and methodologies that uncovered fundamental stock market relationships. In 1973, Dick met his future wife, Carol McInerney. Three days later, she was the first woman to be selected into the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Executive Program from outside the service. They were married Nov. 1973. Carol was elected as the Salt Lake City IRS district director in 1981. Dick and Carol decided to stay because of the warmth of the people and the quality of the University of Utah. For the past four decades, Dick has been developing techniques for realtime trading of security and indexes.

### FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

As Dick approached the later years of his life, he began to think more of what kind of legacy he could leave. To perpetuate progress in the area of health sciences is the ultimate goal for him. In 1994, Richard and Carol created the Richard A. Fay and Carol M. Fay Presidential Endowed Biomedical Informatics Center of interdisciplinary sciences in honor of Homer R. Warner, founder and first chairman of the department.



Richard and Carol, 2018

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# Martha Facer Proctor Flandro

# Ralph Porter Frandsen



### BORN:

1919 in Holbrook, Idaho

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Four children, 23 grandchildren and 53 great-grandchildren

### HOBBIES:

- Spending time with family and friends, family history
- Photographs of my family and life, seeing places near home

   especially the mountains
- Being outside and enjoying the beautiful sunsets from my home

"Make people's lives your business. It will change your life and theirs for the better."

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

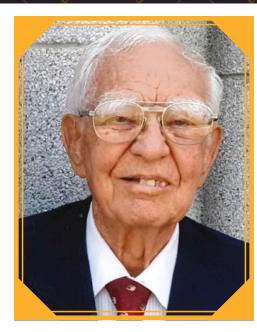
e moved to Oregon from Idaho when I was eight. I learned about forming close relationships through my best friend, Ruth McNeill. When she died at 14, I was heart broken, but that opened my heart to always being close to and interested in people. I went to BYU and received a mission call to the Central States Mission. After my mission I received 24 marriage proposals, all of which I turned down. Why, you ask? Because number 25 captured my heart — Paul Dean Proctor. We married in 1945 in the Salt Lake Temple. Paul finished his doctorate, then taught at BYU for eight years. In 1957, Paul was offered a position at the Missouri School of Mines, where we moved and lived for 27 years. We had four wonderful sons (I wanted 12) and a 230-acre farm and spread of woods in Missouri. The boys would hike, fish, canoe, and go spelunking in Missouri's many caves. Of course, I did all these things with them. Paul's career took us all over the world, including two sabbaticals to Turkey. More than anything, I loved serving in the church, and I have hosted guests from more than 80 countries in our home. Paul and I "retired" to Provo where he then taught at BYU for 10 more years, and we served a mission to Canada prior to his death in 1999. Three years after Paul passed away, I received marriage proposal number #26 from Royce Flandro, and at age 83 I remarried. We were married 16 years and served a mission in Spain. At age 93, I rode a camel in Jerusalem, throwing my arms into the air. That made my posterity think I was the coolest grandmother ever.

### **FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

My greatest accomplishment has been raising four wonderful sons. They, with my husband, are a part of nearly every memory I have. I have a quiver overflowing with the finest friends and people I could ever imagine. I've served three missions and traveled to every continent except Antarctica, but having four sons, 23 grandchildren and 53 great-grandchildren is my favorite accomplishment.



Martha, early teens



### BORN:

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

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Six children, 22 grandchildren, 53 greatgrandchildren and six great-great grandchildren

### HOBBIES:

- Skied until he was 75
- Golfed until he was 99
- Shot his first hole-in-one at 82
- Playing tennis
- Traveling with his wife
- He still bowls every week.

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

### **EDUCATION:**

alph started school in Harrisville, Utah, in a schoolhouse consisting of two rooms with nine grades. He graduated from Ogden High School at 16. The family did not have money for college, so he worked during the day and took accounting classes at night.

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

When Ralph was three, his father passed away during the flu epidemic after World War I. The family could not maintain their farm, so they moved from Idaho to Harrisville, Utah, to live near his grandparents. Ralph has fond memories of traveling with his grandfather by horse and wagon to pick up bushels of peaches in Brigham City. Ralph started working summers at age 12 to contribute to his family's income. He started with picking beans and fruit at \$0.50-\$0.60 per day. Later he thinned and weeded sugar beets for \$1 a day. At 16, he was delivering milk at 4:30 a.m. and was done in time for school at 8 a.m. After his mission to the Northwestern states, Ralph taught himself the telegraph and went to work for the Union Pacific Railroad for 37 years. He met his beautiful wife, Marjorie, at a church dance and walked her home afterward. They had been married for 73 wonderful years when she passed away at age 95.

### **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:**

Ralph remembers using eight-party phone lines, and now cell phones and computers are the norm. When he was young, at least half the population still traveled by horse and buggy. Ralph's father bought the first family car in Basalt 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.

### SECRET TO LONGEVITY:

It's still a secret and I don't know the answer, other than healthy living, keeping active and staying positive.

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# John R. Frey

# Joseph S. Garcia



### BORN:

1918, in Ogden, Utah, to Adolph John Frey and

Lila Landreth Frey. He had two younger sisters, Marie (deceased) and Ann, who will be 94 this year. He was raised on the family ranch in Lancaster, Calif.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Six children, 11 grandchildren, 13 greatgrandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren

### HOBBIES:

- Basking in the sun (the hotter, the better)
- Car rides
- Shopping (you can't have too many tools)
- Listening to old country western music
- Eating

"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. Look back to learn; look forward to succeed."

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

ohn started working on motors and engines at an early age. He bought an old roadster for \$10 when he was almost 15 years old, restored it and drove his friends to school. It sure beat riding a horse! He rotated with his sisters for the first, second and third baths in the bathwater they carried to the house in buckets. John worked as a miner to support his wife, Sarah, and their three children, and was paid a sack of groceries, housing and \$25 a week. John was drafted into the army to serve in World War II and assigned to the motor pool at Fort Dix, N.J. After the war, he divorced and moved his family to Las Vegas, where he met his second wife, Lois Ostro. They had three children together. Lois passed away in 1986, and John married Inga Johnson the following year. After Inga's death in 2013, John moved next door to his daughter in Manti, Utah.

### 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 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren! He loves hearing of all their successes and hopes that he's been a small part of who they are. He's so proud of who they've become.

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

John likes using a water heater instead of chopping wood to boil water on a wood stove. He thought phone calls via a switchboard operator were great, until he got a private line with a dial. Now he

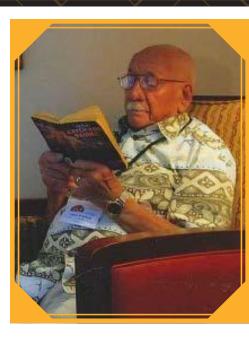
thinks his iPhone is top-notch. He doesn't like working on modern vehicles, but he loves how fast they are and enjoys modern comforts like air conditioning.

### **SECRET TO LONGEVITY:**

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 chew each bite 25 times.



John Frey, 1918



### BORN:

1919, in Kansas City, Kan. He was the firstborn of four sons to Odlon and Aurora Segovia Garcia.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Five children, 10 grandchildren, 20 greatgrandchildren and six great great-grandchildren.

### HOBBIES:

- Reading western books
- Gardening
- Walking at least a mile and a half every day

# "Read the yearbook to use it as a guideline for a great life! "

### **EDUCATION:**

oseph 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 Tehachopi, Calif. 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 home run 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 15 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.

### SECRET TO LONGEVITY:

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

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# Lois Mable Allison Gruber

# Gail Seymour Halvorsen



1920, in Shantung, China.

She was the fourth of

Mae Early while they

served as Presbyterian

six children born to Roy

Melville Allison and Edith

missionaries in China from

1911 to 1942. Lois and her

five siblings were born and

raised in China. Her first

time in the U.S. was on a

missionary furlough with

her family as a three-year-

old. Her teenage years in

China were during a time

of Japanese occupation,

grandchildren, 39 great-

great-great grandchildren.

grandchildren and five

and hardships.

**DESCENDANTS:** 

Five children, 24

and she remembers turmoil

BORN:

"Believe and trust in God. Be kind to others and expect nothing in return. Listen to others and be interested in their lives. Never brag."

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

rowing up, her family lived in a missionary station — a gated, walled compound that was home to five missionary families. Lois played and went to school within those walls with the other missionary children. They had Chinese servants who did all household chores and cooking, so she had to learn all her homemaking skills from library books as a young adult in college. Her education was unique. The missionaries hired a woman from the United States to teach their children. It was her job to prepare them for high school at the American school of Pyongyang in Korea. During her high school years Lois and the other missionary children would take a Japanese ship and sail to Korea to spend the school year boarding there. Upon graduation, she attended Wheaton College in Illinois. She married Otto Gruber in 1943, and they had five children. The family lived in Maryland, Washington, and California. In 2001 Lois moved to Utah. Lois has always had a competitive spirit and played many sports. She still enjoys dominoes and assembling jigsaw puzzles. She is up for nearly any adventure; she especially enjoys long drives, museums, malls and picnics. She chooses uplifting old musicals and comedies as her entertainment. She has a quick wit, and loves weekly outings for breakfast and lunch. She has always loved animals and currently has two dogs she dotes on. Lois has lived a life of faith and service to others. Her children are the joy of her life. Lois played the organ and loved to read. She enjoyed handwork from sewing and

knitting to creative crafts and birthday cakes. She experimented with and perfected recipes which included raised donuts, banana bread and chow-mein. Lois has always been a hard worker. When the children left home, she worked as a secretary for an insurance company, and in her sixties, she was certified to teach Early Childhood Education.

### SECRET TO LONGEVITY:

Be happy and think of others first.



Lois as a teen in China

### BORN:

1920, grew up on a small farm in Idaho and Utah. He is the second of four children born to Luella Spencer Halvorsen and Basil Knud Halvorsen.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Five children, 24 grandchildren and 60 great-grandchildren

### HOBBIES:

- Adventures, exploring other countries
- A good challenge or problem to solve
- Skiing, ice hockey
- Flying
- Being in the mountains with his horse, family and fishing pole
- Making life better for those around him

Attitude, gratitude and service-beforeself puts you on the correct path in life. The
little decisions make a BIG difference in life.
Small acts of kindness can change the world.
Develop faith, choose a religion and live a
good, generous life.

### **EDUCATION:**

ail graduated from Bear River High School in 1939. He joined the Civil Air Patrol in 1941 and the Army Air Corps in 1942. He went to fighter pilot training and was assigned flight duty in foreign transport operations in the South Atlantic in 1944. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in aeronautical engineering in 1952, a master's degree in guidance and counseling in 1973, and an honorary doctorate in 2013. He was assigned duties in the Air Force space program from 1950-70, working on the Titan III Space launch.

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

I had a great dad and mom. Growing up on a small farm and working the sugar beets taught me much. After I got my private pilot's license in 1941, my buddies and I each put in \$50 and bought an airplane. We flew all over Utah in that plane. The Berlin Airlift of 1948-49 changed my life. It brought me great joy to drop candy to the children of Berlin. A highlight of my life has been to meet hundreds of people who were in Berlin during those hard times." The happiest day for Gail was when Alta Jolley married him in 1949. Together they raised five children, created a life of service, and found the beautiful and good things in life. In 1970, Gail was assigned to be Air Force commander in Berlin. At the end of his service, he was given his most prized award: the Bundesverdienstkreuz, the German Service Cross to the Order of Merit. He is also the proud recipient of a Congressional Gold Medal. After Air Force retirement in 1974, Gail worked as assistant Dean of Student Life at BYU. Gail and Alta served three church missions together, including to England and Russia. Gail said, "Going to Russia after my experiences during the Cold War was sometimes a spinetingling adventure!"

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

The magic of electricity coming to his home in Garland, their first

small refrigerator, getting indoor plumbing in high school, the development of flight, spacecraft and cars, the ability to fly to foreign countries in a matter of hours, and FaceTime. "I wonder what my parents would think about (FaceTime)!" Gail says. "They wouldn't believe it!"



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# Selma (Sam) Adele Meyer Harris

# Lloyd Rulon Hicken



Hampton, Neb., the 13th

Reverend H. William Meyer

in childbirth the day before

and Emma Louise Kruse.

Her mother passed away

her third birthday, a day

she still remembers. She

has outlived her siblings.

**DESCENDANTS:** 

Sewing and

HOBBIES:

Four Children, 10

grandchildren, and 17

great-grandchildren

embroidering

Camping, traveling

to Jackson Hole

Campground

tournaments

and Monte Cristo

• Watching the Utah Jazz

of 14 children born to

BORN:

**"S**tay healthy by eating right, taking  $^{\prime}$ care of yourself, staying busy, and enjoying the outdoors."

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

am lived in Oxford, Neb., until she was 12 years old. Childhood was spent roller skating, climbing a black walnut tree, gathering eggs from the henhouse, going to the roller rink, climbing on monkey bars at the playground, and playing in the snow. Her father was asked to be the pastor at the Lutheran church in Worms, NE, when she was 12. The move was hard because Worms was a very small town compared to Oxford, consisting of a tavern, gas station, grocery store, and church. She remembers her father asking her to go across the street every afternoon in the summer when it was hot to fetch him a beer from the tavern.

### **FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

Raising four children was her greatest accomplishment. During some of that time, she worked retail at Sears and Bon Marche in Ogden. Those were both very enjoyable, as she loved working with people in the department stores. She was approached to become a buyer for Bon Marche, but she declined to avoid being away from her young children. After her children were raised, she worked for the government at Defense Depot Ogden.

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

Changes in cars (especially heaters), radios exchanged for television sets, iceboxes making way for refrigerators, feather beds changing to mattresses, using air conditioning instead of fanning herself with newspapers, interstate highways making crosscountry travel more enjoyable, air travel allowing flight to new destinations, outhouses replaced with indoor plumbing, heating with coal changing to natural gas, and the addition of microwave ovens and dishwashers. Wringer washers changing to automatic washers and dryers was quite life-changing for her as a busy housewife. She remembers being one of the first to order an automatic washer in the Ogden area. 🥴



**Confirmation** 

BORN:

1918 in Taylorsville, a small ranching/farming community in Alberta, Canada, near the U.S. border. He is the oldest child of Rulon E. Hicken and Eliza Ann Little.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Five children, 26 grandchildren and 63 great-grandchildren

### HOBBIES:

- · Camping, fishing, horseback riding
- Trips to lovely mountain areas in the West and Canada
- Relationships with family and others
- Attending the New York World's Fair

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

### **FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

loyd wanted to be a country doctor and attended the University of Utah as a pre-med student for two years. He went on a mission for the LDS church in Brazil around the time World War II started. German-speaking missions in South America were changed to the local language, and he was assigned Portuguese. He attended pilot and officer training in the U.S. Air Force, trained as a B-24 bomber pilot, and was sent to the Pacific. He finished his last mission just before the atomic bombs were dropped in Japan, returning home in 1945 to find his precious wife, Alice Richards Cannon. They married in March 1946 in the Salt Lake City Temple. He was accepted to medical school in the first class at the University of Utah after the war, commencing his practice in Bountiful, UT. Lloyd borrowed money to build the South Davis Community Hospital (a non-profit hospital), the first in Davis County. He was later also involved in the establishment of Lakeview Hospital in 1975. Lloyd is grateful he had a noble woman for his wife. They had five children, and Alice was preceded in death by three children and a grandson. She had lifelong health problems resulting from rheumatic fever as a child, but endured to the age of

94 with courage and without resentment. Lloyd has been active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He interrupted his medical practice to preside over the Brazilian mission for his church. He served positions in various wards, stakes and temples including first high council, first counselor, counselor, high council, bishop, sealer and first patriarch.

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

Horses and buggies have made way for airplanes. 🗷





# Ida Hubbard Hoggan

# Norton B. James, Jr.



"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."

### **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. Ida graduated from Ogden High School. During this time, she met William "Bill" Marler Hoggan, a friend of her brother Ronnie, who set them up on a blind date. They married in the Salt Lake Temple in 1941 and went on to have four children. Later that year, the attack on Pearl Harbor plunged the country into war. Two of Ida's brothers served in the military. Ida remembers rationing food and gas and other hardships of wartime. They later moved to California, where the climate was better for their health. Bill eventually did commercial art for North American Aviation and moonlighted doing silkscreening, carpentry and photography. Ida worked in — and later owned — a health food store, did housecleaning, and helped Bill with projects. Bill died in 1983 after a two-year battle with prostate cancer. Ida now lives close to her daughters in Grantsville, Utah. The family is close and sees each other as much as possible.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

daughters.

Six children, 15 grandchildren, 44 greatgrandchildren and at least one great-great-grandchild on the way

In the small, quiet farming

Hubbard and Sarah Estelle

children, four sons and two

town of Carey, Idaho,

in 1919 to Jesse LeRoy

Beecher. They had six

### HOBBIES:

BORN:

- Serving in the Daughters of Utah Pioneers chapter
- Serving in her church branch and stake activities
- Knitting, crocheting and sewing

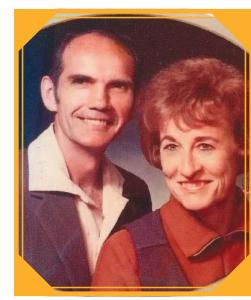
### **FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

Ida served in many church positions in primary, mutual, and scouting

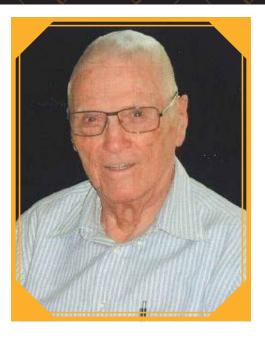
programs. She served as one of the oldest relief society presidents ever at 89, and was interviewed for a church news article in 2009 called, "This Lady's Too Busy To Be Old." Ida has been to over 20 countries and much of the U.S. She particularly loves Hawaii and has been 10 times. She still has her driver's license and is known to take a friend on an errand around town or to the store. She is a great and careful driver.

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

Advances in technology and transportation have been a blessing.



Edith, 1929



### BORN:

New York City (Bronx) in 1919, to Norton Bennet James, Sr. and Etta Geib James. He had one brother and one sister. They grew up in Mount Vernon, New York.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

One child and three grandchildren

### HOBBIES:

- Watching TV
- Daily visits with family

### "Take care of your responsibilities."

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

orton was assigned to the 738th Tank Battalion, HQ Company, which conducted intensive training in the Mojave Desert and deployed to the European Theater in 1944. The 738th developed and operated a top-secret tank designed for night use and disruption of enemy forces with an intense carbon arc strobe light. Due to the high classification of the program and lack of awareness about its availability, the tank's use was very limited. Norton married his wife, Eula Lawrence at Ft. Benning, Georgia, in 1943 and later solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. After the war, they moved to Cedar City, Utah, and had their only child, Norton III (Ben). Norton entered the Utah National Guard at the rank of Captain and served in the 213th Field Artillery Battalion. In 1950, the 213th was activated to support the allied forces in Korea. By early 1951, it was deployed to Korea and remained throughout 1951. Capt. James led the 213th Service Battery, responsible for maintenance and supply services. At the end of the war, Capt. James received a reserve promotion to Major. In 1954, he received a one-year assignment to Germany as an Army liaison officer, returning with his family to Cedar City in 1955. In 1957, the family moved to Salt Lake City, where Norton worked at the CAA (now FAA) regional air route traffic control center until he retired in 1982. Norton lived in West Valley City with his wonderful wife of 72 years until she passed away in 2015. His son Ben and daughter-in-law Jody live close and spend hours with him each day.

### FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Serving his country in World War II and the Korean War; being a successful husband and father; creating a comfortable home for his family; receiving 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:**

Advances in air travel, ease of communication, and the moon landing.



Eula and Norton, 1943

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# Marie Cooley Johnson

# Mary Waki Kawakami



1915 in Newton, Utah, the

third child born to Marcus

R. Cooley and Mary Hjelte

Cooley. She outlived her

three siblings.

**DESCENDANTS:** 

HOBBIES:

HOBBIES:

Three children, 17

grandchildren and 23

• Genealogy and reading

• Dabbling in all types of

(particularly history and

great-grandchildren

biography)

Gardening

handcrafts

Her favorite trip was

meeting her son after

his mission in Finland

throughout Europe.

and traveling together

BORN:

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

arie's father developed rheumatoid arthritis as a young man at a young age to help their father on the farm. Marie's

them to California where they raised their three children. Marie worked in the LDS church Primary, Sunday school and Relief Society organizations and enjoyed serving as ward organist. She completed her California Teaching Credential and found a job teaching home economics. After 31 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 and was happy to be called to help set up two genealogical branch libraries. In 1994, Marie moved to Pleasant Grove.



Marie, one year old

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

and was largely confined to bed. Her brothers worked hard parents were determined their children would have a good education. When she was about eight, they moved the family to Logan, partly to take advantage of the schools. Her mother supported the family by taking in boarders. Marie loved her new school, the paved sidewalks to roller skate on, the library and many new friends. When the large extended family got together, they often played card games. She remembers laughter, good-natured teasing, and maybe a little cheating! After high school, Marie enrolled at Utah State University and worked part-time in the Registrar's Office earning 15 cents an hour, which covered tuition and provided some spending money. She served as vice president of the student body and received the University Citizenship Award, graduating in 1938. 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 to help support them until Lloyd finished his studies. Her memories of Washington include attending Franklin Roosevelt's second inauguration on a freezing January day, joining the thousands who gathered to listen to Marian Anderson sing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, and the unpleasant but indelible memory of listening to Hitler's terrifying voice on the radio as he waged war across Europe. Lloyd's work took

# BORN: 1912, in Fort Lupton, Colo., the oldest of 11 children born to Kenshiro Waki and Shizuko Furukawa Waki

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Four children, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren

### HOBBIES:

- Watching Dr. Oz, American Idol and Antique Road Show
- Shopping at Costco
- Eating good steaks
- Seeing her grandchildren and great grandchildren
- Going on cruises
- She loves to wiggle and sing, and performs a daily therapy combination of Tai Chi wellness and wiggling.

"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."

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

ary grew up facing persecution and racism because she is of Japanese descent and lost her mother at a young age, but she has always had good friends and a supportive family. Mary warmly recalls that when she was 14 years old, the principal, Mr. Malstrom, asked his wife to help Mary make some clothes for her. Mrs. Malstrom helped make her a lovely dress, which she wore to tatters. Mary's step-mother introduced her to her husband, Charlie Kawakami, a Japanese mechanic who worked in Spring Canyon mine, and they married a couple of months later. 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, when people of Japanese descent were told to leave. They moved to American Fork where they had four children, and she continued to develop her hair styling business. Charlie passed away when he was about 101. She misses him, but tries to stay busy.

### FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Mary owned and ran Mary Kawakami's College of Beauty for decades before retiring at 85, and got her driver's license at 74. She organized a speech contest for the youth of American Fork in 2004, now an annual competition with scholarship money for prizes. She was named one of the 10 best hairdressers in the world by the Los Angeles and Hollywood Hairdressers, but her family is her greatest accomplishment.

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

Political changes which have created financial chaos for America, invention of television, and moral changes. She feels people have lost simple comforts and see morals as relative.

### **SECRET TO LONGEVITY:**

Every human being should move in order to sustain their body and mental health. When you are elderly, just wiggle and sing childhood songs and then laugh; the result: a total feeling of well-



Mary and her son, Paul

## Margaret Welker Nielson Kazmierski

# Hyrum Grant Keeler



BORN:

1919 in Paris, Idaho to

Roy Anson Welker and

was the seventh of nine

brothers and six sisters.

**DESCENDANTS:** 

HOBBIES:

Knitting

Four children, 19

Handwork

Crocheting

and family.

She has made many

lovely gifts for friends

grandchildren and 45

great-grandchildren

Elizabeth Hoge Welker. She

children, surviving her two

# "Stay busy and be happy in whatever you do."

### **EDUCATION:**

argaret started school in Paris, Idaho and attended until age 14 when she went to Germany, where her father served as an LDS mission president from 1934 to 1937. They then returned to Ephraim, Utah, where she finished high school and earned a teaching certificate at Utah State University in Logan.

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

Margaret remembers the years in Germany were an adventure for the family. They attended the 1936 Olympics and toured Europe before returning to the U.S. The experience instilled her desire to travel, and she returned to Europe later in life. She also enjoyed visiting the family of her second husband, Edward Kazmierski, in New England. She taught school in Southern Utah until she had children. She was living in California when all four children grew up and left home, so she returned to teaching at the local high school. She taught herself to play the piano and loves all music. She played for her church and also directed the women's choir. Late in life, she taught piano to many young students.

### FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Margaret's sister Ruth wrote of Margaret, "Her artistic, aesthetic nature is shown in her musical abilities and her love for plants, flowers and nature in general. She has blessed the lives of many people with her music and school teaching. She has served for many years as director of ward choirs and singing mothers' groups." She also volunteered with the Red Cross and worked

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

The family got indoor plumbing about the time Margaret was born. That was a big deal in Paris, Idaho.

during state and federal elections.

### **SECRET TO LONGEVITY:**

All the Welker girls grew up eating vegetables. 🕊



Margaret as a young adult

### BORN:

1918 in Utah County, Utah, the eighth of 10 children born to Charles Obid Keeler and Nora Ellender Johnson. The family lived on the 40-acre Keeler farm in what is now Orem. Grant has outlived all of his nine siblings.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Five children (two living),12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren

### HOBBIES:

- Hiking
- Skiing (until age 90)
- Reading

# "Don't sweat the small stuff, and it's all small stuff."

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

here were many dawn-to-dusk duties for the family on their farm. 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 throwing tomatoes at the motorists driving below them. As a boy, he watched stunt pilots and aerialists (barnstormers) at county fairs. At 21, he left for Southern California to pursue his dream of becoming a pilot, and worked building aircraft. There, he met and married Rayola (Rae) McClellan in 1940.

### FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Grant and his family have lived in Los Angeles, Florida, Newfoundland, Germany, Taiwan, Colorado, Maryland, and Wisconsin. He fought in World War II and Vietnam. His World War II missions sent him over Germany, bombing fuel refineries, railroad yards and industrial targets. He was shot down twice and has been honored for his accomplishments during his 28.5 years of active duty. He received the Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Purple Heart. In 2013, 95-year-old Lt, Col. 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 learned to fly in single-engine airplanes, and ended up flying jets at twice the speed of sound. The outhouse was stocked with a Sears

catalog for toilet paper. Cooking was done on a coal stove, and milk, cheese and produce were stored in an underground root cellar. Water for the 40-acre farm came from an irrigation ditch. Travel was done on foot, horse or bicycle, before the family bought a Model T Ford.

### **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.

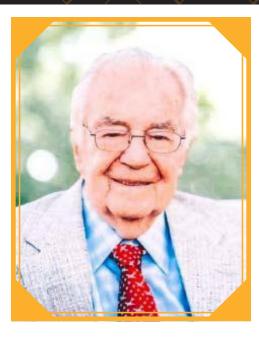


Grant and Rae, before heading off to war, 1942

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# Robert Farr Larson

# Martha Herbert Lowe



### 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, UT, 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.

### HOBBIES:

- The morning crossword puzzle
- Checking the stock market, reading the morning paper, checking his emails
- Reading one book per week
- Enjoying visits and celebrations with family and friends.

"Decide what you want to do, then do it - and be honest."

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

obert was raised on the family farm where he tended sheep, milked cows and cleaned chicken coops. In 1938, he drove to San Francisco with friends for the World's Fair. In Los Angeles, they paid 13 cents a gallon for gas and \$4 for one night in a hotel. The other nights they slept on the lawn with blankets. After World War Il began, Robert became a propeller specialist. Shortly after, he was drafted into the Army Air Corps 334th Fighter Squadron and sent to the Aleutian Islands. He received an honorable discharge with the rank of corporal in 1946. He and his wife built their first home in Gunnison with help from his father, a carpenter. In 1952, he moved his wife and four girls to Richfield, Utah, and became the owner of the Sevier School and Office Supply. He won trips to Mexico City and Bermuda for selling Royal typewriters. After 30 years, he sold the business and retired to become a cattle rancher and later a "gentleman truck farmer" with 10 acres of delicious sweet corn, melons, tomatoes, potatoes, and a pumpkin patch. Robert learned early that "retirement is a young man's dream and an old man's nightmare!" So, he kept right on working. He made many trips to favorite fishing places in Canada and visited all 50 states, Japan and Europe.

### **FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

Robert was active in civic and community affairs and served on the city council. 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 and was president of the Rotary Club, the Richfield Chamber of Commerce, the Richfield Dancing Club, and the Knife and Fork Club. He served as finance chairman of the Sevier Valley Hospital Board 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 positions as elders' president, senior president of the 36th Quorum of the Seventy, high council, and first bishop, raising money to buy a new chapel in the seminary building. His greatest accomplishment was raising a wonderful family.



Robert



### BORN:

1920 in East Liverpool, Ohio. She was the only child born to Winter Jason Herbert and Gertrude Stoddard Herbert.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Four children, many grandchildren and great grandchildren



### **EDUCATION:**

artha graduated from Wheaton College in 1942 with a BA in English Literature.

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

She met and married Peter Lowe, who also attended Wheaton. Martha had two of her four children while her husband served as a Naval officer during World War II. Her memories of growing up in East Liverpool include getting water from a well until eventually using rain water that entered a cistern and was pumped into the house. She tells the story about a blimp landing on a hill above her home when she was 10 years old. She doesn't know the story behind the blimp landing. Once Martha and Peter settled in Salt Lake City, she was hired to work in the Accounting Department at the State Capitol. She worked there for 29 years. One of Martha's favorite memories from the past 100 years is her and a girlfriend riding the "EL Train" (Chicago L line elevated train system) from Wheaton to Chicago to listen to bands playing at the Palmer House.

### HOBBIES AND ACTIVITIES:

Martha's interests include watching basketball and rooting for Jimmy Johnson. Some of her hobbies are making clothing, including a business suit for her husband, all types of needle work, knitting Christmas stockings for all grandchildren and great grandchildren, quilting, gardening, Tole painting, various wood projects (she had her own power tools), canning everything (peaches, pears, tomatoes, pickle relish, etc.), and even making her own jam/jelly. Martha has so many talents it's hard to name them all.

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# M. Pearl W. Madison

## Rosella Anna Wendland Dilley Marshall



BORN:

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

### **DESCENDANTS:**

One child and one grandchild

### HOBBIES:

- Oil painting. She painted many pictures for a long time
- Golf
- Many church callings in ward and stake. She loved church work and ended up getting a job at her local church for data entry.

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

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

earl was born on her parents' farm. She went to elementary school in a four-room building. She remembers when she was young how she used to walk over frozen mounds of snow and break 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 often. 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, Calif. 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 into a onebedroom apartment. Their only child was born, and Pearl stayed home until their daughter went to college. They moved to St. George, Utah in 1981. They first bought a motorhome and went traveling all over Southern Utah. Traveling was very fun. She and her husband had many good times. He passed away in 1989 and she has been a widow for 28 years.

### **SECRET TO LONGEVITY:**

I did not use tobacco nor did I ever do drugs or alcohol. 😘



### BORN:

1920 in Crandon Settlement, S.D., to Fredrich H. Wendland and Hannah H. Brugger. Both families were of German descent.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Five children, 15 grandchildren, 29 greatgrandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren

### **S**ECRET TO **L**ONGEVITY:

We were too poor to buy junk food so we just had the basics. I have always counted pennies, and used coupons to buy yarn. I do enjoy indulging in good chocolate.

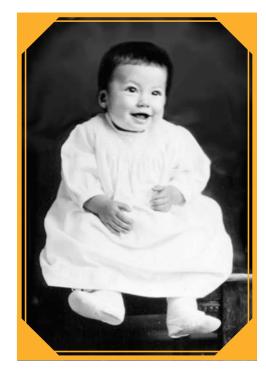
"Be honest with yourself and others. Watch your money carefully and spend it on what will make you happy."

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

osella is the widow of two World War II veterans. Glendon served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific and helped put out the fire after the USS New Mexico was hit by a kamikaze plane. Rosella was left to raise two small children while he served, and volunteered with the Red Cross. Her second husband, Alvin Marshall, served in the U.S. Army in Northern Europe. She is proud her son Rodney served in the Army in Germany from 1966-68, and three great grandsons served in the military as well. She is a lifetime member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. She married Glendon, her high school sweetheart, in 1939 and they began farming. Their income was dependent on the price of cream and eggs. She had a large garden and processed vegetables to store in the cellar - a sack of sugar was a rare luxury. Everything useful was recycled, and she sewed clothes from flour sacks and "patched the patches" on their jeans or wove them into denim rugs. After years of crops destroyed by hail and of being "dirt poor," they quit farming and moved to town, and in 1959, they bought their first home in Wolsey, S.D. Glendon passed away in 1973. Rosella worked 20 years in a public service office. In 1987 she met and married Alvin. She moved to Utah in 2011 to be closer to family, where she made new friends and enjoys seeing the younger generation.

### FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Rosella excelled in handiwork crafts, making every piece "without one mistake." She won the Homemaker Sweepstakes Award for excellence in crafts and baking at the South Dakota State Fair. She is a regular at the Utah State Fair, and wins many blue ribbons. Her specialty is counted cross-stitch and creating a picture that looks as real as a photograph. One of her favorites is of the home where the family lived for 45 years. She has been honored with hundreds of awards including silver platters, blue, red and white ribbons, plaques, money and several "Best of Show" purple ribbons. 😘



Rosella as a baby, 1920

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# Virginia E. Beyer Mason

# Dorothy McAffee



1917, in Tremonton, Utah.

She was the second child

born to William Henry

**DESCENDANTS:** 

grandchildren

Beyer and Anna Rauber

Three children and nine

BORN:

Beyer.

"I was born on a farm in Tremonton, **Utah. I went to Tremonton Elementary** school.99

### **EDUCATION:**

finished the eighth grade in seven years. Then I went to Bear River High School and graduated. I went to Heneger Business College

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

I went to work in the office of Utah Poultry for a short time. I was married in Honolulu 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. We thought our call would be next, but the Midway battle changed the course of the war. We decided to move to Hood River, Ore. 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 100th birthday, which was very exciting!

Virginia and her family on her 100th birthday

### BORN:

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.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Five children, 19 grandchildren, 52 greatgrandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren

### HOBBIES:

- Making paper flowers for Memorial Day
- Designing and sewing doll clothes
- Oil painting
- Music, dancing and quilting
- She was president of her church quilting group for eight years.

"If the pioneers can endure it. so can you. Don't worry, this too shall pass. You are never too old to dance."

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

orothy spent her early years following her father around the farm. When Dorothy was six, her dad passed away and the family moved to Magna, Utah. Dorothy loves Utah and has a deep appreciation and love for the mountains and all of God's creations – 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 U.S. many times. She loves Big Cottonwood Canyon, where she used to go camping as a child with her siblings and their children. One favorite memory is dancing at Saltair. The Big Band leader, Tommy Dorsee, saw her in the audience and called for the "cute brown-eyed girl" to come on stage and lead the next song. Dorothy is a natural artist and homemaker and 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, and she went on to work as a dental assistant, at JPL Jet Propulsion Laboratories at the time they were making trips into space, for Congressman Rob Packer, and as the president of the Red Cross in San Juan County. At one point, Dorothy moved to Washington and was able to work with the people who built the atom bomb. She owned Carolyn & Carron Press Shop and Colonial Beauty Salon in Sugar House. She loved working at the State Capitol. She once received a thank you card from the president of DuPont Companies and a recognition letter from a United States President.

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

Dorothy remembers moving household items and livestock from Alberta, Canada, to Salt Lake City on horse-drawn flat beds and trains. From party line telephones to cell phones, from wringer hand washers to electric washers and dryers, from horse-drawn carriage to electric cars and RVs – it's all wonderful and challenging!

### **SECRET TO LONGEVITY:**

Stay in shape. Eat good, healthy foods and eat them slowly. Drink lots of water. Be happy, work hard, stay active and be social. 😘





# Stella Mark McComas

# Anne F. McNeil



### BORN:

1917, in Detroit, Mich., 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.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Three children, 15 grandchildren, 32 greatgrandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren

### **S**ECRET TO LONGEVITY:

Healthy food, exercise (she started doing yoga at 55), a clear conscience, debtfree living, and a positive attitude.

### **EDUCATION:**

tella and her brother learned English as they played on the streets of Brooklyn and she learned math by making change in her father's grocery store in the Los Angeles area. She attended local elementary schools and was so intelligent that she skipped two grades, though her parents wouldn't let her go ahead of her brother. She graduated from Lincoln High School in Los Angeles at 16.

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

Her mother was ill for most of her growing years, and she spent a good deal of time alone reading or helping her father in his store. Her parents didn't speak much English, so the family was somewhat isolated after they left New York. She was the May queen at her elementary school in third grade. It was about that time she learned to play the piano and found a great deal of joy 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, then how devastated they were when they returned that night having lost everything. It left a lasting impression, and may have been the cause of her frugality. She met Willis Frank McComas when she was 15 while playing the piano with a jazz band in Pasadena. They married when she was 18, and faced the challenges of being a young couple in a struggling society. They had three children in whom they instilled strong moral values and the importance of being thrifty. Willis passed away over 20 years ago, and she became a clown named Peek-A-Boo, making all her own costumes and developing expertise in making balloon animals. She volunteered her time at senior centers and fundraising activities like cancer walks and Alzheimer runs. At 91, she got a part in the film, then

continued to be cast in movies like "One Good Man" and "The Letter Writer," commercials, and production of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

### **FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

She was an accomplished pianist, her last "gig" being when she was 93 years old. She loved to travel with Willis, and they went on many trips throughout the U.S., Asia, Europe, South America, New Zealand, and the Holy Lands. They loved being together as they experienced different cultures. 🥴



Stella performing at a children's event



### BORN:

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

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Three children, 12 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren

### HOBBIES:

- Playing bridge and board games
- Reading
- Knitting.

### "Stay active as long as possible."

### **EDUCATION:**

went to Davis High School, University of Utah, and Henager Business College in Utah. At age 55, I started my own business in Walnut Creek, Calif., 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, who 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

### **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.

### 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. 🥨





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# Anna Olive Coleman Metz

# Gregory Montagnoli



### BORN:

1918, in Frostburg, Md., the second child born to Gurney Harrison Coleman and Nellie May Chaney Coleman

### **DESCENDANTS:**

None



Les and Anna, 1942

### "Appreciate every day and every friend."

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

grew up in Frostburg, Md., with my older sister. When I was 12 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 10 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 70 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 20 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.

### **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.



**Nursing school graduation** 

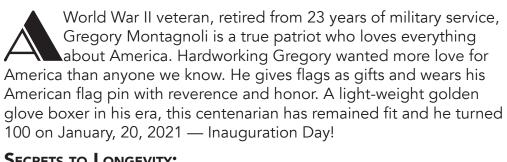


### BORN:

To Italian Immigrants Jan. 20, 1921.

### HOBBIES:

- Collecting coins
- Keeping up with current events/reading the newspaper
- Watering the flowers, taking care of the roses
- Walking and talking!



### **SECRETS TO LONGEVITY:**

Cornflakes and a banana for breakfast, hostess cupcakes for snacks, and lots of spaghetti & meatballs. Not worrying or thinking too much. Living in the moment. Staying active, walking and reading the Deseret News every day. Being part of a family who loves you. 65







# Elizabeth Gallegos Montoya

# Stanley Boyd Nance



1917 in Del Norte, Colo.

She was the third child

and Eleanor Romero

born to Diego Gallegos

grandchildren, numerous

Having lunch with my

family and friends

Playing Bingo at the

care center where I live

BORN:

Montoya.

**DESCENDANTS:** 

grandchildren

HOBBIES:

now

Eight children, 34

great-grandchildren

and a few great-great

### "Keep active and eat healthy."

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

hen I was 18, I worked doing domestic duties. I soon met Louis Montoya, my future husband. We were married in 1935 in Del Norte, Colo. at St. Mary's Catholic Church. We both worked for a dollar a day; we saved up 25 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

### 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.

### **SECRET TO LONGEVITY:**

Eating healthy, exercising every day and doing yard work.

Elizabeth as a teenager / Elizabeth and Louis, wedding day, 1935

### BORN:

1918 in Garfield, Utah, the sixth of eight children born to James Milton and Ellen Alwilda Brady Nance

### **DESCENDANTS:**

14 children, 53 grandchildren and 97 great grandchildren.

### HOBBIES:

- Home gardening
- Watching birds and squirrels at his homemade feeders
- Watching BYU or high school games
- Reading the scriptures
- At 90, Stan still planted and harvested home grown tomatoes, corn, cucumbers, cantaloupe, beans and peas.

### "Listen to your parents. Experience is worth more than gold."

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

tan's family moved to a farm near Sandy, where his mother was born. His father died when Stan was 18. He was reassigned partway through an LDS mission in Tahiti, due to World War II conflicts brewing in the Pacific. Stan was released before his mission companion and dated that companion's girlfriend: Helen Wardle. Stan and Helen were married in the Salt Lake Temple in 1942, with President Harold B. Lee officiating. They later served a second mission to Tahiti in 1981-83. Stan deployed in every major military battle in the E.T.O. during World War II. A high-speed Morse code radio operator, he served with Bradley's Secret Soldiers, known as the "Ghost Army of the E.T.O." In Paris, shortly after the invasion at Normandy, a French man — with tears of gratitude for freeing his country from Hitler's reign — offered Stan his World War I medal of honor. Stan humbly accepted, and that medal now hangs in his home. Stan always made fun with family the center of his life, and all 16 family members would pile in the station wagon for vacations. They spent time in Yellowstone and Glacier national parks exploring, fishing, and filming incidents with bears. After 44 years of marriage, his sweetheart Helen passed away in 1986.

### FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

At seven, Stan was a member of the National Geographic magazine club. He loved fiddling with his own inventions. He later pursued real estate, insurance, and securities. He was a member of the National Association of Security Dealers and founded Utah-Ohio Gas & Oil Corp, Great Lakes Drilling Co., Cambrian Equipment Co., and Safari Travel Agency.

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

Stan made family movies with a reel-to-reel movie camera, a 16mm color movie camera, and later

a camcorder. It is hard for him to believe movies are made on iPhones.

### SECRET TO LONGEVITY:

His mother's good cooking, home-grown vegetables, travel with children, lots of whole milk, cream, fresh eggs, bacon, butter, and a little dark chocolate everyday. 😘



Stanley and Helen with their 14 children, 1962



# Affra McNeill Nelson

# Ruth Erma Hansen Nielson



### "Enjoy the journey!"

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

ffra served for 22 months as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the East Central Mission. During that time, Pearl Harbor was bombed. She returned home, finished her degree at BYU, sang at the Junior Prom Assembly with her Sweet 16 housemates, and taught a year at Pleasant Grove High School. World War II was in full swing, and Affra was sent to Hickam Air Force Base in Honolulu, as a Military Records Secretary. She sang in a trio at the military bases on the island while she worked for 10 months. When the war ended, she jumped on a troopship for home and her future husband, Ray C. Nelson, left England where he had been serving for two and a half years in the Army Air Corps. They met back in American Fork and were married two weeks later in the Salt Lake Temple. She and Ray were happily married for 55 years.

### FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Teaching for 21 years at Pleasant Grove High School, where she was named Outstanding Teacher of the Year and advised the Future Business Leaders of American chapter, and serving as Ward Relief Society President, Stake Primary Counselor, teacher, and (with her husband) as stake missionaries and guides at the Provo Tabernacle.

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

Affra used a manual typewriter, an electric typewriter, and eventually computers and keyboards. When she was 97, she took a flight on a World War II B-17 plane with her grandsons to honor her deceased husband, who had worked with radar on the B-17s during World War II. She said airplanes have improved since World War II.

### **S**ECRET TO LONGEVITY:

Positive thinking, serving others, faith in Jesus Christ, healthy diet including oatmeal for breakfast and chocolate treats, water aerobics, and living with a daughter who takes good care of me! 48



### BORN:

1920 in Heiner, Utah, the first born to Henry Elmer and Mable Jane Pettit McNeill. She was named after her Aunt Affra, who was a nurse and delivered Affra at home. Her younger brother was born when Affra was 16 years old and Affra has outlived him.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Three children, 16 grandchildren, and 50 great-grandchildren

### HOBBIES:

- Reading
- Singing in a trio in American Fork
- Fishing and golfing with her husband
- Attending fireside group every fast Sunday evening for 53 years



### BORN:

1920 in Elsinore, Utah, the 10th child and second daughter of Louis and Nina Hansen. She is the last surviving member of her family.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Eight children; 37 grandchildren; 64 greatgrandchildren

### HOBBIES:

- Reading the newspaper
- Taking an occasional nap
- Visiting with neighbors and family who drop by

### **S**ECRET TO **L**ONGEVITY:

Good genes. My grandmother walked across the plains as a teenager. She lived to be 100 years old and died when I was 17.

### "Look for the good in each day."

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

remember moving to Salt Lake in the depths of the depression. We were well accepted and not treated like "country hicks." Summer nights were often spent playing kick the can, run-sheeprun or hide and seek, or singing under the baton of Harry Gregory. I remember the banana peddler who knew if he came to our house, he would be invited to eat. Mother could not afford to buy his bananas, but he would always leave a few when he left. I spent my summers in Upalco on the farm. I enjoyed my years at the U and was a member of the women's basketball team in spite of my short stature. I took airplane flying lessons at Airport No. 2 in Salt Lake during World War II with the intention of joining the WASP. After passing the cadet test and while awaiting assignment to Sweetwater, TX, the minimum height was raised to 5'4" and that left me short 2" and out of the program. In about 1945 I began skiing at Alta and Brighton. In 1948 I competed in the annual Snow Cup races at Alta. I remember a fun trip to Sun Valley with my skiing friends. After the war I met and married J. Grant Nielson from Springville. It was there we made our home and raised our eight children – one son passed away at the age of 11. Those were good, busy years. My husband passed away in 1991.

### FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

I feel the education I received was a real accomplishment. I am proud that I received my pilot's license. Working at the State Attorney General's office was a great experience. Being the mother of eight children was a real accomplishment. I believe I deserve some of the

credit for the five Eagle Scout awards earned by my sons. The service work I have been able to do in church is something I am proud of. I especially loved being able to work in the Provo Temple for many years.

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

I remember our home in Elsinore was one of the first in town with indoor plumbing. I remember sitting around the radio listening to some of our favorite programs like "Mert and Marge." Things have progressed so much over my lifetime.



Ruth, age 8 or 9



# Olive Violet Osterwise O'Mara

# Thelma F. Patton



child of God is an anchor in life's storms.

Awareness of your significance to God
provides a sense of self that can help you
face challenges. Also, the future has no
ceiling. There is always more to look forward
to. Every day is a gift and an opportunity.
Even if it brings you things you don't desire,
or you make mistakes, life is precious.
Rejoice in each day. And recognize that the
future goes on after this life, there is always
more to look forward to, more adventure on
the horizon, more knowledge to gain, more
love to share. "

"Treasure your life. You have a place in the universe and knowing you are a

### **BORN:**

1920, in Scottsdale, PA, one of five children of Robert Russell Osterwise and Violet Jane Watson

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Three children

### HOBBIES:

- Genealogy
- Studying scriptures
- Reading and studying Latin
- I was studying string theory and M-theory in my early 90s.

### **S**ECRET TO LONGEVITY:

Wanting to be alive and staying engaged in life to me, is the secret to longevity, and also consciously choosing healthy habits and attitudes and making these habits for a lifetime.

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

was the first to know that World War II had ended because I was working in the Navy message office when the news arrived. When I was in the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) during World War II, I got one of the highest scores ever on the test for electrician's mate. The Navy couldn't find me to report my score because they were sure no woman could score that high, so they were looking for an "Oliver" Osterwise. I'm glad the world is different for my daughter, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters. I taught school for 40 years and especially loved teaching how to read. I taught in inner-city schools because I wanted to inspire children to enjoy learning and to feel pride in their families regardless of their situations. My husband died after we had enjoyed only 21 years together. Life was not always easy, but I knew we belonged together. Faith and religion have been a part of my life since my earliest memories. I wanted my three children to have all the experiences we could crowd in: Chasing tornadoes, watching the re-enactment at the centennial of the battle of Gettysburg, trying to visit a Lincoln museum in Illinois in the middle of the night, and making a long detour to visit Hannibal and the Mark Twain museums. My grandchildren and greatgrandchildren are gifts from heaven; they are perfect and can do no wrong regardless of what their parents think. It is a joy to see their potential and view the future as I gaze at them.

### IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:

I just tell my lights to turn off and on, it still seems like magic. The integration of cultures is also a big change from when I grew up, and I think it's great. 🗷



### BORN:

On a snowy morning on a farm in Missouri in 1915.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Five children, 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren

### HOBBIES:

For 12 years, I volunteered to teach crochet to young men in detention at Decker Lake Youth Correctional in Salt Lake City. 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!

### **EDUCATION:**

won my school letter for debating on the subject of social security. I graduated third in my class of 33.

### **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 started my first real job, sight unseen, because of my good handwriting. I worked for Civil Services before World War II 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, Wash., 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 World War II 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, and dragged him the rest of the way. He gladly walked down later. I met my Romeo at Camp Carson, Colo., 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, Mo., we saved an apricot crop from freezing with Christmas tree lights. Between Pat and me, we lived in 12 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. 68

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# Edith Carlquist Reed

# Louise Puenzieux Schmidt



BORN:

1917, in Salt Lake City, Utah, the fifth of nine children born to Carl Hjalmar Carlquist and Ethel Rich Carlquist. Except for the oldest sibling, we were all born in a home designed by Richard Karl August Kletting, who also designed the Utah State Capitol.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

10 children, 28 grandchildren and 62 great-grandchildren "At the end of her life, my mother said: "If I had to do it again, I would love, love, love!" So would I."

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

was born two days after the false armistice and two days before the real armistice of World War I, in 1917. When the Depression hit, the family moved to the Draper farm, one of several farms my father owned. Dad was in real estate, and 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 brothers taught me how to drive our 1927's Marmon in our pasture (now the Draper Park). I was hired as the music specialist of the fourth grade at Emerson School, the school of my childhood. While at Columbia, I also had a job at the YWCA in the Bronx, N.Y., organizing activities for young women to explore "The Big Apple." 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 was a tremendous celebration in California. Before I left Santa Rosa, Calif. 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 married in May 1948. Being a wife and a mother and experiencing the joy of life and the sorrows of death and guiding the earthly development of those children dear to your heart 'til 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! 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.



Edith as a young adult, undated.



BORN:

1917, in Lausanne, Switzerland, the fifth child of Charles Puenzieux and Louise Zingg Puenzieux.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Six children, 29 grandchildren, 41 greatgrandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

### HOBBIES:

- Listening to music and 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.

"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."

### **EDUCATION:**

graduated from high school in Switzerland, and went back to school in the U.S. once my children were raised. I graduated from BYU at the age of 56; 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 Jesus Christ 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 World War II. I went through Ellis Island. I worked as a nanny in Boston for the son of 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.



Ed and Louise, 1946

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# Douglas Andrew Smith

# Wanda May Hill Stone



In a two-room log cabin

in Venice, Utah, to Laura

23, 1921. Doug was the

was born into a family of

and Andrew Smith on Feb.

second of five children and

strong pioneer stock. Doug

has three brothers and one

Doug and Charlene have

grandchildren, 20 great-

grandchildren, and one

great-great grandchild.

three children, seven

BORN:

sister.

**DESCENDANTS:** 

"I just lived and ate good stuff. Humor, staying active."

### **EDUCATION:**

oug attended the three-room schoolhouse just a short distance from his family home for his elementary school years. Due to the Depression, the family moved north for work when Doug was heading into his junior high years. Doug attended the Clinton School, Davis High School, and graduated from Weber High School. Doug went into the Army Air Corps and was stationed at Pendleton AirField in Oregon where he met his wife, Charlene.

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

When the country went to war, Doug was shipped out in Sept. 1942, just months after he and Charlene were married. Doug was an aircraft mechanic and served in Africa and Italy. He returned home from Italy in Aug. 1944. Doug continued to serve in the reserves until his retirement from the reserves in 1981. Doug worked as an air traffic controller, real estate agent, bus driver, and various other jobs during his life. Charlene passed away in 1991. Doug was introduced to Joyce Perkins Smith through mutual dancing friends and they were married in 1992. Doug and Joyce reside in Roy, Utah.

### FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Square dance calling, legacy of children and grandchildren.

### **ACTIVITIES AND HOBBIES:**

He loved fishing, hunting, boating, camping, and square dancing. Doug started square dance calling in 1958 and continued to call periodically into his 90's. Doug continued to square dance weekly until COVID-19 shut the dancing down. Dancing played a constant role in

Doug's life. It's fitting that Doug met Charlene at a dance and that is how their life together began.



Doug Charlene Engagement, 1942



### **BORN:**

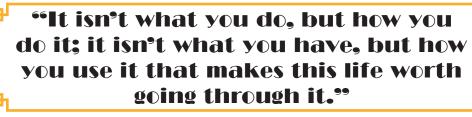
1918 in a pioneer rock house in Mendon, Utah, to James Leslie Hill and Echo May Sorensen. Her ancestors helped settle Cache Valley. Her paternal grandmother, Mary Ann Sorensen Hill, was the first baby born in Mendon in the log fort on Mendon square in 1860.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

One daughter, two granddaughters and four great-grandchildren

### HOBBIES:

- Scrapbook journals
- Music
- Reading
- Sewing
- Spending time with family



### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

t 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. At 10, she went to Mendon to live with her maternal grandparents, where she helped them do all the things necessary to run a small farm and keep a household. During 19 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. After a divorce in 1958, 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, she traveled extensively.

### FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Wanda taught herself to play the steel guitar, the piano and the small accordion. She sewed her own clothes for 78 years on a treadle sewing machine. At 11, she sewed some underwear from bleached

flour sacks. As a lifelong member of the LDS Church she held 38 positions including temple work, served a stake mission and was a visiting teacher for 48 years. From 1998 to present, she has been a primary teacher, including for the deaf and blind and special needs students. In 1940, she taught the eight-year-old boys in Sunday school and lived to see them become great-great grandparents.

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

The coal oil lamp on the kitchen table to the bright long lasting LED light bulbs, 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, and from rub-a-dub dub on a washboard to tossing clothes into an automatic washer.



Wanda May Hill Stone



# Enedina Astorga E. Stubbs

# Irva Sudweeks



### BORN:

1917, in Silt, Colo., the fifth of ten children born to Gregorio Astorga and Euphemia Sena Astorga.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Two children, four grandchildren, nine greatgrandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

### HOBBIES:

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- Ceramics, crocheting, knitting
- Visiting Star Valley, Wy. in the summer and Hurricane, Utah in the winter
- Directing card games at senior centers
- Taking afternoon naps (primarily after each meal which didn't happen until I turned 90).

"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."

### **EDUCATION:**

raduated North Denver High School where I took shorthand, booking and business courses. 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 receive the education I needed to move ahead.

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

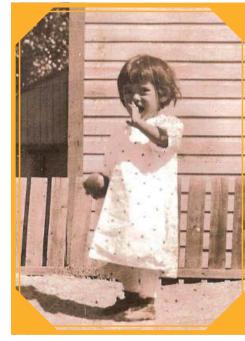
At age 11, my siblings and I were orphaned. Four of the siblings remained in Idaho Falls working and/or marrying. Four of us were sent to live with relatives and the two youngest were sent to the orphanage in Boise, Idaho. We never lost hope of reuniting. I kept in touch with six of my siblings, going to school and working to help support myself. After graduating high school, I caught a bus to Salt Lake City, 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 1961, after searching for 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. I lost my husband in 2011 at 95 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.

### 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 from St. Therese Child of Jesus, Catholic Church's Women of the Year award, and for services rendered at Midvale Senior Center.

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

Advances in the medical field. In 1955, because of a double heart defect at birth, my eight year old son 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.



Enedina, two years old, 1919



### BORN:

1919 in Widtsoe, to Robert B. and Maud Snyder Gleave, the seventh of 13 children.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Four children, 21 grandchildren, 67 greatgrandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

### HOBBIES:

• Irva still drives herself places, lives on her own and can recite poems she memorized decades ago.

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

"Refrigerators have been a blessing," Irva said. As a child, she remembers the days of not having an option to keep food cool.

### "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. \*\*

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

The remains of the old schoolhouse Irva attended until eighth grade are still standing. It's one of the few remainders of Widtsoe, now a ghost town. She attended Piute High School in Junction, and her family moved to Kingston when she was 17. When Irva was born, transportation was limited to horse and wagon in Widtsoe. "We didn't even have a buggy," she said. She spent her summers in Burro Flat. 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. After graduating from high school, Irva married Bob Brindley in 1938. 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, and 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 guit working. Irva continued to irrigate, cut and haul hay. She still enjoys working in her yard.

### FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

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 Young Women president. "Everybody knows mom," said Bill Sudsweeks, Irva's son. 🥨

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# Albert Marshall Vise

# Floyd Leroy Waite



### **BORN:**

Knoxville, Tennessee in 1919 to William M. and Jimmie L. M. Blake Vise. He was the only son in a family with five sisters.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Four children, eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

### HOBBIES:

- Al discovered his "inner artist" later in life and continues to draw daily with colored pencils
- Attends a daily exercise class
- Reads
- Completes word search puzzles
- Follows current activities
- Tunes in to Jazz games

"Keep a good sense of humor, stay positive and enjoy all of your good memories."

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

rowing 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, Ken. when he was three years old, and Albert remained there until joining the Kentucky National Guard from 1938-1941. In 1941 he joined the Army. The war years initially took him to 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 51 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 50 years in Salt Lake City. Al has been a proud Utahn for 74 years. Al and Etta loved to travel in the U.S. and internationally. 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. He is proud of his 51 years of marriage to Etta Wilson Vise. Another favorite accomplishment is being a small business owner of Al's Hair Design for 50 years and retiring at the age of 80. He is proud of being an inspiration to his loving family and his extensive travels.

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

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.

### **SECRET TO LONGEVITY:**

Keep on moving and stay active.



Albert and Etta on their wedding day, 1941



### BORN:

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

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Four children, 21 grandchildren, 65 greatgrandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

### HOBBIES:

- Working in the garden
- Painting
- Reading
- Making jewelry

### "Don't get old."

### **EDUCATION:**

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.

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

I practiced both cosmetology and electrology in Las Vegas, Nev. 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, and counselor in the bishopric. I was also 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.

### 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 98 years old. 😅

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# Leora Morton Gertsch Collins Ward

# Doris Leprieve Rucker Wasden

"Find out where they can get Barley Life from the AIM Company, Nampa. Idaho. Be active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. \*\*

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

hen she was five, her brother went on a mission to Tonga, where he translated the Book of Mormon into the Tongan language. Leora outlived three husbands, Joseph Daniel Gertsch, Richard Collins and Robert Ward. She taught second grade in Libby Edwards and Stansbury Elementary schools, and home her husband, Richard Collins, at the Liberty Jail Visitors Center (LDS). She traveled with Richard and their family to Morocco when he was in the Air Force, where her youngest was born (Carl Collins). Leora has lived in Escondido and then moved to St. George, Utah, where she is now living with her daughter, Jolene Jester and her husband, Gary Jester. She's been a member of the Utah Daughters of Pioneers.

### **FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

primary children in church, volunteering as a foster grandparent at Washington Elementary School and Dixie Regional Medical Center histories, and teaching health and nutrition.

strawberries. They made jam and took orders for deliveries from buggy, as they didn't have a car.

Barley Life, a green powder from the AIM Company. She takes Barley Green twice a day and Herbal Fisher Blend once a day. 😘

economics at Granite High School and Carbon College. She worked at Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City. She has been active in the Church fo Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and went on a mission with

Living to 100 years old and celebrating her 100th birthday, teaching with her husband, Robert Ward, working in genealogy recording family

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

Leora grew up in the horse and buggy days. Her family raised people. Her mother would deliver crates of strawberries by horse and

### **SECRET TO LONGEVITY:**



### **EDUCATION:**

oris 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. 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.

"Treat others as you would like them

to treat you."

### **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 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 1936 (deceased), Morris Franklin Wade in 1955 (deceased), and Reed Lewis Wasden in 1981 (deceased).

### FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

She became the organist for her LDS Ward in 1955 and served for 63 years, through March 2012, at the age of 94. 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:**

Automobiles, electricity, running water, and indoor bathrooms. 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."

### **SECRET TO LONGEVITY:**

Good genes and a healthy lifestyle. 69

### BORN:

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.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Two children, ten grandchildren, 21 greatgrandchildren and 19 great great-grandchildren.

### HOBBIES:

- Getting on her computer and doing family research
- Attending church when possible.

like Bingo and checkers to keep her mind active.

She likes to play games

**BORN:** 

Mapleton, Utah, in 1919 to

Joseph Morton and Belva

brother, Ermel Morton.

Six children, three step

children and too-many-

to-count grandchildren,

• Reading and writing in

• She always liked to

education.

Scotland.

her journal and writing

encourage friendship.

She's always believed in

She likes to read about

Scotland, because her

ancestors came from

and numerous great-

**DESCENDANTS:** 

grandchildren.

poetry.

HOBBIES:

Hatfield. She had one older



# Verda Louise H. Watkins

# F. Earl Webb



### BORN:

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

### **DESCENDANTS:**

One son, seven grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

### HOBBIES:

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 50 years. Verda is perhaps the oldest Los Angeles Dodgers fan listening to their games regularly over her satellite radio.

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

n 1928, when Verda was 11 years old, her mother moved with the four youngest children to Long Beach, Calif. Verda's mother was an obstetrician and worked as a midwife, which required her to stay away 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 many instruments, including the violin, piano, baritone horn, trumpet, trombone, oboe, and cello. 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 was 19 and Verda was 22. 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. Roy was later transferred to Salinas, California. 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, rubber was conserved for military use. She had two flats, and was able to buy only two new tires. She managed to reach Roy's parents in Oklahoma. Verda's mother had two new tires shipped to her in Oklahoma. 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, whose 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. Verda sewed many shirts for her son to wear to school. In the late 50's Roy and Verda met with friends every Friday night 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 also sewed clothes, bags and toys for her grandchildren. In 2002, Roy passed away from Alzheimer's at the age of 81. In 2015, Verda was moved to a Retirement Community in Orem, Utah, to be closer to her five grandchildren living in Utah County. 😘



Verda and Roy on their wedding day, 1943



### BORN:

1915 in Riverton, Utah, the fifth child born to W. M. Lafayett Webb and Dora Alice Brown Webb.

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Two children, five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

### HOBBIES:

I fix my own breakfast and supper. Meals on Wheels brings lunch and I like visiting with the ladies. My son takes me grocery shopping and out to lunch every Saturday. On Sunday, my daughter takes me to lunch. I read the paper, watch television, and go to a senior center yoga class once a week.

"Work hard and take care of your money so you will have some for your old age. Don't pay interest. If you want something, save your money until you can pay cash."

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:**

y childhood days in Riverton, Utah were happy. Although we were poor, I had lots of friends to play with. My father died when I was two. 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. Driving a school bus my senior year at Jordan High, I hit a slick spot on the road and slid into a gully with the bus tipped and leaned 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. After high school, I went to Civilian Conservation Corps 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. In 1939 we bought an old home in Bluffdale, Utah, with 13 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 raised a steer and pigs for meat. I also raised a large garden and had fruit trees. I waited in the dark for kids coming to steal watermelons out of my garden. I had my double barrel shotgun and fired into the air to scare them. I saved up and enjoyed paying cash for

### FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

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:**

Automobiles which made life so much easier. Men going to the moon and back. Television. I had the first color television in Bluffdale!

### **S**ECRET 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.

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# Gina Maxine Ferguson Wilson

# Jane Wright



### OUTSTANDING MEMORIES:

he attended school in Alabama and Mississippi. After graduating from high school, her parents moved to Los Angeles, Calif., 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, Calif. They had two children. Ivan and Maxine relocated to Utah in 1944 and have been residents of Utah since. Ivan died in 1995. Their marriage lasted 54 years and eight months.

"Lead a clean life and

respect others.\*9

### **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.

### **IMPRESSIVE CHANGES:**

Seeing her first airplane and advancement of air flight has been impressive to Maxine. Another impressive change she has witnessed in her lifetime has been the internet of which she knows nothing.

### **SECRET TO LONGEVITY:**

A nice view of the Utah Base and the Oquirrh Mountains with the Rockies on the east. 😘

# great-great-grandchildren. **Hobbies:**

Two children, eight

grandchildren, 13 great-

grandchildren and eight

1918, in Detroit, Ala.,

the first born child to

and Flora Lily Anthony

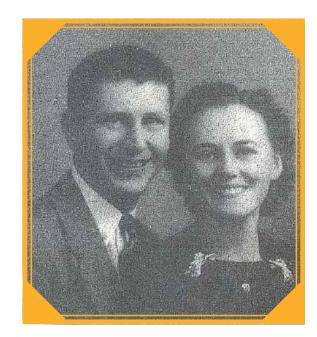
Robert Jackson Ferguson

BORN:

Ferguson.

**DESCENDANTS:** 

- Outdoor activities such as fishing, camping and traveling.
- Currently, she is just enjoying relaxing in her home.



Ivan and Maxine, undated



### BORN:

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

### **DESCENDANTS:**

Three children, 16 grandchildren, 45 greatgrandchildren and 32 great-great-grandchildren.

### HOBBIES:

- Reading
- Attending church
- Watching the "Golden Girls" and the Utah Jazz on T.V.

"When choosing a career, choose something you really want to do. Keep your words soft in case you have to eat them..."

### **OUTSTANDING MEMORIES::**

ane was born in her parents' apartment in Salt Lake City in 1918. Jane had a mostly happy childhood, which included family gatherings where the children would play dress up and play with their dolls. Her family liked to go camping and fishing in the Uinta Mountains with her family and friends. When she was young, her girlfriend died of spinal meningitis. When she was 19, her sister died of a ruptured appendix at age 13; she was devastated by this. Jane met her future husband, Orson George Wright, in 1932 at a dance at Bingham High School. They secretly eloped in 1937. She had to drop out of nurse training when her pregnancy began to show. 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. 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.

### FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Jane gained much joy and happiness from serving others as a nurse and in her church. She had a small part in helping people regain their health and teaching them how to stay healthy. 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, availability for as much education as one wants, man being able to travel in space.

### SECRET TO LONGEVITY:

Day by day doing the best I can, trying to help someone who needs help, eating a good diet, and doing lots and lots of exercise.



Jane in her nursing uniform, 1936

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### **Mary Alexander**

Born 1919 Lehi

### Laura Archuleta

Heber Cit

Born 1918

### Mary G. Astorga

Born in 1921 Lives in Salt Lake City

### Victoria Bartlett

Born 1914 Palm Desert

### **Mildred Barlow**

Born in 1921 Taylorsville

### **Elizabeth Beck**

Born in 1913 Salt Lake City

### **Alice Bennett**

Born in 1911 Salt Lake City

### **Katy Blackham**

Born in 1918 St. George

### **Tony Borrero**

Born 1920 Salt Lake City

### Joseph Brubaker

Born in 1918 Salt Lake City

### **Della Bulkley**

Born 1916 Salt Lake City

### **Bea Burnett**

Born1916 Park City

### **Bessie Clayton**

Born 1913 Salt Lake City

Born 1915

West Haven

Milton Christensen

### Kay Croen

Born in 1917 Lives Salt Lake City

### **Nevaline** "Nevie" Crompton

Born in 1920 Ephraim

### **David Curtis**

Born in 1918 Salt Lake City

### Iva Rae Davidson

Born 1917 Salt Lake City

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### **Ada Dewey**

Born in 1917 Ogden

### Vera Dugdale

Born 1913 St. George

### Jack N. Eichers

Born in 1921 Millcreek

### **Hazel Edler**

Born 1914 Salt Lake City

### **June Edwards**

Born in 1920 Salt Lake City

### **Eugene "Gene" England**

Born 1919 Sandy

### **Geraldine Felsted**

Born 1920 Salt Lake City

### Frances "Betty" Ferrero

Born in 1918 Washington

### **Madge Fillingim**

Born in 1920 Vernal

### **Donna Fowkes**

Born 1921 North Salt Lake

### Allen Frandsen

Born in 1919 Centerfield

### **Alice Funk**

Born in 1917 Nibley

### **Ouida Glenn**

Born 1918 Salt Lake City

### **Davina Grav**

Born in 1917 Clinton

### Oscar K. Green

Born in 1921 Bountiful

### Mona Hammond

Born in 1914 Provo

### **Zola Harman**

Born 1919 Taylorsville

### **Weldon Heaton**

Born 1921 Laverkin

### Mildred Hersman

Born 1919 Salt Lake City

### Mark Heyrend

Born 1918 Salt Lake City

### **Ruth Hlavaty**

Born 1920 Murray

### **Gerda Hubrich**

Born 1918 Taylorsville

### **Marian Hughes**

Born 1920 Logan

### **Marie Humphrey**

Born 1918 Sandy



# MORE CENTURY CLUB CENTENARIANS

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### Mildred Hymel

Born 1919 Herriman

### **Earl Jackson**

Born 1920 Lehi

### **Eursle Jackson**

Born 1919 Lehi

### **Lydia James**

Born 1915 West Jordan

### **Lillian Jones**

Born 1910 Salt Lake City

### **Sophie Jones**

Born 1916 Montrose

### Yenta Kaufman

Born in 1918 Sandy

### Bertha Kemp

Born 1917 Murray

### **Ebrahim Khodaverdian**

Born 1917 Sandy

### Miyeko "Meg" Kiriyama

Born 1918 Salt Lake City

### Jeanne Konishi

Born 1920 Murray

### Kay Kotoku

Born 1917 Salt Lake City

### Wilhelm Kuhn

Born 1919 Orem

### **Edna Lanier**

Born 1919 Ogden

### **Eva Larsen**

Born in 1913 Salt Lake City

### **Leya Lifshits**

Born 1919 Salt Lake City

### **Elva Lindberg**

Born 1917 Taylorsville

### **Dorothy Macrate**

Born 1919 Salt Lake City

### Rosemarie McCrea

Born 1917 Salt Lake City

### Jessie "Marie" McDonald

Born 1920 Salt Lake City

### Joe McQueen

Born 1919 Ogden

### **Betty Mendoza**

Born 1912 Lives in Hurricane

### **Howard Mills**

Born 1918 Lives Bountiful

### **Lois Mills**

Born 1920 Taylorsville

### **Eleanor Miltner**

Born 1919 St. George

### **Barbara Morwood**

Born 1918 St. George

### Zelta Nebeker

Born 1919 Farmington

### **Carl Nelson**

Born 1919 Taylorsville

### **Elener Nelson**

Born in 1916 Washington

### Lynn Newman

Born 1919 Sandy

### Leola Nielsen

Born 1917 West Jordan

### **Paul Nkoy**

Born 1915 Salt Lake City

### Ada Nordell

Born 1913 Washington

### **Shirley Oberg**

Born 1915 Spanish Fork

### Herbert Olschewski

Born in 1919 Salt Lake City

### Hilda Olsen

Born in 1919 Roy

### **Marguerite O'Niones**

Born 1919 West Jordan

### **Esther Orr**

Born 1921 Park City

### Alice Pay Bateman King

Born 1917 Springville

### **Mary Pinnell**

Born 1916 West Haven

### **Cleo Powel**

Born 1915 Murray

### Lynn Reed

Born 1920 West Valley City

### **Eva Risk**

Born 1920 Taylorsville

### **Lucille Robbins**

Born 1912 Brigham City

### **Enny Schulz**

Born 1918 St. George

### **Eldon Sloan**

Born 1919 Salt Lake City

### Irene Smith

Born 1918 Salt Lake City

### **Paul Smith**

Born 1912 Salt Lake City



# MORE CENTURY CLUB CENTENARIANS

**Ted Stathakis** 

Born in 1921

Lives in Salt Lake City

**Wilson Stevens** 

Born 1915

Salt Lake City

**Doris Stock Atwood** 

Born 1916

Ogden

**Lila Straley** 

Born 1912

Salt Lake City

**Leon Tapia** 

Born 1915

West Valley City

**Maude Tapper** 

Born 1913

Spanish Fork

**Zelda Terry** 

Born 1920

Riverton

Winona Thorderson

Born 1919

Lucile Tibolla

Born 1918

Salt Lake City

**Maria Trujillo** 

Born 1918

Plain City

**Mary Wahl** 

Born 1914

Draper

**Ted Wells** 

Born 1910

Orem

**Woodrow Wilson** 

Born 1918

Clinton

**Theron Yates** 

Born 1916

Salt Lake City

Layton

We would be lost without this program. We wouldn't know where to go to receive help for Medicare issues. – Marie Vargas



It's going to save you money and it's going to help you pick the ight program for you. - Tracey Stewart

If this service were not available, I think that I would have been in worse shape than I am now – Francine Dent



They make it very easy and simplify the whole process Gary Bartle

Before the help that I received here, it was like I was just a ball being thrown around. - Betty Jerry



I was not too adept at navigating the government website, but I had seen SHIP offering this service and I thought, "I think that's the way to go." – Eloise Dennis

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The national SHIP mission is to empower, educate, and assist Medicare-eligible individuals, their families, and caregivers through objective outreach, counseling, and training to make informed health insurance decisions that optimize access to care and benefits.

### **Coverage Changes**

Considering making coverage changes during Medicare's Open Enrollment Period? Contact your SHIP for one-onone assistance with reviewing health or prescription drug plan options.

### **Enrollment**

Unsure about Medicare's enrollment and eligibility criteria? Your SHIP will help you understand the guidelines.

### **Who Pays First**

Confused about who pays first, Medicare or another insurance? Your SHIP can explain how Medicare works with supplemental policies, retiree coverage, Medicaid, and other kinds of insurance.

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Worried about the out-of-pocket costs associated with Medicare? Contact your SHIP to find out about assistance programs for which you or your loved one might be eligible.

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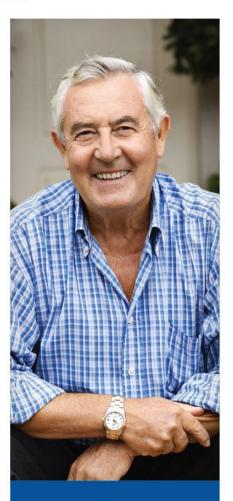




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"I found a plan that works better for me."

### 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. Or call 1-800-MEDICARE for help.

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

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"I found a

better deal on

prescriptions."

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

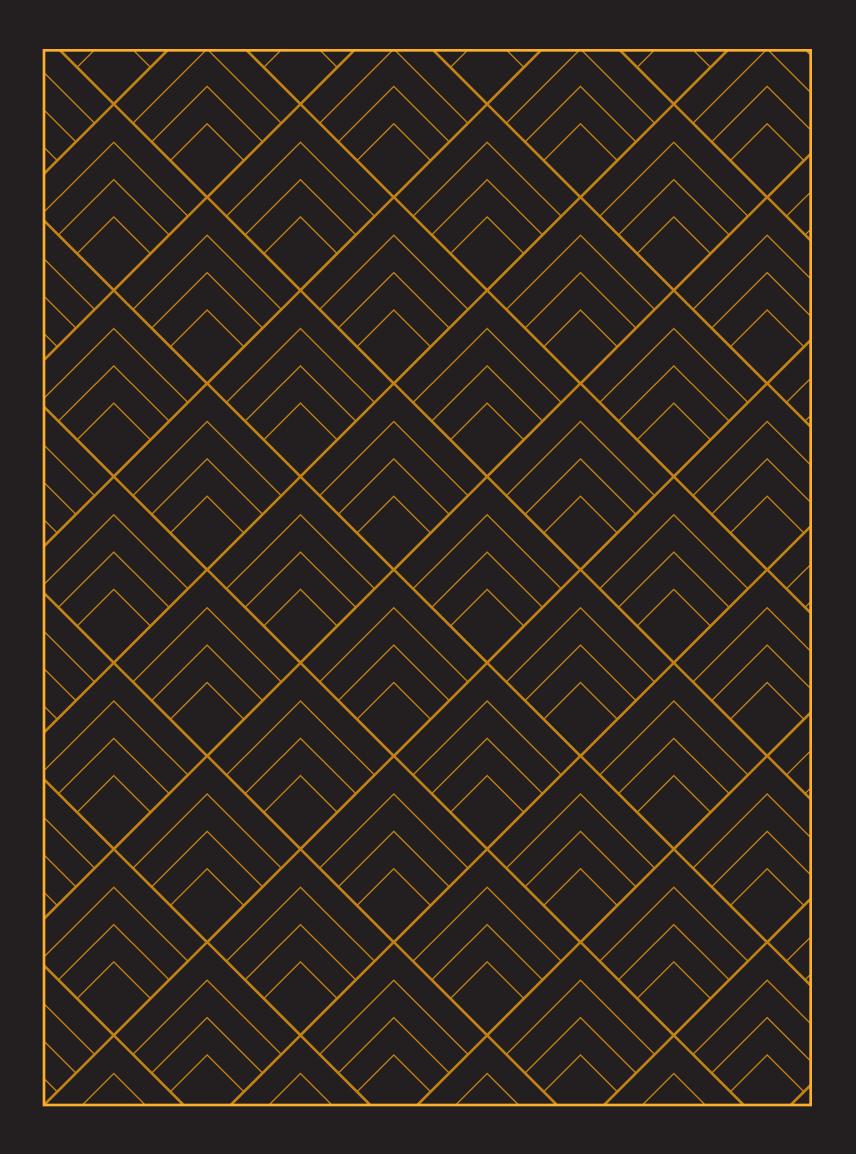
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