



**Governor's Century  
Club of Utah**

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# Message from the governor

**A**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 2024.

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 2024 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 governors 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

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**T**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 September 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, Gary Herbert, and Spencer Cox.

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 yourself or your loved one to be recognized at [daas.utah.gov/centenarians](https://daas.utah.gov/centenarians) or by calling 801-538-3910.

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# Demographics

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**152**

Total number of  
centenarians in Utah  
as of June 2024

## Oldest Utah centenarians

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**112**  
**years**

**Betty Mendoza**  
Born April 1912  
Hurricane

**109**  
**years**

**Milton Christensen**  
Born March 1915  
West Haven

**111**  
**years**

**Lucille Robbins**  
Born November 1912  
Brigham City

**108**  
**years**

**Wilson Stevens**  
Born September 1915  
Salt Lake City

**111**  
**years**

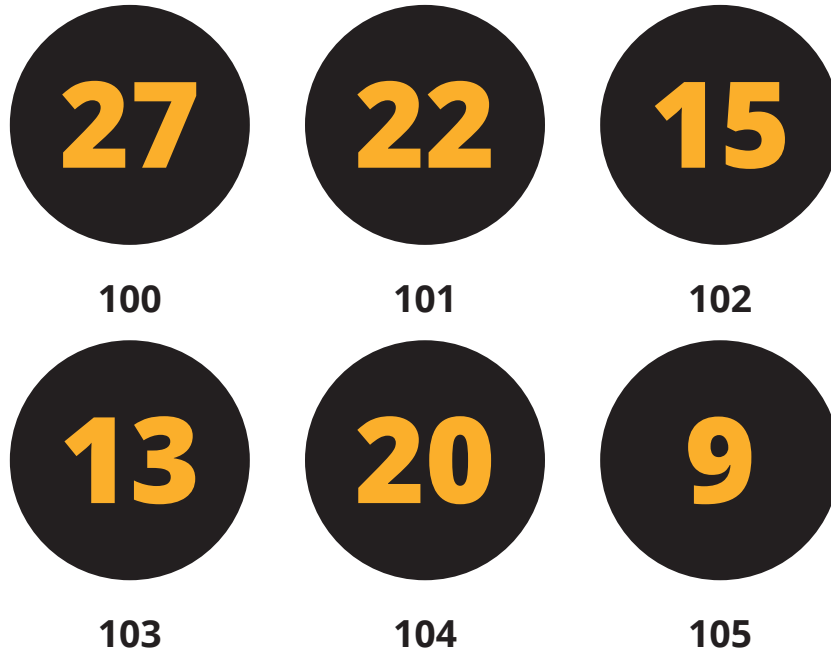
**Vera Dugdale**  
Born March 1913

**108**  
**years**

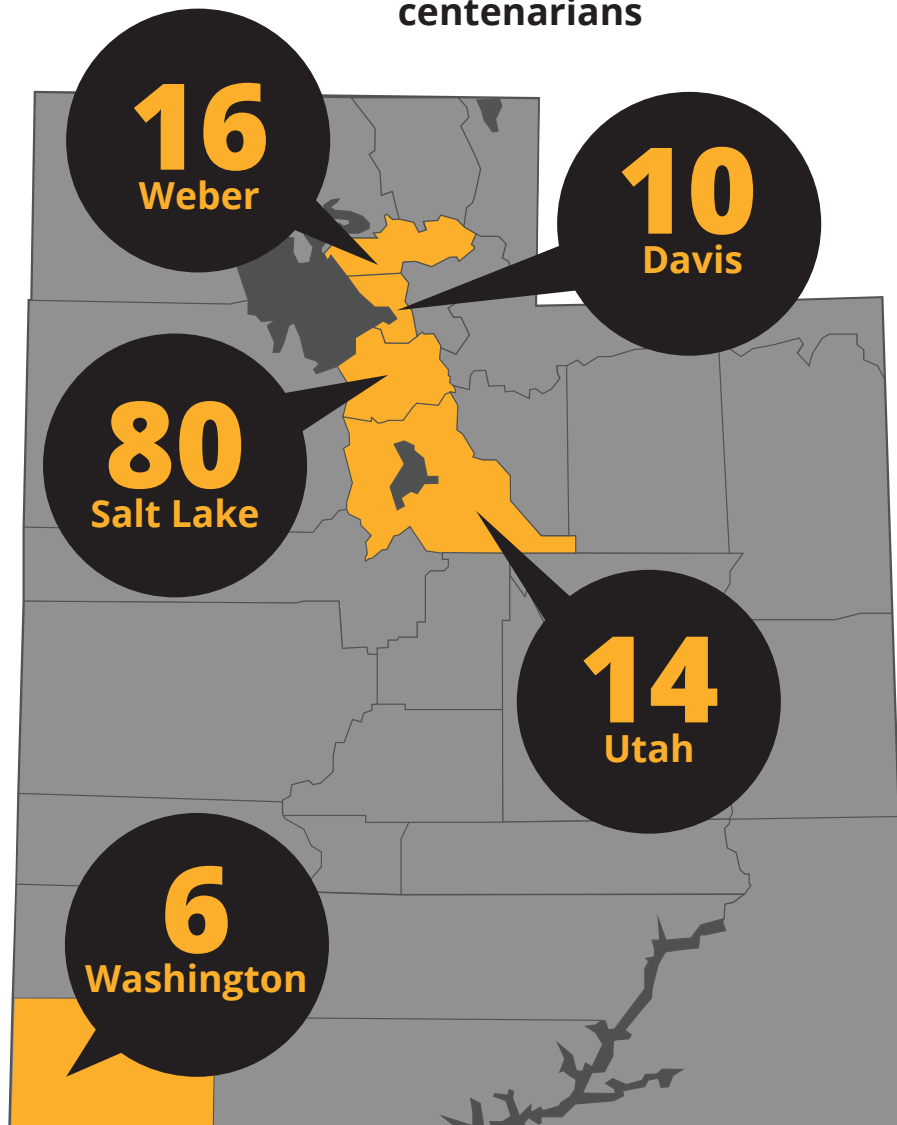
**Leon Tapia**  
Born September 1915  
Salt Lake City



Utah centenarians range from 100 to 112,  
but most of them are between 100 and 105.



### Counties with most centenarians



# 100 years ago - 1924

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## Notable births

Cicely Tyson - American actress

Don Knotts - American actor and comedian

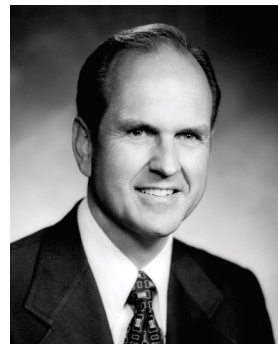
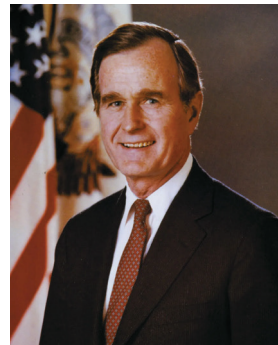
George H.W. Bush - 41st president of the United States

Gloria Vanderbilt - American author, actress, fashion designer, heiress and socialite

Jimmy Carter - 39th president of the United States

Marlon Brando - American actor and activist

Russell Nelson - 17th and current president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



## Sports

Soldier Field, the home of the Chicago Bears, opens.

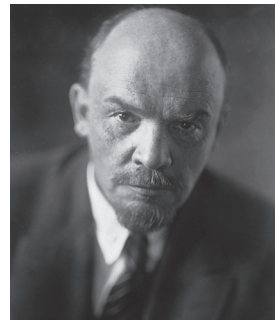
## Notable deaths

Woodrow Wilson - 28th U.S. President

Caroline Ingalls - Mother of Laura Ingalls Wilder, depicted as "Ma" in the "Little House on the Prairie" books and television series.

Vladimir Lenin - Communist leader of the Soviet Union during World War I.

Frances Hodgson Burnett - Children's author known for works including "Little Lord Fauntleroy" and "The Secret Garden"



## Historic events

Calvin Coolidge becomes the first president of the United States to deliver a radio broadcast from the White House.

The Castle Gate mine disaster kills 172 coal miners in Utah.

The last known sighting of a California grizzly bear is recorded.

The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is held in New York City.

## What things cost in the 1920s

House: around \$6,000

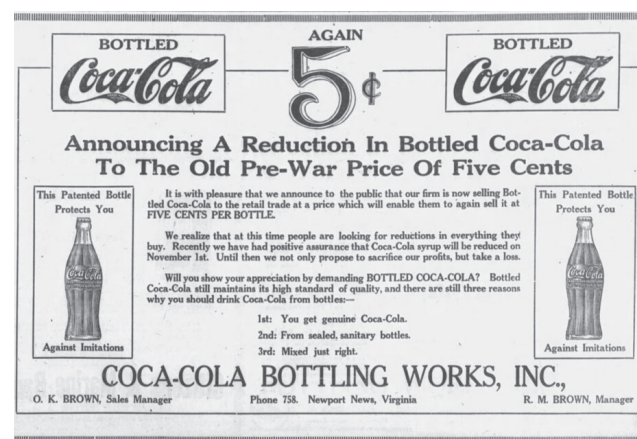
12 eggs: 47 cents

Manicure: 25 cents

Movie ticket: 15 cents

Hoover Vacuum Cleaner: \$39

Chevrolet: \$525



# Alice Jackson Allred



**"Be happy. It's a wonderful life. I was happy to become a nurse. Happy to marry Dean. I was happy to have all my little children. I love life. I love everybody. It's a beautiful life. I couldn't complain about anything."**

## Outstanding memories:

**H**er parents, V.O. and Ada Rex Jackson, were ranchers from Randolph, Utah.

In 1924, they moved their family to Belfry, Montana where they hoped there would be less snow. Alice grew up with 6 sisters and 5 brothers. Alice spent all of her childhood years in Belfry and Bear Creek in southern Montana. She grew up during the Great Depression. In 1931, when she was in third grade, her family lost the farm and had to move into town. This was the first time they had indoor plumbing. In



1937 they moved back onto a farm south of town. There was a lot of work to do, and Alice learned how to work hard driving the hay mower and working in the sugar beet fields. In late 1942, one of her roommates at nursing school introduced her to Dean Allred from Delta, Utah. Dean was a student at the University of Utah but enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corp in April 1943. The 2 got engaged in Memory Grove on September 9, 1943, and were married in Salt Lake City on May 9, 1944. After only 38 days of marriage, Dean was shipped out to the South Pacific as a soldier in World War II. They both wondered if they would ever see each other again. For two years, they corresponded by mail while Alice worked as a nurse. Happily, Dean came home in late June 1946 and started back to school at the University of Utah. Alice is the mother of 6 children. She and Dean raised their family in Utah, Ohio, Tennessee, and Colorado. She has always loved to sew and raise roses and vegetables. She served as a leader in many organizations in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. After Dean retired, they traveled to many wonderful places and built a cabin back in her "happy place," the Beartooth Mountains of Montana. Although Alice has lived in Utah since 2009, she still spends summers at the cabin she and Dean built. Dean passed on in April 2012.



## Born:

May 9, 1923 in Driggs, Idaho

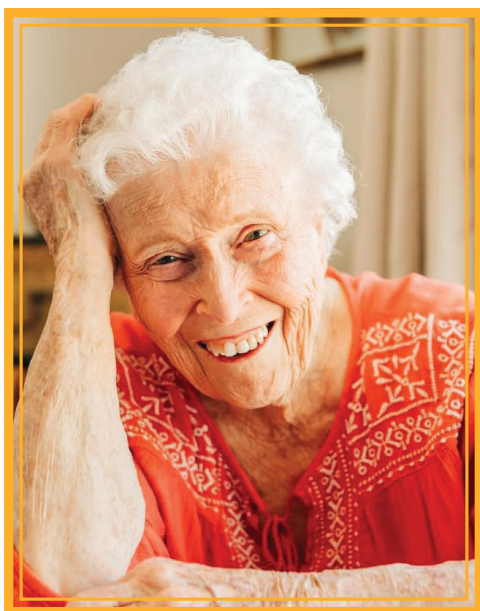
## Descendants:

As of her 100th birthday, Alice has 6 children, 46 grandchildren, 114 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. She loves her family and others. She thrives on helping others.

## Education:

At 5' 3" Alice was an enthusiastic "Bat" of the Belfrey High School basketball team. She was also the valedictorian of her high school class. Although Alice received a scholarship in Home Economics to Montana State University, she had decided in the 8th grade to become a nurse. In 1941, she was accepted into the LDS hospital nursing school in Salt Lake City.

# Kathryn Apperson



## Born:

Born July 16, 1924, in Casper, Natrona County, Wyoming to Charles Thomas Forbes, from Tennessee & Dixie Elizabeth Lintz from South Dakota at 1504 Spruce St's basement apartment's kitchen table, attended by a drunk doctor.

Three months later, her mom slipped on those basement stairs and landed on top of Louise – the beginning of a lifetime of miracles.

## Descendants:

5 children, 19 grandchildren, 60 great grandchildren, 12 great-great grandchildren.



**Her mom always said: "NO, you can always change your mind. 'YES, there is no way out. You are committed!"**

## Outstanding memories:

Casper schooling was filled with many events including starting a scout troop where President Hoover's wife presented Louise her horsemanship badge. On trips to her grandparents' 6,400-acre ranch in South Dakota, she played with Gutzom Borgman's daughter on a neighboring ranch and she saw the beginning models on a table for the future Mount Rushmore mountain's faces. Her family moved from Wyoming to California in her sophomore year of high school to Canoga Park High School, which was a real democracy. Her senior year was torn apart by the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Many of the seniors had joined the services, were wounded, or lost their lives. Her future husband was working at Lockheed on P-38 wings. Louise was to graduate in June. They met and their dates were filled with ark lights focusing on any plane overhead which might be a threat of an enemy bomber. Black outs were often scary also with block wardens. They married in November 1942. He was drafted in December 1943, trained for Europe encounter, came ashore at Utah beach, and was wounded at St. Lo France. He came home in 1946 to meet his daughter, Carol, and they began building houses.


## Hobbies and activities:

She spends many long days writing fiction stories, so far 34, and 12 true life stories. Each month she sends Blue Mountain greeting cards to family and friends.

## Best advice:

Live and let live. Be there for those who need you. Be aware of those who are lonely, maybe they just need a look of love.

## Favorite accomplishments:

Playing the piano for many events, still doing so at her 100th year. She still loves working on drafting house plans. She changed a Chevrolet motor for a Buick using a block and tackle on an elm tree limb to swing one out, and the other into the car. 



# Elizabeth "Betty" Bailey



**"Keep plugging away despite what comes your way. As you age, graciously accept help. Don't compare yourself to anyone else."**

## Outstanding memories:

**B**etty's childhood was spent in Nephi, Utah. She lived in a small, 4-room miner's cabin that had been moved from Tintic, Utah. Her mother was a good cook and, as a small child, Betty remembers walking down to her dad's butcher shop to get meat for the noonday meal. After selling his butcher shop, Betty's father became a sheepman. She went with her father out to grazing lands in the west desert. One evening, a tire blew out on their old truck, and she and her dad walked 22 miles back home. When she graduated high school, she headed to San Francisco to work as a nanny. At 19, she headed back to Nephi and worked at a cafe, saving money to head to Salt Lake City. She met her husband, Claron, on a blind date. When she opened the door, he asked, "Where are you?" He was surprised to find her a foot shorter than himself. Betty and Claron were married at their small apartment on 33rd South and Highland Drive. Her first child arrived 10 months later, followed by another child a year after that. She took her children on camping trips, often by herself as Claron couldn't leave his growing drywall business. Summers found her working hard in the family gardens, canning and freezing fruits and vegetables. Betty dealt with cancer, knee surgeries, and a terrible car accident that left her blind in one eye. Claron died from a brain hemorrhage due to that accident.

## Born:

1922 in Nephi, Utah, one of 4 children born to Heber Cyrus and Fern Riches Crane.

## Descendants:

9 children, 35 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren.

## Hobbies:

As a young girl, Betty loved to skate, climb trees, and read. In high school, Betty loved swimming and played tennis, often beating the boys who told her to "get off the court." As a busy adult, she sewed a bit and continued to read whenever possible.

## Education:

Betty went to school at Nephi Central through sixth grade, then graduated from Juab High School in 1940. She briefly attended Snow College and later completed courses at a comptometer school in Salt Lake City, Utah.

## Favorite accomplishments:

Raising her 9 children and still finding time to help her husband with his company.

## Secret to longevity:

Good genes and good living. She grew up on vegetables and fish oil, and avoided smoking and drinking. She drinks a coke once a day and wonders if that is what keeps her heart ticking. ☪



# Mildred Alene Dunn Barlow

**“Let each phase of your life be the best time to live. Count your blessings and always have a good attitude.”**

## **Born:**

August 23, 1921, in Thomas County Georgia to Marvin Dunn and Marry Etta Daniel (Kennedy). She is the youngest of 4 children.

## **Descendants:**

6 children, 28 grandchildren, 74 great grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

## **Impressive changes:**

From horse and buggy to autos, from slow communication to instant in touch, from wood stove to push a button and bake, from open fireplace to automatic warmth, from homemade entertainment to all things online. Life then was wonderful.

## **Hobbies:**

- Genealogy
- Indexing
- Sewing
- Cooking
- Reading

## **Outstanding memories:**

**M**y first 2 years of school were in Coolidge, Thomas County Georgia. I remember walking 2 miles with my siblings to school. We had a wood burning stove in the school room and each desk seated two people. Two grades fit into one room. I rode a bus to the other schools. I lived during the depression, though I wasn't aware so much of this as all were very much in the same boat. I graduated in June of 1939 and married Lincoln Barlow on August 12 the same year.

## **Favorite accomplishments:**

Raised 5 very good children. Met missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1941. Joined the church in 1942. Began a branch of the church in 1944 with Lincoln as branch President. He served there for 14 years, then in the district presidency. Counselor to 6 mission presidents. (First counselor in the stake presidency, stake patriarch. We traveled a lot, met many people, and served in many callings. I taught early morning seminary for 9 years. Service is my greatest accomplishment.

## **Best advice:**

Love everyone. Treat them with love and respect. Reach out to serve anyone that needs your help. Greet each day with gratitude. 🙏

# Cleo Lehman Barthule




**“Be active and keep social connections. I do my own grocery shopping, clean my house, and take care of the flower bed around my patio. I love to go out to lunch with family and friends.”**

## Outstanding memories:

The family had a farm where they grew wheat, alfalfa, and sugar beets. Cleo helped her mother carry wheat to the chicken coops and loved to gather eggs. Sometimes when a chicken was starting to lay an egg, she would catch it in her hand. When her brother took her mom to town shopping, Cleo would make a bowl of Jell-O and put it in the snow to set and eat it before her mom came home. She always liked Jell-O and still does. She worked as a clerk typist at the Finance Office at Kearns Army Air Force Camp for 4 years during WWII. There were 60 enlisted men in the office and 11 civilian girls. She met many life-long friends there. While at Kearns, Cleo was on a basketball team. They played many games on the base, and even played at Bushnell Hospital in Brigham City for servicemen sent home with injuries. Cleo met her husband, Herman, in October 1947, while on a trip to Los Angeles with friends. In the evenings, they went to a dance hall called the Hollywood Palladium where all the Big Bands played. Harry James was playing at that time. Herman asked Cleo to dance 2 nights in a row. She thought she would never see him again, but he started writing letters and visited her in Utah that Christmas. They married in June 1948 and honeymooned in Lincoln, Nebraska to meet his parents and family. They then moved to San Jose, California. Cleo worked for Sunsweet Prune and Apricot Growers Association for 7 years. When Cleo and Herman adopted their daughters in 1955 and 1957, Cleo cried with joy and happiness. She always wanted to be a mother and grandma, and now she is also a great-grandmother, which she never dreamed of.

## Hobbies and activities:

Throughout her life, Cleo enjoyed making crafts for boutiques with her sister Lela, tending her rock garden with flowers, and traveling. Cleo started playing golf as an adult and enjoyed being out in the fresh air playing with friends and beautiful views. She had a hole-in-one in 1967. There was a small write-up in the newspaper. It was a thrill because Herman hadn't made one yet, and had played golf for years. He later ended up with 7 hole-in-ones. She won 5 trophies in different tournaments at their club. She also loves to play Bunco with her daughter and nieces. 



## Born:

1922, in Granger, Utah, to August and Martha Lehman. She is one of 14 children.

## Descendants:

Two children, 7 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

## Education:

Cleo attended Monroe School then Granite High School.



# Carmen F. Boss



**"Don't live so long! Families should eat together, pray together and help others who are in need."**

## Outstanding memories:

**W**hen I was 5 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. 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 3 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. 

## Born:

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

## Descendants:

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

## Hobbies:

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

# June Agren Brown



**“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:

June spent her childhood on a farm in Harrisville, Utah, and was expected to help with farm chores and household duties. Her family was blessed to be on the farm with plenty of food to 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 August 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.

## Born:

June Agren was born in 1919 in Harrisville, Utah, the seventh of eight children of Stephen Andrew Agren and Samantha Shurtleff Agren.

## Descendants:

3 children, 23 grandchildren, 58 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

## Hobbies:

- Handiwork
- Sewing
- Embroidery
- Crocheting
- Knitting
- Exercising
- Bottling and drying fruit
- Cooking and baking cookies
- Spending time with her family


## Favorite accomplishments:

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

## Impressive changes:

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 players to radios and TV’s.

## Secret to longevity:

Inheriting good genes, eating wholesome foods and living a healthy lifestyle. “When I was a kid, if I wanted a treat, I’d go out to the garden and pick a turnip or carrot because we didn’t have junk food.” 



Ken and June, 1942

# Ruth McMillan Richins Brown



**Live your life looking forward not backward because you cannot do anything about the past. My daily motto is, onward and upward!**

## Outstanding memories:

Ruth's childhood was spent growing up on their family farm. She filled most of her time doing all types of chores and learning how to work hard. She remembers not having indoor plumbing until she was 13 years old. There were many lean years growing up during the Great Depression, but their family always had plenty to eat and to share. Ruth married George Richard McMillan and together they had 4 children.



They started a bowling and sports pro shop where much of the family was employed for many years. Ruth and her family built a cabin on Bear Lake where Ruth still to this day spends her summers with family and friends. After her first husband passed away, she married twice more, outliving all 3 husbands. Ruth spent the majority of her adult years living in Salt Lake City, but now has returned to Lehi to be close to her family and friends.

## Education:

Ruth attended all of her 12 years of schooling in Lehi. In high school, she was best known for her role as leading actress in the school plays along with being voted "most outstanding" by her peers. After high school graduation, she moved to Salt Lake City and attended LDS Business College. She excelled in her classes and has used those skills her entire life.

## Favorite accomplishments:

Ruth's favorite accomplishments are being the first Lehi Rodeo Queen, being a small business owner in her community, working and managing in the Union Building at the University of Utah, and having wonderful children that have led good, productive lives.

## Secret to longevity:

Ruth's secret to longevity would certainly be her dedication to daily routines, hard work and her desire and ability to keep busy and keep moving. ☞



## Born:

Ruth Peterson McMillan Richins Brown was born in 1922 to Virgil and Leota Peterson in Lehi, Utah. Ruth was the second of their 6 children.

## Descendants:

Ruth has 4 children, 14 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and 25 great-great-grandchildren.

## Hobbies and activities:

Ruth has always kept very busy with working many jobs, gardening, bowling, traveling, embroidery work, watching sports on television, reading, and enjoying her house on the lake.

# Telesila Triviño Castro



**"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 it is not much. I just love it if I can provide to someone in need!!!"**

## Outstanding memories:

**M**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, 4 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. ☺



Telesila and Ernesto, 1940

## Born:

Telesila Triviño was born in 1915 in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Telesila is the second of 8 children born to Victor Triviño and Dionisia Castro.

## Descendants:

4 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.

# Wayne Clayson



**"Have a lifetime with a good partner and a happy family. Also, you can't take life too serious!"**

## Outstanding memories:

**W**ayne remembers riding to the fields with his dad in the horse and carriage.

One day while coming home, he remembers everyone at the bank trying to get their money because the banks had gone broke. He remembers how lucky he felt when

he had a nickel in his pocket! He would take an egg to the corner store to trade in for a piece of candy. As a young boy, Wayne would go up Payson canyon with his dad to cut wood to heat their home in the winter. He would drive the cows to pasture every morning and then bring them home at night. When it was harvest time and they had cut wheat in the barn, the thresher would come and all the neighbors would help each other. Once it was threshed, his dad would take it to the mill and get it ground into flour. Wayne said his absolute worst job was thinning sugar beets! Wayne loved to play the trumpet. He was very active in the Payson High School band, the BYU band, and spent many years playing in the Night Hawks dance band for weekend dances throughout Utah. Wayne married his high school sweetheart from Santaquin, Emogene (Jean), and they moved to California where work was plentiful and lived there until the United States entered WWII. Wayne enlisted in the Army and was sent to Ft. McClellan, Ala. where, among his other duties, his trumpet virtuosity led him to become the company bugler. He was literally the boogie-woogie bugle boy of Company B!



## Born:

Wayne Clayson was born in 1921 in Payson, Utah, the fourth child of John William Clayson and Sarah Adelle Nielsen.


## Descendants:

3 daughters, 17 grandchildren, 71 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren.

## Hobbies:

Sports, especially college football, college and NBA basketball. Hunting and fishing (He drew out on a Buffalo hunt; and then was able to go another 3 times with people who drew out later), traveling, attending Sun Valley Jazz Festival (attended with his wife Emogene (Jean) for over 16 years.

## Favorite accomplishments:

Wayne sailed aboard the Queen Mary to serve in the U.S. Army in France and Germany. After the war, he and Jean lived in the Provo-Springville area where he worked for the Provo Daily Herald and Geneva Steel. He then accepted a job in Ogden with the Transportation Service. Wayne and Jean were married for 74.6 years prior to Jean passing away. He is still in good health, still fully independent and his memory is sharp! At almost 102, he still lives in his home of 67 years and enjoys his garden and yard and the roses that were planted so many years ago by Jean. When he was 99 years old, he was asked to be in a public service announcement from the Utah State Department of Health encouraging seniors to receive their Covid vaccination. He and his granddaughter had a fun time shooting the commercial and seeing it on TV for the next few months! 

# Ruth Rowan Draper Crockatt



## **Born:**

Ruth Rowan was born in 1923, in Ririe, Idaho, during the blizzard of 1923. She was the fourth child in a boisterous family of 8 siblings. She loved the rural setting in which she was raised.

## **Descendants:**

4 children, 5 grandchildren, plus many more from her marriage to Bill Crockatt.

## **Hobbies and activities:**

Ruth has season tickets to the Utah Symphony and Opera, Pioneer Memorial Theater, the Salt Lake Acting Company, and the Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City. She still meets monthly with her book club.

## **Outstanding memories:**

**A**t age 11, she killed a rattlesnake with a stick, demonstrating a tenacity that marked much of her life. While at the University of Utah, she met her future husband, Delbert M. Draper, Jr., a law student who had recently returned from serving in the Navy during World War II. Ruth taught elementary school until their first child was born in 1949. Ruth and Del had 4 children. Ruth worked hard and succeeded as a homemaker, canning applesauce and chili sauce in the fall and sending the children to school with elaborate lunches. In 1972, her husband Del died of a sudden heart attack at age 47. In 1980, Ruth married Dr. William Crockatt, a marriage that lasted until his death in 2013. Ruth and Bill traveled extensively throughout their years together, including a month or 2 in California each winter.

## **Education:**

After she graduated from Ririe High School, she attended Idaho State University, where she served as president of the Associated Women Students. She then spent 2 years in San Francisco during World War II, working as a secretary for Madsen Navigation Lines. She returned to Utah, enrolled at the University of Utah, and earned a Bachelor of Arts in English.

**Favorite accomplishments:** In 1974, Ruth was appointed to be Director of the Utah Arts Council, a job she held for 11 years. Under her direction, the Arts Council flourished and grew in size as a result of Ruth's commitment and tireless lobbying. During her tenure, appropriations for the art programs in Utah increased eightfold. At the Arts Council, Ruth started the Artists in the Schools program and the Folk Arts Program. She started the Utah Film Festival, acquired after 2 years by Robert Redford and renamed the Sundance Film Festival. When the Glendinning home next to the governor's mansion was slated to be torn down and replaced with a high-rise apartment, Ruth led a campaign to acquire the building, and it became the permanent home of the Utah Arts Council. The home was placed on the Utah Register of Historic Buildings. From 1985-1992, Ruth was a representative of the National Endowment for the Arts for a region consisting of 10 western states. Ruth received many honors, including the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Utah in 1989, the Governor's award for Patron of the Arts in 1983 and 1998, a Utah Shakespearean Festival Luminary award, a Madeleine award for distinguished service in the Arts and Humanities, the Utah Governor's Lifetime Achievement award in 2008, and the University of Utah Merit of Honor for Distinguished Service award in 2009. 

# Jacqueline "Jackie" Doty



## Born:

Holden, Utah, on February 12, 1923, the 7th of 10 children born to Benjamin Edwin and Laurel Veda Williams Anderson.

## Descendants:

5 children, 9 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and 27 great-great-grandchildren.

## Secret to longevity:

I have been very fortunate to have had a healthy and happy life part of which I attribute to good luck! A positive attitude, accepting what you have, and keeping socially connected are key to my longevity.

**"When life gives you lemons, make lemonade."  
When facing an adversity in life, accept it the best you can and move forward with a positive attitude.**

## Outstanding memories:

**M**y husband was in the Air Force when we married and shortly afterward was stationed in Alaska. Jack built a 2-room house for us with no inside water, electricity, or plumbing! I lived there with him until the start of WWII when I was sent back to Salt Lake City and Jack started pilot flight school. Jack and I lived on many Air Force Bases until the end of the war, then we settled in the Salt Lake City area where we



raised our 5 children

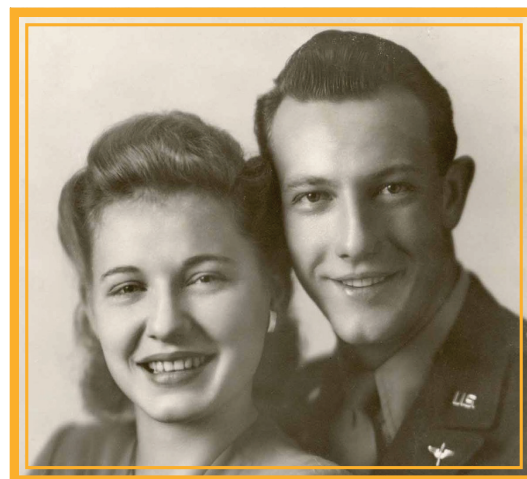
including a set of twins. I started working at Job Service in the late 1950's and retired in 1988.

I am a very social person and have had many wonderful friends in my life and many were

life-long friends. As a young mother I started playing cards with 2 different groups of ladies on a regular basis and we continued our friendships and card playing for about 70 years. Jack and I had lifelong friendships with a group of 6 couples we called The HoHo Club. Our get-togethers would often include dancing at the Fort Douglas Officers Club. When my sisters and I had young children we met regularly for lunch and continued getting together until I was the only sister left. I truly am blessed to spend time with my family. One important family tradition we have is we have attended Ballet West's Nutcracker every year at Christmastime and have done so for at least 25 years.

## Impressive changes:

There have been so many advancements and changes! But the advancements in the medical and pharmaceutical fields have made it possible for me to live to be 100 very comfortably. ☺



Jackie and her husband Jack,  
1941

# Cecil Hoek Douglas



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

## **Favorite accomplishments:**

I 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 9 children, 57 grandchildren and 201 great grandchildren.

## **Secret to longevity:**

"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!" 🙏

## **Born:**

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

## **Descendants:**

9 children, 57 grandchildren and 201 great-grandchildren

## **Hobbies:**

- Reading good books and the scripture
- Visiting family often and watching my family grow and grow



# Jack Eichers



## Born:

Jack was born in his grandparents' farmhouse, in Clearfield, Utah in 1921.

## Descendants:

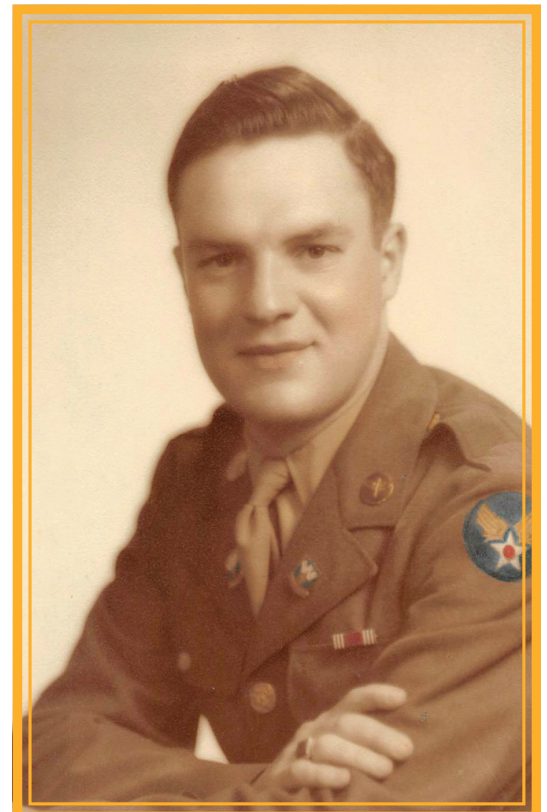
2 sons, Preston (Shirley) and Bradley (Brenda), 7 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren.

## Education:

Jack attended Wasatch Elementary, Bryant Jr. and West High School, graduating in 1938. Jack is very proud of his alumnus status, especially Wasatch Elementary and West High. He would remind you that he attended Wasatch before the tunnel was built under South Temple Street. After high school, Jack took a postgraduate course at West and then enrolled in Henagar Business College, graduating with a degree in business.

## Outstanding memories:

His father was a railroad engineer and worked for the Bamberger Railroad, which was an electric urban railroad operating between Salt Lake City and Ogden, Utah. It seemed his dad knew everyone between Salt Lake City and Ogden. His grandparents' farm in Clearfield was a fun place to visit, and he spent many carefree days there, especially in the summers. His family would take the Bamberger to Clearfield, as it was some time before his family could afford an automobile. After getting his business degree, he received a referral to interview with Mr. Thad Stevens, owner of Steven Sales Company. Steven Sales Company was a manufacturer's representative of some of the best brands of commercial electrical and lighting equipment in the country. Jack was hired after his graduation and retired after 45 years of service. When the U.S. declared war on Japan and Germany in December 1941, Jack was exempt from the draft, as he worked in a "protected" industry. In 1943, his protected industry status was discontinued, and Jack was drafted into the Army Artillery and sent to Camp Roberts, California for basic training. He subsequently transferred to the U.S. Army Air Corp and received the remainder of his training at Buckley Field in Denver, Colorado. On his way to the South Pacific, Jack was temporarily stationed at Kearns Army Depot, Utah. While he was stationed in Kearns, he married his sweetheart, Ruth Markt, before he shipped out. They were married 72 years, when she passed away in March 2015. Jack served at Fort McKinley, Manila, Philippines at the Headquarters Squadron Pacific Air Command. He was discharged in February 1946, with the rank of Sergeant. Upon arriving home to Salt Lake City, he joined the Army Air Corp Reserves and served till 1949. When Jack returned home after the war, he also returned to working for Stevens Sales Company. They lived in East Millcreek, where Jack was a foundational member of the community and active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, where he served in many leadership capacities. After retiring from Steven Sales Company, Jack was offered a part time position with Capital Industries, a commercial property management company, where he has worked the past 35+years, 20 hours a week. 🍷



# Ralph Porter Frandsen



**“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:

Ralph started school in Harrisville, Utah in a schoolhouse consisting of 2 rooms with 9 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 3, 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 8-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. ☺

## Born:

Ralph Porter Frandsen was born in 1916 in Basalt, Idaho. He was the fifth child born to Earl Gregg Frandsen and Mabel Porter Frandsen. Ralph has outlived his 5 sisters.

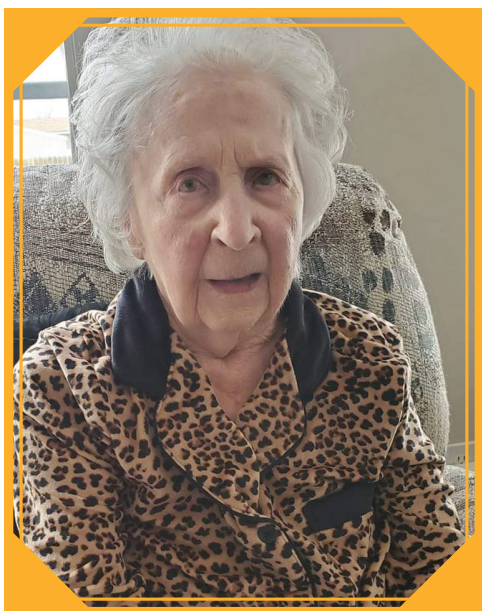
## Descendants:

6 children, 22 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and 6 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.

# Olive Martha Gammell



**Olive is not one to give much advice. The way she has lived her life is an example to others.**

## Outstanding Memories:

**O**live grew up in a family of 11. One baby died at birth and a younger sister Elizabeth died in her teen years. Most of the rest lived long lives and died in their 90s, including her father. Her sister Lil lived 3 weeks past her 100th birthday. She lived in Las Vegas to help her brother Glen with his family. In 1942, she met her husband-to-be, Allen, when he came to Glen's union office to register. They soon began dating and were married in February of 1943. They raised 2 sons. For her birthday in the 1950s, she liked to go out to the local TV station to watch the Pasadena Rose Parade. Allen passed away in 1973, leaving Olive as a widow for 50 years. She has enjoyed many trips around the world with 3 of her sisters. They would get together 3-4 times a year for travel and gathered once a year in San Francisco to celebrate sister Lil's birthday. Olive moved back to Utah in 2016.

## Education:

Olive attended elementary school in Weber County, and excelled at Weber County High School in Ogden. She graduated in 1935 from high school and seminary. Her seminary certificate of graduation was signed by Heber J. Grant and John A. Widstoe along with other notable names of Browning and Eyre.

## Favorite accomplishments:

Olive has survived 2 world-wide pandemics, 1918 and 2020. She loved helping raise her granddaughter Keri. Olive has always been kind, generous and loving to all around her. She cherishes being sealed to Allen in the St. George Temple in 1965.

## Secret to longevity:

She wonders most days why she has lived so long. She takes no medications and can eat whatever she wants and does not gain weight. She always has a positive attitude about life. This was put to the test when at age 97 she fell and broke her hip. She was determined to continue her weekly routine to go get her hair done, and soon was able to walk down the stairs on her own from her second-floor condo.

## Impressive changes:

As a young girl, her family had to pump their water from an outdoor well and had no indoor plumbing. Her family went from horse and buggy to the automobile. 🐾

## Born:

Olive was born January 1, 1918, in Ogden, Utah, the ninth of 12 children of Peter and Elizabeth Anderson.

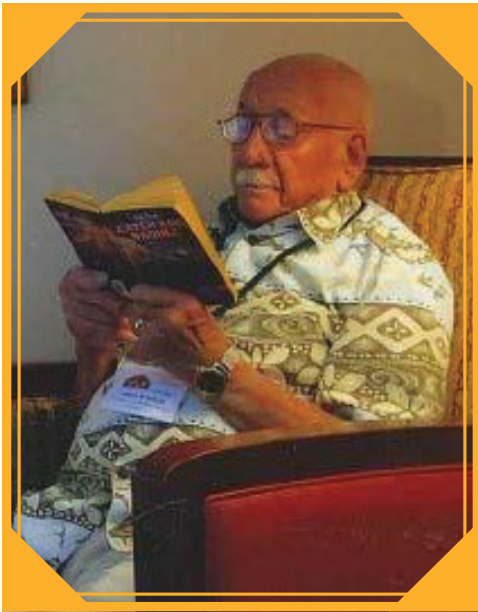
## Descendants:

2 children, 7 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren

## Hobbies and activities:

Olive's favorite hobbies were traveling and family reunions. To celebrate her 80th birthday, she had all of her posterity join her in Maui, Hawaii. For each trip, she took many photos and then filled several albums. Her saving of family letters and other memorabilia allowed detailed family histories to be written.

# Joseph S. Garcia



“Read the yearbook to use it as a guideline for a great life!”

## Education:

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

## Outstanding memories:

Joseph has fond memories of growing up in Tehachopi, California. He recalls a yellow or orange fence that surrounded his housing unit, where, as a toddler, he and other kids would sit waiting for the airmail plane to fly by. The pilot would fly low and wave to the children. He remembers going to baseball games and trying to get the homerun ball. The bigger boys would always get them and return them to the manager for 5 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 2 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. □

## Born:

Joseph S. Garcia was born in 1919, in Kansas City, Kan. He was the firstborn of 4 sons to Odlon and Aurora Segovia Garcia.

## Descendants:

5 children, 10 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

## Hobbies:

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

# Max Hadfield



## Born:

Born May 2, 1924 in Grouse Creek, Utah, he is the eighth of 10 children born to William and Grace Hadfield. He has outlived all his siblings.

## Descendants:

7 children, 27 grandchildren, 82 great grandchildren, 1 great, great grandchild.

## Hobbies:

- Yard work
- Mechanics
- Horses

## Education:

He came in from the small Grouse Creek School in tenth grade to finish high school in Logan City, where he graduated from Logan High School in 1942.

**"Remember, whatever you own, owns you. Anything worth doing, is worth doing well."**

## Outstanding memories:

Growing up on a ranch in Grouse Creek, Utah, was a fun adventure for a young boy. His father died and the stock market crashed the same year he turned 5 years old, making for some hard times for the family. However, he remembers childhood fondly. He entered the U.S. Air Force shortly after graduating high school to help in the World War II effort as did 3 of his brothers, all joining different branches of the defense forces. They all returned from the war. It was the oldest brother who stayed home to help his widowed mother on the ranch that died in an accident on the ranch during this time. After being honorably discharged from the Air Force in January 1946, he served an LDS mission to Texas where he had been stationed for a time in the service. He then came home to marry his sweetheart, Marie Nielsen of Honeyville, Utah in the Logan, Utah Temple. After dabbling in several businesses and working for Boeing Aircraft for a time, Max and Marie started Trend Interiors, a custom window coverings store. It has operated and served the Cache Valley area for 67 years. It also helped provide a living for some of their 7 children. They are very proud of their children and grandchildren and have cherished the vacations, activities and reunions with them. One reunion he organized was held in Grouse Creek in 1988 titled "The Ten Tribes Return." (This refers to the families of the 10 children of his parents.) It was the last reunion that his mother, Grace, attended, as she died 2 1/2 months later at the age of 96. In 1991, Max and Marie served an LDS mission to the Canada Vancouver Mission, which they enjoyed very much. Upon their return they continued working with the family business.



## Secret to longevity:

Marie's cooking and companionship. And, keeping the Word of Wisdom.

## Favorite accomplishments:

Starting businesses and having them succeed.

## Impressive changes:

Going from riding horses to get the mail at the Post Office, to having a car deliver the mail, to receiving letters by email on the computer, and talking by a video call. 🐾

# Bonnie Harper



## Born:

Bonnie Faye Webb was born June 1, 1924 in Jefferson City, Missouri. She was the first child of Garland A Webb and Mary Ann Funk (Webb).

## Education:

Upon her graduation from Jefferson High, she went to work as a secretary for the telephone company in Jefferson City. At this time, she also attended Missouri University in 1943. Bonnie also attended the University of Utah from 1946-1947.

## Outstanding memories:

Due to a job transfer, her family moved to Utah in 1943.

She later joined them in 1944 after staying back a little longer to continue attending Missouri University. Once in Utah, she began employment at the Southern Pacific Railroad as a stenographer.

On February 22, 1948 she was married to Lewis Earl Harper, son of Earl Lewis Harper and Lorna Bywater (Harper). Through this union was born 3 children, Doug Earl Harper, Dennis Lee Harper, and Denise Georgia Harper.

## Hobbies and activities

Planting and keeping a beautiful yard, sewing clothes for herself and her daughter Denise, golfing, bowling, skiing, and she is still playing bridge with friends currently. Bonnie finds joy in her 12 grandchildren, 4 step grandchildren, and 25 great grandchildren. Bonnie is a member of the New Beginnings Christian Church located in downtown Ogden. ☪



# Lula Lee Harley Henry



**“Mind your own business, it helps you to sleep better. Trust only in God.”**

## Outstanding memories:

Lula has vivid memories of the Great Depression. She recalls that she received 25 cents weekly. You could buy a pencil for 1 cent, a writing pad or tablet for 5 cents. African Americans were allowed to go to the movies and sit in the Jim Crow, or “colored” section on Saturdays for 6 cents. Postage stamps were 2 cents each. After graduating high school, she got a job working at the Long Funeral Home. She recalls that she was not excited about that job. She did not like being at the funeral home alone, so she found another job as a nanny for a white family in Greenwood. Although she remembers the Great Depression, she has fond memories of Christmas, going fishing and cooking the fish at the lake, and picking plums and blackberries. She recalls that she helped her father, who was a lumber-yard engineer, at the Harley and Moore Lumber Company by calculating the time cards of the workers. Gradually over time, she remembers that there were new inventions like tractors, electric lights and more people with cars.

## Favorite accomplishments:

Lula and George joined the Calvary Baptist Church in Salt Lake City in 1946. After graduating from the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, Lula became the director of Christian Education at the Calvary Baptist Church where she served in a number of capacities: director of the Baptist Training Union, director of the Vacation Bible School, the Church Financial Secretary, and director of the Missionary Society. Currently, Lula is the longest and oldest member of the Calvary Baptist Church. She also worked as a receptionist for the Job Corp Division of Thiokol Chemicals, one of the early programs of the Great Society. Her husband passed away in 2001.

## Impressive changes:

Early in World War II, Lula met and married a soldier, George Henry. George was stationed at Casper, Wyoming. She worked on the military base as a cashier in the Officers’ Mess. In 1946, after George was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army, they moved to Salt Lake City to be closer to Lula’s extended family and to escape the Jim Crow segregation of the South. Little did she know that she and George were a part of the great African-American Diaspora from the rural south brought on by World War II. Together, Lula and George worked as caretakers at the Fort Douglas /Hidden Valley Golf Country Club. 🌿

## Born:

Lula Lee Harley Henry was born October 23, 1921, in Greenwood, Mississippi. She was 1 of 7 children born to Alexander Harley and Lilly Hughes Miller Harley. She has outlived all her siblings. She has no recollection of her mother Lilly, who passed away in 1923 when Lula was 2 years old. She does have some faint recollection of her grandmother.

## Descendants:

2 children, 2 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren.

## Education:

Lula attended Greenwood Elementary School and graduated from Greenwood High School in 1938. Both schools were segregated schools under the Jim Crow laws of the time.

# Ida Hubbard Hoggan



## Born:

Ida Hubbard was born in the small, quiet farming town of Carey, Idaho in 1919 to Jesse LeRoy Hubbard and Sarah Estelle Beecher. They had 6 children, 4 sons, and 2 daughters.

## Descendants:

Six children, 15 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and at least 1 great-great-grandchild on the way.

## Hobbies:

Serving in the Daughters of Utah Pioneers chapter, and her church branch and stake activities. Knitting, crocheting and sewing. She has produced thousands of slippers, hats, dishcloths, scarves, tote bags, potato bags, potholders and casserole holders.

**“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:

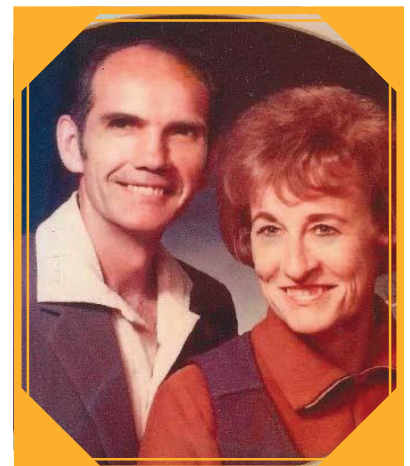
The Hubbard family moved to Ogden in 1920. They had a cow, chickens and a nice big garden. They could play kick-the-can in the streets, in the river bottoms and in the big lot next to their house. Ida graduated from Ogden High School. During this time, she met William “Bill” Marler Hoggan, a friend of 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 4 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 house cleaning, and helped Bill with projects. Bill died in 1983 after a 2-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.

## 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:

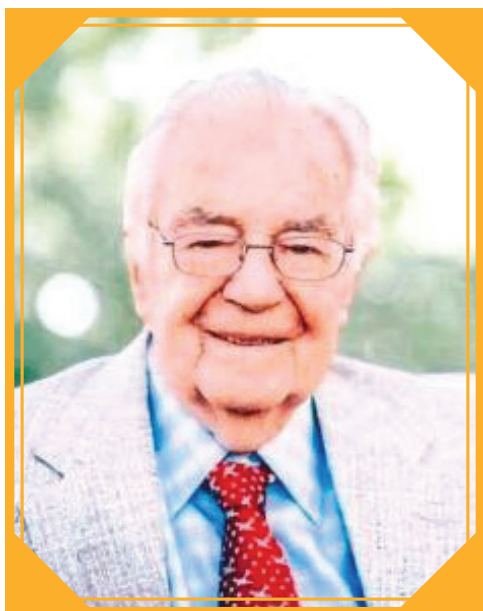
Advances in technology and transportation have been a blessing. 



Ida, 1929



# Robert Farr Larson



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

## Outstanding memories:

Robert 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 II 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 4 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:

Robert Farr Larson was born on a cold, snowy night in 1919 to N. Leon and Verna Farr. His father hitched the horse to a buggy to drive his mother 5 miles from the family farm to the small town of Gunnison, Utah, where Robert was delivered by a midwife. He was the second child of 5 with 2 brothers and 2 sisters. He is the only surviving sibling.

## Hobbies:

- The morning crossword puzzle
- Checking the stock market, reading the morning paper, checking his emails
- Reading 1 book per week
- Enjoying visits and celebrations with family and friends

# Rosella Anna Wendland Dilley Marshall



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

## Outstanding memories:

**R**osella is the widow of 2 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 2 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 3 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, South Dakota. 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.

## Born:

Rosella Anna Wendland was born in 1920 in Crandon Settlement, South Dakota, to Fredrich H. Wendland and Hannah H. Brugger. Both families were of German descent.

## Descendants:

5 children, 15 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren

## Secret to longevity:

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.

## 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

# Dorothy McAffee



**"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:

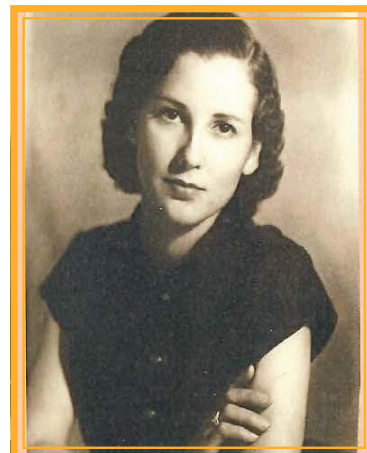
**D**orothy spent her early years following her father around the farm. When Dorothy was 6, her dad passed away and the family moved to Magna, Utah. Dorothy loves Utah and has a deep appreciation and love for the mountains and all of God's creations – something she has instilled in all of her children 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. ☺



## 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:

5 children, 19 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren and 8 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 8 years.

# Melba McCombs



## Outstanding memories:

**M**elba grew up on a farm in Heyburn, Idaho. At age 5 she drove a team of horses at haying time. At about age 9, she helped her father install electrical wiring in their house. In 1938 she met and married Alton McCombs. At the time, Alton made \$7 a week working on farms. They were married for 60 years until Alton's passing in 1998. During World War II, she was a "Rosie the Riveter," riveting escape hatches on P-38 fighter planes. Later, she was an electronics technician at Babcock Electronics, testing guidance systems for intercontinental ballistic missiles. In 1971, Alton and Melba retired to Joseph, Utah, where she lived for nearly 50 years. She was an active volunteer in countless ways. In 2010, she was awarded Utah's Silver Bowl award for outstanding community service. She now lives in Cedar City with her daughter and son-in-law.

## Impressive changes:

The twentieth century was a time when more changes were made than many other historical times, going from the horse and buggy days to putting a man on the moon and a rover on Mars. ☺

### Born:

Melba was born April 5, 1920, in Wilson Lane, Utah, to Charles and Charlotte Sheppard Surrage. She was the middle child of 7 girls.

### Descendants:

2 children, 6 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren.

### Hobbies:

- Crocheting
- Rafts of all kinds
- Bowling
- Watching sports
- Gardening
- Genealogy



# Cleta Miller



**"Give thanks to the Lord for the blessing and love He gives us."**

## Outstanding memories:

Cleta's journey began at a young age when she moved with her family to California at just 2 years old. As a teenager, she loved to be at her father's car park across from Wrigley Field in Los Angeles, the home park for the minor league Los Angeles Angels in the 1950s. While in John C. Fremont high school, she met the love of her life, John Miller. Their love story blossomed, culminating in their marriage on May 16, 1942. Together, Cleta and John built a wonderful life, blessed with 2 children, Kenny and Denise. Over the years, Cleta has worked making Bombay Tanks for Goodyear, packing meat at the Swift Company, a driver for a nursery school, fabric bundler at a sawing factory, riveter for McDonnell Douglas, cleaner at Fedco, house cleaning, and was a prep cook (salads) at Disneyland. In 1998, Cleta and John moved in with their daughter, creating a warm and supportive family unit. Sadly, John passed away shortly thereafter. Today, Cleta resides in Heber City, Utah, surrounded by the love of her daughter, granddaughter (Gwenevere), and granddaughter's husband (Elisha). Filled with gratitude, Cleta continues to embrace a beautiful and peaceful life, a testament to her enduring spirit.

## Favorite accomplishments:

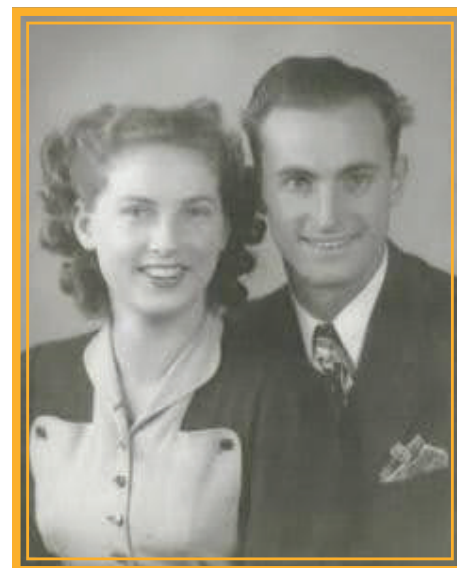
Living a loving and happy life with Johnny and raising loving, good children.

## Impressive changes:

Cleta has seen the invention of the automobile, electricity, stoves, washer and dryer, refrigerator, airplanes, television, automatic dishwasher, sprinkler systems, microwaves, VHSs to DVRs; iPhones and iPads.

## Secret to Longevity:

Cleta has lived a life full of love, which is the most important ingredient. Life with her husband, John, were the best years of her life and she continues in the love by living with her daughter and being visited by her loving son. Cleta thanks our Lord for the wonderful life He has provided. 🍀



## Born:

Cleta May Tracy was born on April 3, 1923 in Wellington, Kansas, the second of 6 children born to Ralph and Naomi Tracy.

## Descendants:

2 children, 4 grandchildren

## Hobbies and activities:

- Gardening
- Oil painting
- Knitting
- Crocheting
- Sewing
- Ceramics

# Frances Mitchell



**“Follow the Ten Commandments and Golden Rule.”**

## Education:

Frances attended Girls Academy in Yakima from first grade to ninth grade. She then moved and attended Cowiche High while living with a widow who managed several ranches in the area. She spent the summers with her family on one of the ranches where her father raised milk cows and mother made cheese. They were very good at it as they were immigrants from Switzerland. She quit school after her junior year and got married, as it was the beginning of the depression and hard times for her family.

## Outstanding memories:

Frances remembers her childhood as one filled with love and hard work. Even though they didn't have a lot of luxuries, they never went without food. Even when living in the city, they had a cow for milk, chickens and of course a garden. With 9 children, her mother was always baking bread, making cheese, canning vegetables, and making jelly from wild berries. When they moved to the ranch, there were lots of chores for the children to do, including digging potatoes. They only had one horse they could ride, so usually they rode double or walked everywhere. The first car they owned, their father drove in a ditch. At 16, Frances married LJ and soon after moved to Ocean City. It was depression times, but they were able to live off the land by growing vegetables and digging for clams. What they didn't raise themselves, they would barter with the neighbors to get. They had 3 children, Bertha, Theresa, and Bridget. She and LJ went into owning their own businesses until they retired. For several years, they traveled every summer in a motor home including all the way to Canada and Alaska.

## Favorite accomplishments:

Frances has always been proud of her work with children as a 4-H leader, PTA member, and Camp Fire leader. Her proudest accomplishment by far, though, was the swim program she developed for the city of Eureka, California. She felt there were too many young people that didn't know how to swim and the Olympic size pool at the high school was not being used. She organized 62 moms and 1 man to help her find and train lifeguards and swimming teachers. It was a great success with over 900 children learning to swim.

## Secret to Longevity:

Eat healthy fresh foods, exercise both your body and mind every day, wake up with a positive attitude. Don't stress over the small things in life. 🍀



## Born:

Frances was born May 4, 1916 to Mary and John Maissen in Yakima, Washington, the fourth of 9 children. Several of her siblings lived to be in their 90s, but she is the only one to reach 100. She married LJ Mitchell in 1932 and celebrated 77 anniversaries before his passing in 2009.

## Descendants:

3 daughters, 5 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, 8 great-great grandchildren

## Hobbies and activities:

Crocheting, knitting, painting, reading, and watching sports on television. Loves to spend any time with her family, especially fishing and camping.

# Ruth Erma Hansen Nielson



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

## Outstanding memories:

I 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-sheep-run, 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 WWII with the intention of joining the WASP. After passing the cadet test and while awaiting assignment to Sweetwater, Texas, 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 8 children—one son passed away at the age of 11. Those were good, busy years. My husband passed away in 1991, so I have been a widow for 30 years.

## Favorite accomplishments:

The education I received, receiving my pilot's license, working at the State Attorney General's office, service work in church, working in the Provo temple for many years. Being the mother of 8 children was a real accomplishment – I believe I deserve some of the credit for the 5 Eagle Scout awards earned by my sons.


## 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."

## Education:

She attended school in Elsinore until her family moved to Salt Lake in 1929. She attended Washington Grade School, Horace Mann Junior High, and West High School. Ruth received a bachelor's degree from the University of Utah.

## Secret to longevity:

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

## Born:

Ruth Nielson was born in 1920 in Elsinore, Utah, the tenth child and second daughter of Louis and Nina Hansen. She is the last surviving member of her family.

## Descendants:

8 children; 37 grandchildren; 64 great-grandchildren.

## Hobbies:

Currently, I enjoy reading the newspaper and taking an occasional nap. Mostly I enjoy visiting with neighbors and family who drop by.

# Phyllis Pettyjohn Ockerman



**“If you have a positive attitude, you will have a better day. Service to others gives you purpose and keeps you young.”**

## Outstanding memories:

**A**fter graduation from physical therapy school, she accepted a job in Seattle, Washington. One evening, she attended a church social and met someone else from Michigan. She and Doug began dating. Doug had a routine chest x-ray and, much to his surprise, it was discovered he had tuberculosis. He had contracted it during the war while he served with the army in India and China. At that time, there were no medicines used and bed rest was the treatment. Phyllis would travel twice a week to take books to Doug for one and a half years. It was a long and probably unusual courtship. When he was released from the sanitarium, they were married 2 days later. They were amazing partners and had 2 wonderful children together. Her husband passed away over 25 years ago.

## Favorite accomplishments:

Phyllis has enjoyed many years of searching family history. Her children and grandchildren think it's amazing that she shot a bear while deer hunting with her husband on the Olympic Peninsula. She was always a good sport and went along with her husband's adventures.

## Education:

Phyllis went to college in Michigan and became a nurse. She came from a patriotic family and served as a Navy nurse in WW11. She served in Navy hospitals in Great Lakes, Illinois; Norfolk, Virginia; and Corvallis, Oregon. After the war, she attended Northwestern University in Chicago and became a physical therapist. The GI Bill was a great blessing to many after the war and helped them to pay for further education. Many would not have been able to further their education without this government program.

## Secret to longevity:

Phyllis reads food labels and eats healthy and has done stretching exercises every day of her life. ☞

## Born:

Phyllis Ockerman was born in 1922 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She was 1 of 6 children and was born at home.

## Descendants:

She loves having her 4-year-old great-grandson over almost every day and they are best friends. She has 2 children, 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.





# Phyllis Parcell



**"Be grateful! Always have an attitude of gratitude!  
Love your family!"**

## Education:

Phyllis started school in the first grade at the North School in Heber City, Utah, and graduated from Wasatch High School in 1942, where she played a clarinet in the band and was on the drill team. She attended Brigham Young University for a short time.

## Outstanding memories:

Phyllis grew up milking cows and helping her dad outside. She always had to help clean the milking machines. She worked closely along with her siblings, and played a lot of hide and seek and jump the rope with them. When Phyllis was about 6, she was playing with her friend Grace across the road and saw her Grandma Lindsay drive up to her house. She was so excited she ran across the road and was hit by a small truck. She broke her leg and her collar bone. It was a miracle she survived. Her father bought her a big baby doll to help her with the pain she had for many months from this accident. She had to learn to walk all over again. She met her husband, Harris Parcell, in high school and they were married in 1944 in the Salt Lake Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints temple. They loved each other dearly and had many fun family times together. Phyllis' husband passed away over 23 years ago. Phyllis and Harris served in their church in a variety of callings, including serving in temples for over 30 years and serving a mission together in the Ohio Akron Mission. Phyllis worked at First Security Bank in Heber City for over 30 years. She lived in Heber City her entire life except for the 2 years she and Harris spent serving our country during World War II. They loved family vacations and enjoyed many camping trips with family and friends to Current Creek, Flaming Gorge, and lots of fun boating trips to Lake Powell. She loves spending time with her children and grandchildren, where she finds her greatest joy and fulfillment. She enjoys watching sports, especially BYU teams and the Utah Jazz.

## Born:

Phyllis Rasband Parcell was born in 1924 in Heber City, Utah, 1 of 7 children born to Walter Jeffs Rasband and Elvira (Vera) Lindsay Rasband.

## Descendants:

5 children and their spouses, 22 grandchildren, 55 great grandchildren, and 2 great, great, grandchildren.

## Hobbies:

Crocheting, reading her scriptures and many good novels, being with her family. All her grandchildren think they are her favorite.



## Favorite accomplishments:

Raising 5 wonderful children that she loves dearly, living in the same neighborhood for many years, her baptism day, being a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints her entire life, riding a 3-wheel electric tricycle at age 99 at the annual family Christmas party.

## Secret to longevity:

Keep the commandments, smile, eat good, exercise daily, always think of others instead of yourself, and eat a teaspoon of peanut butter every day – something she did almost every day in her adult life! ☺

# Dorothy Roark



**"Family is the most important thing in life - and the older you get, the more important it is!"**

## Outstanding memories:

**G**rowing up in our Murray neighborhood was great - I had a wonderful childhood! Mother was a wonderful cook and an especially good pie maker. She was deaf from childhood, and had no problem letting my friends and I roller skate around the dining table on the linoleum floor on long winter days! Dad loved his children and was a very involved father, especially for the time. He was also a wonderful dancer. My sisters and I would team up with him and win dance contests as teenagers. Movies were inexpensive, and many hours were spent at the Iris Theater in Murray. Became the Murray Theater, then it was the Avalon. About once a week during WWII, my girlfriends and I would get on the great big army truck at city hall and go out to the Kearns army base. I have many memories of meeting the nicest fellows there - and they were very good dancers, too! There was also a USO club on State Street in Murray. You had to be invited to be a hostess, which I was! Then you would get assigned a certain night to go down there and entertain the fellows. Play cards or checkers, write letters, dance.



## Born:

Born December 2, 1921 at home, in the front bedroom in Murray, Utah. The last of 12 children of Rosalia and Arnold Berg.

## Descendants:

1 daughter and 3 sons. 18 grandchildren. Too many wonderful little great-grandchildren to count!

## Hobbies and activities:

Lots of embroidery and sewing. She made her daughter's prom and wedding dresses, and pajamas and costumes for all the granddaughters for decades! Loved traveling with Jack all over the U.S., Tahiti, and Hawaii.

## Secret to longevity:

Just keep breathing - breathing is very important. (ha ha) Get up in the morning and go to bed at night. And be blessed with excellent genetics!

## Education:

Attended elementary school at Arlington Elementary in Murray, then Murray High for junior high and high school, and graduated from Excelsius Beauty School in 1940. 🌀

# Catherine Murphy Schubach



**“Have healthy relationships with friends and family. Stay active, be grateful and appreciative every day.”**

## Education:

Catherine started school in a small white schoolhouse in Rawlins, Wyoming. She attended St. Mary's of the Wasatch (Judge Memorial Catholic High School) from 8 until her graduation from high school in 1939. She attended the University of Utah, where she enjoyed her classes, joined a sorority, and made lasting friends. Catherine is the oldest living graduate of Judge Memorial.

## Outstanding memories:

When she was 8, Catherine and her family moved to Salt Lake City for her father's job at Continental Bank. She remembers getting on the trolley, transferring, and then getting on the school bus at the age of 8. The trolley went past the old prison, now Sugar House Park. Her older brother introduced her to her first husband, Don Johnson. She was married in June of 1941 and widowed in July 1942. He was a pilot in the U.S. Airforce and died while flying a B-17. After his death, Catherine felt that going to work and staying busy would help her. She worked for United Airlines as an operations manager, contacting the pilots and stewardesses for their flights and printing off weather reports. Catherine wanted to be a stewardess, but was told she was too tall. She stopped working for a brief period and traveled across the country with her parents. When she returned, she worked for United Airlines as a ticket agent in the Hotel Utah, where she met her dear, forever friend, Athena. There is an entire history to be shared about that friendship. Catherine met Richard "Dick" Schubach. They were married from January 1948 until his death in 2002.

## Favorite accomplishments:

Raising her 6 children with strong values, giving them opportunities to travel and see other places and cultures.

## Secret to longevity:

Keeping a positive attitude. Spending time with family and friends. Having a good support team with my daughters and their spouses and my neighbor, Eve Mary Verde. I love hearing from my grandchildren.

## Impressive changes:

Advances in medical care. Her brother died at a young age of something that could be taken care of with today's medical advances. Catherine is grateful for the introduction of vaccines. She stated living through Polio was frightening. ☁

## Born:

Catherine was born in 1920 to George Murphy and Maude Murphy in Rawlins, Wyoming, living in the home her parents built. She had 4 siblings, 1 of whom passed away at a young age.

## Descendants:

6 children, many in-laws, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

## Hobbies:

Reading historical novels and mysteries, carrying on conversations regarding current events, the NFL, NCAA sports, and politics. Traveling with family and friends. She celebrated her 90th birthday at Disneyland.

# Donna Toland Smart



**“Enjoy every day! Every morning, I look outside and think, ‘It’s a beautiful world, and it’s good to be alive!’”**

## Outstanding memories:

**D**onna grew up in Star Valley, and she will always remember the snow, the brilliant stars, and the smell of her mother’s apple dumplings. In Laramie, during the war, she met a young soldier in a special training program. How William B. Smart finally convinced her to marry him is a story in itself, but in 1945 they began a wonderful partnership of 73 years. They raised 5 children. While Bill created positive change through his journalism career, Donna taught juniors at East High School to think critically and love literature (and she was a favorite teacher!); served as stake and ward Relief Society president in the LDS church; and served on various boards and committees. Bill and Donna were neighbors and friends with a renowned Egyptologist, Aziz Atiya, and she went to work for him in helping him with the groundbreaking Coptic Encyclopedia. She and Bill served a public relations mission for their church in Toronto and the Eastern U.S. and Canada, where they focused on strengthening interfaith relations and collaborations.



## Born:

Donna Toland Smart was born in Afton, Wyoming, on a cold February night in 1923, and her grandmother warmed her body by the wood stove.

## Hobbies and activities:

Donna and Bill traveled widely to Europe, Mexico, South Africa, Egypt; trekking in the Himalayas, driving the Alaska highway and hiking to Mt. Denali. But she has loved Utah most of all: her home in Salt Lake, hiking and backpacking in Southern Utah, playing tennis, golfing, and enjoying wonderful times in St. George and Bear Lake. Donna has always loved literature and ideas and loves to share what she reads with loved ones.

## Favorite accomplishments:

Donna also is a writer and historian herself. She won the Evans Handcart Prize for editing the journals of Patty Sessions and the journals of Perrigrine Sessions. With Bill, she researched and wrote the award-winning *Over the Rim: The Parley P Pratt Exploring Expedition to Southern Utah*. As someone who loves family stories and tells them often, she did this in a big way by researching and writing the biographies of Myra Myall Henrie and Rachel Henrie. Most important, Donna is a beloved mother, grandma, great-grandma, and friend. ✨

# Irva Sudweeks



**"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 remnants 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 8 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 4 children: Charley Brindley, Cedar City; Bill (Joyce) Sudweeks, Kingston; (Linda) Brindley, Enoch; the late Jerald "Dude" Brindley; and Juana Englestead. After 8 years as the county clerk, she applied for a job as the business director of the Piute School District. She retired from that position in 1986 at the age of 66. However, retirement didn't mean she quit working. Irva continued to irrigate, cut and haul hay. She still enjoys working in her yard.

## Favorite accomplishments:

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 Sudweeks, Irva's son. 🍷

## Born:

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

## Descendants:

4 children, 21 grandchildren, 67 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

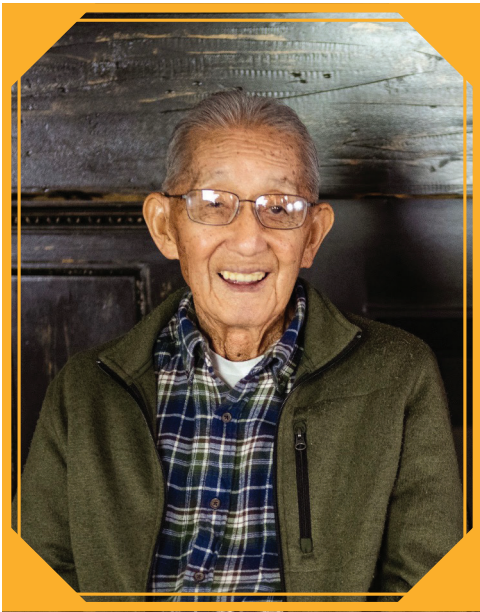
## Hobbies:

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.

# Frank Takahashi



**“Be true and faithful along with working hard and being dedicated in all you do.”**

## Outstanding memories:

**A**fter graduation, Frank was drafted into the U.S. Army. He attended basic training at Camp Maxey near Austin, Texas and was then stationed at Fort Snelling, Minnesota with other Japanese American soldiers. After serving 11 months, Frank was honorably discharged so he could return home to take care of the farm after his father was injured in an accident. In 1952, Frank married Kikue Aoki in Honeyville, Utah, and they later settled in Uintah, Utah. Frank managed the R.J. Wight turkey farm, which consisted of 5 coops where they raised 4,000 birds from chicks until they were about 8 weeks old. Frank later worked as a maintenance worker for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and took great pride in keeping the church grounds both inside and outside immaculate.

## Favorite accomplishments:

For over 50 years, Frank enjoyed raising show-quality chickens. Frank and Kikue traveled to the western states exhibiting their award-winning chickens in poultry shows and state fairs. Frank was given a Master Exhibitor award achieved by earning a record number of wins in licensed competitions, and served in multiple positions including as the poultry supervisor at the Utah State Fair for almost 40 years, being over the Poultry Division at the Weber County and Davis County Fairs, and secretary for the Utah Fancy Poultry Association where he made many wonderful friendships with his fellow chicken fanciers.

## Education:

Frank graduated from South Cache High School in 1941. His family was just one of 6 Japanese American families residing in Cache County. In his senior year, when World War II was in its early stage, because of Frank's ethnicity, his biology teacher wanted him kicked out of school. Luckily, he had enough credits to graduate, so with the help of his ag teacher, he was transferred from the biology class and allowed to complete his senior year.

## Born:

Born in 1923 in Clifton, Idaho to Isami (Charley) and Shigeno Takahashi.

## Descendants:

Frank and Kikue have 3 children, 5 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren.

## Secret to longevity:

Frank attributes his longevity “to not drinking nor smoking and having good friends.”

## Hobbies and activities:

While in high school, Frank began collecting pens with writing or business names on them and currently has nearly 4,400 different pens from around the world. In the summer, Frank has grown a large garden with the purpose of generously sharing with neighbors and friends his abundant harvest of peas, beans, cucumbers, zucchinis, and tomatoes. As one neighbor puts it, “It’s the best kind of garden to have. We don’t have to weed, water, or even pick the vegetables as they’re delivered right to our front door.” For over 50 years, including his 98th birthday, Frank has worked tirelessly to set up outdoor Christmas lights and decorations. He still supervises and directs family members to where everything is supposed to go. 🍷

# Zelda Terry




**"Pay attention in school, especially homemaking so you can learn to cook and sew."**

## Outstanding memories:

Zelda was one of a set of twins. Unfortunately, her twin didn't survive the birth. Even though she grew up during the depression, Zelda felt like her family was lucky since her father had a good paying job with the railroad. She always had food to eat and lots of milk because her family owned cows, so they were better off than most people during the depression. Zelda was allowed to ride the railroad for free. During times of boredom, she and her best friend, her brother Elwin, would hop on the train to ride from Provo to Ogden, or to Springville to spend the day at the roller-skating rink, then ride the train back home again. Zelda remembers hiking Mt. Timpanogos every year with Elwin, and the two also earned money by hunting rattlesnakes, killing them and selling them to local restaurants, who would put the rattlesnakes on the menu for those patrons hankering for a good snake dinner. Zelda met her husband, Dilworth Terry, at a dance hall. They were married in 1939. They built a house in Pleasant Grove, Utah, in 1943, where Zelda lived for almost 80 years. Often when on vacation, she would collect rocks to bring home to add to her rock gardens. On one such vacation Zelda, her husband, 2 of her kids, along with Zelda's sister, Elva and her husband and their 2 kids all piled in a station wagon headed from Utah to Seattle to attend the 1962 World's Fair. All along the way, Zelda and Elva found one rock treasure after another, adding rock after rock to the car's trunk. Unexpectedly, the axle broke on the car, protesting the enormous weight it was asked to bear. That halted the trip until the car was repaired, and Zelda and Elva were admonished to remove a good portion of their rock collection. As obedient wives, they took the rocks out of the trunk of the car only to surreptitiously hide these same rocks in their suitcases. Somehow the car made it to Seattle and back home to Utah without breaking down again. One word to describe Zelda would be incorrigible. She often instigated mischief and mayhem, starting many front yard water fights, with much screaming and running, while Dilworth in his no-nonsense way would scold her to stop that silliness.

## Favorite accomplishments:

When Zelda was 17 years old, she saved 2 people from drowning in the Rio Grande river. As you can imagine, this was quite a physical feat for a young petite teenager to accomplish – rescuing these people struggling against her and dragging her underwater. However, she persisted and was victorious in her efforts. 

## Born:

Born in 1920 in Winnemucca, Nevada. She is one of 10 children born to Zira Poulsen Draper and Elsie Spendlove.

## Descendants:

5 children, 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, 36 great-great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-great-grandchildren

## Hobbies:

Coin collecting, gardening, playing cards, rock collecting, collecting teacups and saucers.

## 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.

# Margaret Timoney



“Stay healthy and maintain a good weight.”

## Outstanding memories:

**M**argaret grew up in Richfield surrounded by a large extended family of grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. She loved to read and would hide in an apple tree where no one could see her and continue to read while her mother would call her to come into the house and help with chores! She spent summers camping at Fish Lake with friends and family. While in nursing school, Margaret met and married Army Air Corps Captain, Raymond Timoney. During World War II, Margaret and Ray lived stateside in Alabama, Washington, Oklahoma, Iowa, and Utah. They eventually settled down in Sandy, Utah and raised 5 children. Margaret worked as a nurse for the same obstetrician for over 30 years. Raymond passed away over 25 years ago. Margaret lived on her own in her home in Sandy until January of 2024, after she was 100 years old.

## Born:

Born on May 22, 1923 in Richfield, Utah to Luella Blomquist Hood and Francis Hood. She grew up with her mother, 2 brothers, a stepbrother and stepfather, LeRoy Fournier. She has outlived her siblings.

## Descendants:

5 children, 11 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren

## Secret to longevity:

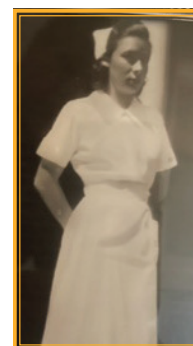
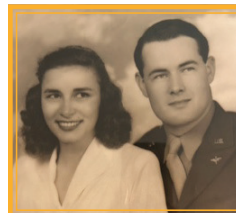
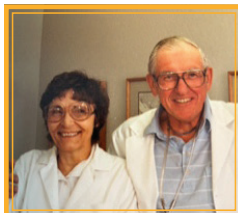
Genetics! Exercise, listen to your doctors and do what they advise you to do.

## Favorite accomplishments:

Margaret's favorite accomplishments include being a nurse from 1943 until 1996 when she was 73 years old. She loved the Girl Scouts of America and was a troop leader for many years. She was selected as a delegate from the Utah council to attend the Girl Scout National Convention in 1960. Her love of hiking and tent camping began at Fish Lake and lasted well into her 80s with trips to Canada, and many national parks including Bryce, Zion, and Grand Canyon.

## Hobbies and activities:

Margaret loved to read, travel, hike, listen to Big Band music and anything Frank Sinatra. Margaret loved good theatre and traveled many times to New York's Broadway to enjoy plays and musicals. She spent many hours at the Utah Shakespeare Festival and held season tickets for Pioneer Theatre and Ballet West in Salt Lake City for decades. She continues to watch old movies and is still a voracious reader of novels. 📖





# Ralph Walgren



**"Ask good questions. Look for the bugs under the rocks and buy balloons!"**

## Outstanding memories:

**G**rowing up in Salt Lake City, he remembers he and his brother going door-to-door selling raffle tickets for a quilt his mother made to supplement the family income during the depression. His teenage years were filled with church and school dances, listening to Big Band music, and a blossoming courtship with Wilma. Following a career in sales, he finished his career as the administrative manager in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Utah, including teaching an optional business class to medical students. He enjoyed his callings in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, especially when he served with the youth and in the leadership of his stake. He has many memories from his years living in Oregon and California. He and Wilma enjoyed the beaches and mountains, camping in their camper. He later converted a van into a small motorhome that they used to travel through most of the United States. He took his family on road trips every summer and traveled with Wilma all over the world. Every memory with Wilma was the highlight of his life.

## Education:


Ralph graduated from South High School in 1942. He began his college education while serving in the Navy during World War II, including Northwestern State College, St. Mary's College, and pilot training at Naval Air Station. The war ended before he completed his pilot training and he married his high school sweetheart, Wilma Hawkins, in 1945. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in communication from the University of Utah in 1947.

## Favorite accomplishments:

His and Wilma's children graduated from college, which completed a lifelong goal they helped facilitate. They bought a small cabin in 1957 in Brighton, Utah and built a new cabin on the property.

He spent summers in his woodshop in California making pieces for the cabin interior, including a full staircase to be reassembled in the cabin during his summer vacations to Utah. He taught his 3 children to be wise, but to live life with adventure.

## Hobbies and activities:

He was and still is an amazing joke teller, bringing a smile to everyone. He was a golfer into his 80s, making 2 holes in one! He loved reading history books and biographies. He spent time connecting with Scandinavian cousins and then visiting them in Denmark. He and Wilma traveled to Europe 6 times, once for 7 weeks with a backpack and a small suitcase. He made many toys, decorations, furniture, and helped everyone do projects in his woodshop. 

## Born:

Ralph C. Walgren was born May 12, 1924 in Salt Lake City, Utah, 1 of 3 children of Paul H. Walgren and Irma Castleton.

## Descendants:

3 children, 13 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, 12 great-great-grandchildren

# Leora Morton Gertsch Collins Ward

“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.”

## **Born:**

Mapleton, Utah, in 1919 to Joseph Morton and Belva Hatfield. She had one older brother, Ermel Morton.

## **Descendants:**

6 children, 3 step children and too-many-to-count grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren.

## **Hobbies:**

- Reading and writing in her journal.
- Writing poetry.
- Friendship
- Education
- Reading about Scotland, because her ancestors came from Scotland.
- Playing games like Bingo and checkers to keep her mind active.

## **Outstanding memories:**

When 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 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 of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and went on a mission with 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:**

Living to 100 years old and celebrating her 100th birthday, teaching primary children in church, volunteering as a foster grandparent at Washington Elementary School and Dixie Regional Medical Center with her husband, Robert Ward, working in genealogy recording family histories, and teaching health and nutrition.

## **Impressive changes:**

Leora grew up in the horse and buggy days. Her family raised strawberries. They made jam and took orders for deliveries from people. Her mother would deliver crates of strawberries by horse and buggy, as they didn’t have a car.

## **Secret to longevity:**

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

# Doris Leprieve Rucker Wasden



**"Treat others as you would like them to treat you."**

## Education:

**D**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.

## 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 9, 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 6 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. 🍀

## Born:

Doris Leprieve Rucker Wasden was born in 1918, in Beaver Dam, Utah, to William Richard Rucker and Addie Christine Wilkerson Rucker. She was the first born child and had 5 brothers and 3 sisters.

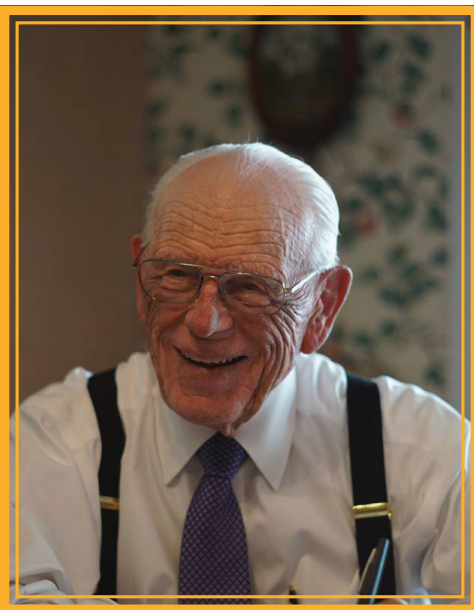
## Descendants:

2 children, 10 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 19 great great-grandchildren.

## Hobbies:

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

# Amos Wright



**“Cultivate personal relationships with your superiors.”**

## Outstanding memories:

He was named after his grandfathers, one who was a pony express rider and the other the son of a pioneer. Mose grew up on the Pima (now Gila) and Ute Reservations as his father worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. One Christmas, he and his brother Earle found a rope leading out the door. As they followed it outside, they were overjoyed to see it was tied to a beautiful black pony! Tony could even “single-foot” which is something like pacing. To get more math and science education, Mose moved to Logan to live with his Aunt Mary. While attending high school there, he met the love of his life, Gloria Hanson. After graduating from West Point in 1945, they married and were stationed in Germany with the Army of Occupation. They eventually had 5 children and moved over 38 times, spending 13 years in their beloved Germany. Utah was always home and they ended up in Provo.

## Favorite accomplishments:

Graduated in top 5% of his West Point Class; served in the military during WWII, Korea, and Vietnam; as district engineer in Buffalo, NY, supervised the Niagara Falls project, which shut down the flow of the falls for a time; oversaw a complete renovation of two 90 foot deep locks on the St. Lawrence Seaway; in Vietnam, was the Commanding Officer of the 79th Engineer Group (5 Construction Battalions--about 3000 men); served on the Joint Chiefs of Staff for National Defense in the Pentagon; achieved rank of Colonel and numerous military honors; chief of construction for the University of Texas System; served as president of the first LDS stake in Austin, Texas; director of the LDS Church Building Department 1976-83; director of Temporal Affairs for Europe for the LDS Church in Frankfurt, Germany; manager of the Hotel Utah (Joseph Smith Building) Renovation Project; sang with the Tabernacle Choir and Utah Symphony Chorus in many productions; served two LDS Missions: one to Germany and another as project manager for construction of Reno, Fresno, and Medford temples; served as a sealer in the LDS Provo temple; could stand on his hands forever



## Born:

Born in 1924 in Prosser, WA the first of 3 sons, to Charles Coulsen Rich Wright and Geneva Ensign.

## Descendants:

5 children, 22 grandchildren, 60 great grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild

## Secret to longevity:

Who knows? Chuck-a-rama?

## Education:

United States Military Academy at West Point 1945, CalTech Masters in Civil Engineering, Advanced Military Education

## Hobbies and activities:

Family history and being involved with Sons of the Utah Pioneers and Sons of the American Revolution, listening to classical, opera, and Big Band era music like Glenn Miller, playing the sax and clarinet, speaking and reading German, golfing with his buddies from HUG (Happy Utah Golfers) and the “Bingo Bango Bongo Bunch.” 🍷

# More century club centenarians

**N**ot all of Utah's Centenarians submit biographies for the yearbook. The club is open to anyone over the age of 100. You can apply for yourself or your loved one to be recognized at [daas.utah.gov/centenarians](https://daas.utah.gov/centenarians) or by calling 801-538-3910.

## **Floyd Anderson**

Born in 1923  
Salt Lake City

## **Margery Anderson**

Born in 1924  
Ephraim

## **Glen Bair**

Born in 1923  
Provo

## **Dolfo Baltazar**

Born in 1924  
Mountain Green

## **Elizabeth Beck**

Born in 1913  
Salt Lake City

## **Katy Blackham**

Born in 1918  
St. George

## **Ruth Blattenberger**

Born 1919  
Salt Lake City

## **Tony Borrero**

Born 1920  
Salt Lake City

## **Della Bulkley**

Born 1916  
Salt Lake City

## **Bea Burnett**

Born 1916  
Park City

## **Geraldine Capson**

Born in 1924  
Kearns

## **Venice Carty**

Born in 1924  
Salt Lake City

## **Ellen Casaday**

Born in 1923  
Sandy

## **Elaine Christensen**

Born 1922  
Riverton

## **Gale Christensen**

Born in 1915  
West Haven

## **Milton Christensen**

Born 1915  
West Haven

## **Theo Christensen**

Born in 1924  
Sandy

## **Bessie Clayton**

Born 1913  
Salt Lake City

# More century club centenarians

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**Pilar Cordova**

Born in 1924  
Salt Lake City

**Vera Dugdale**

Born 1913  
St. George

**Iloa Gregory**

Born in 1923  
Bountiful

**Nola Covington**

Born in 1923  
Hurricane

**Hazel Edler**

Born 1914  
Salt Lake City

**Barbara Gutke**

Born in 1924  
River Heights

**Veda Cox**

Born in 1921  
Provo

**June Edwards**

Born in 1920  
Salt Lake City

**Acel Hall**

Born 1922  
Kaysville

**Kay Croen**

Born in 1917  
Lives Salt Lake City

**Eugene "Gene" England**

Born 1919  
Sandy

**Mildred Hall**

Born 1923  
Park City

**Nevaline "Nevie" Crompton**

Born in 1920  
Ephraim

**Geraldine Felsted**

Born 1920  
Salt Lake City

**June Hanson**

Born in 1923  
Millcreek

**Ellen Dahl**

Born in 1923  
Marriott Slaterville City

**Alice Funk**

Born in 1917  
Nibley

**Claire Hammond**

Born 1923  
Logan

**Alma DeLoney**

Born in 1920  
Provo

**Dorothy Fussek**

Born 1921  
Salt Lake City

**Zola Harman**

Born 1919  
Taylorsville

**Ada Dewey**

Born in 1917  
Ogden

**Davina Gray**

Born in 1917  
Clinton

**Marian Hughes**

Born 1920  
Logan

# More century club centenarians

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**Marie Humphrey**

Born 1918  
Sandy

**Wilhelm Kuhn**

Born 1919  
Orem

**Ann McDonald**

Born in 1921  
Holiday

**Edith L. Jackson**

Born 1922  
Salt Lake City

**Edna Lanier**

Born 1919  
Ogden

**Jessie "Marie" McDonald**

Born 1920  
Salt Lake City

**Lydia James**

Born 1915  
West Jordan

**Eva Larsen**

Born in 1913  
Salt Lake City

**Frank Memory**

Born in 1923  
Springville

**James Jones**

Born 1922  
Moab

**Donald Leffelbein**

Born 1920  
Lewiston

**Betty Mendoza**

Born 1912  
Lives in Hurricane

**Sophie Jones**

Born 1916  
Montrose

**Elly Lund**

Born in 1923  
Ogden

**Virginia Meyer**

Born in 1924  
Salt Lake City

**Vilate Jones**

Born in 1921  
Salt Lake City

**Erma Matthews**

Born in 1923  
Tooele

**John Millar**

Born 1920  
St. George

**Ebrahim Khodaverdian**

Born 1917  
Sandy

**Linnette McCreary**

Born 1921  
Layton

**Howard Mills**

Born 1918  
Lives Bountiful

**Virginia King**

Born in 1923  
South Jordan

**Jessie "Marie" McDonald**

Born 1920  
Salt Lake City

**Lois Mills**

Born 1920  
Taylorsville

# More century club centenarians

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**Robert Nash**

Born 1922  
Sacramento, CA

**Hilda Olsen**

Born in 1919  
Roy

**Mary Pinnell**

Born 1916  
West Haven

**Carl Nelson**

Born 1919  
Taylorsville

**Esther Orr**

Born 1921  
Park City

**Cleo Powel**

Born 1915  
Murray

**Leola Nielsen**

Born 1917  
West Jordan

**Lucille Panos**

Born 1920  
Salt Lake City

**Georgia Presnell**

Born in 1919  
Orem

**Paul Nkoy**

Born 1915  
Salt Lake City

**Geraldine Park**

Born in 1923  
Orem

**Ruth Prichard**

Born in 1922  
Price

**Ada Nordell**

Born 1913  
Washington

**Alice Pay Bateman King**

Born 1917  
Springville

**Lynn Reed**

Born 1920  
West Valley City

**Donna Norton**

Born 1921  
Holladay

**Lila Perry**

Born 1922  
Sandy

**Eva Risk**

Born 1920  
Taylorsville

**Shirley Oberg**

Born 1915  
Spanish Fork

**Lamonte Peterson**

Born 1916  
North Logan

**Lucille Robbins**

Born 1912  
Brigham City

**Lujeanne Ogden**

Born in 1923  
Richfield

**Virgina Peterson**

Born in 1923  
Millcreek

**Mary Robertson**

Born 1923  
Ogden



# More century club centenarians

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**Jane Rohde**

Born in 1921  
Sandy

**Leon Tapia**

Born 1915  
West Valley City

**Mary Wahl**

Born 1914  
Draper

**Lois Rollins**

Born in 1923  
Sandy

**Alice Telford**

Born in 1923  
Midvale

**Brant Wall**

Born 1919  
Millcreek

**Dorothy Shane**

Born in 1922  
Provo

**Lucile Tibolla**

Born 1918  
Salt Lake City

**Barbara West**

Born in 1923  
South Jordan

**Irene Smith**

Born 1918  
Salt Lake City

**Alta Timmins**

Born 1921  
Spanish Fork

**Woodrow Wilson**

Born 1918  
Clinton

**Ann Sneddon**

Born 1921  
Ogden

**Nedra Tucker**

Born 1923  
South Jordan

**Theron Yates**

Born 1916  
Salt Lake City

**Wilson Stevens**

Born 1915  
Salt Lake City

**Florence Turnbow**

Born in 1923  
Sandy

**Doris Stock Atwood**

Born 1916  
Ogden

**Florence Twelves**

Born in 1923  
South Jordan

**Rhea Swain**

Born 1922  
Lehi

**Wayne Ursenbach**

Born in 1923  
South Jordan



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### Tips to prevent, detect, and report

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- ◆ Keep a record of all your medical visits and procedures.
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*Prevent. Detect. Report.*



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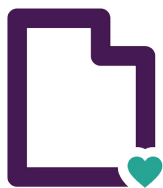
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