

**Governor's Century
Club of Utah**

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Message from the Governor

As 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 2025.

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 2025 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

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

It used to be a common belief that people of advanced age should be left alone and not bothered. In 1985, with the intent of proving that many older people enjoy socializing and participating in community activities, Lynn Peters Alder, a volunteer consultant, implemented the Phoenix Centenarian Program. In 1987, the National Institute of Aging established Sept. 22 as National Centenarian Recognition Day. Alder contacted each state in the country to encourage local participation.

In response to this request, the Utah State Division of Aging and Adult Services contacted Gov. Bangerter, who held the first celebration. The tradition continued under governors Michael Leavitt, Olene Walker, Jon Huntsman, 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 you or your loved one to be recognized at daas.utah.gov/centenarians or by calling 801-538-3910.



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Demographics

150

Centenarians in the Governor’s Century Club of Utah as of June, 2025

Oldest Utah centenarians

112 years

Betty Mendoza
Born 1912
Hurricane

109 years

Milton Christensen
Born March 1915
West Haven

111 years

Lucille Robbins
Born 1912
Brigham City

110 years

Paul Nkoy
Born September 1915
Salt Lake City

111 years

Vera Dugdale
Born 1913

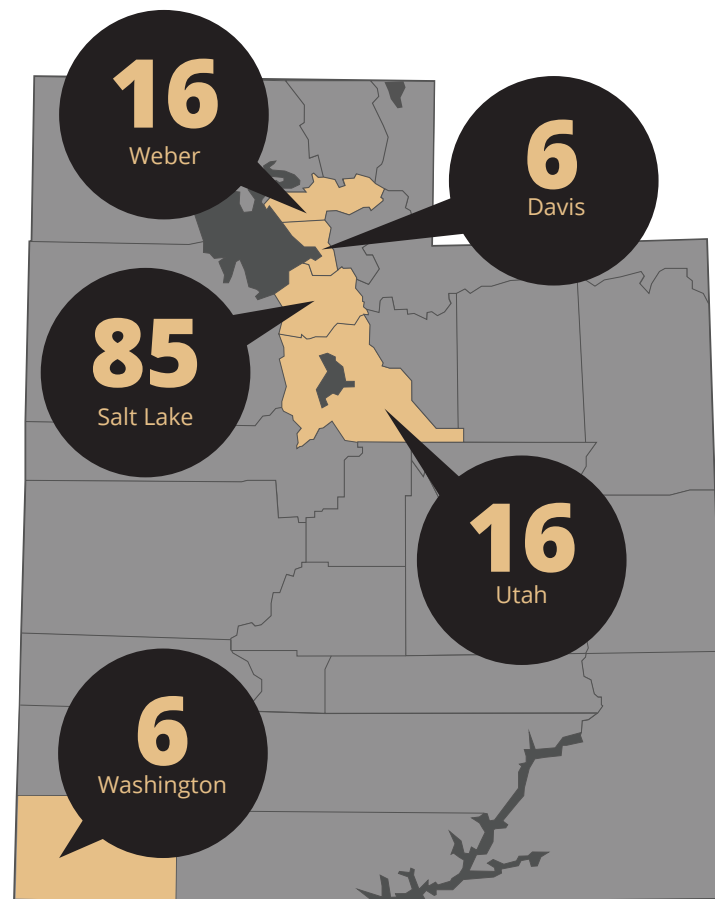
110 years

Leon Tapia
Born September 1915
Salt Lake City

Utah centenarians range from 100 to 113, but most of them are between 100 and 105.



Counties with most centenarians

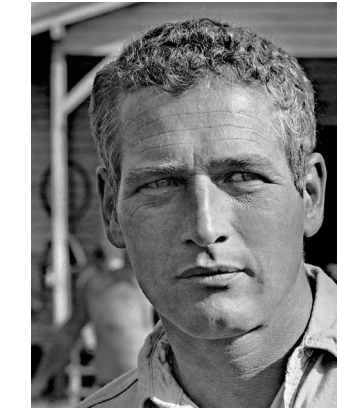


100 years ago - 1925

Notable births



Malcolm X
Revolutionary



Paul Newman
Actor



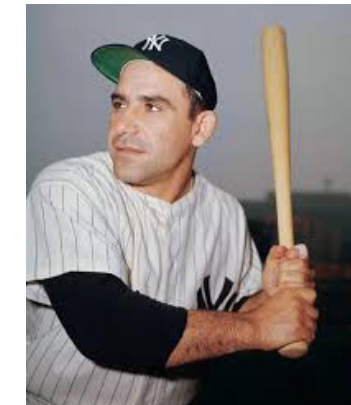
Margaret Thatcher
UK Prime Minister



Sammy Davis Jr.
Musician

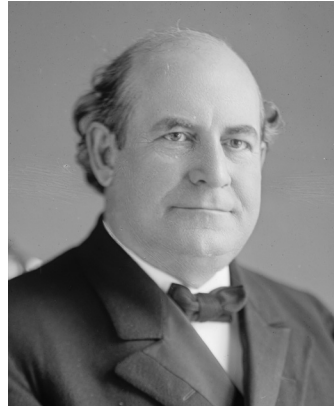


Dick Van Dyke
Actor

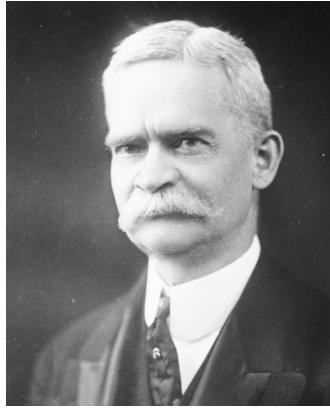


Yogi Berra
Athlete

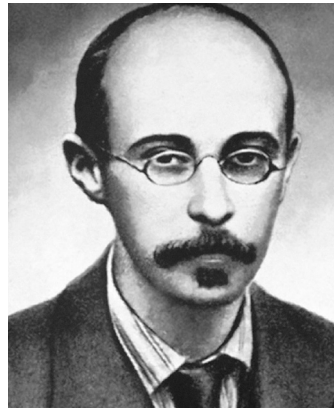
Notable deaths



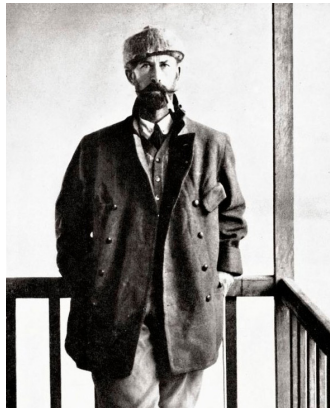
William Jennings Bryan
Politician



Thomas Marshall
U.S. Vice President



Alexander Friedmann
Mathematician



Percy Fawcett
Explorer



John Singer Sargent
Painter

Sports

- Pittsburgh Pirates won the World Series
- 5 new teams entered the National Football League (NFL): The New York Giants, Detroit Panthers, Pottsville Maroons, Providence Steam Rollers, and Canton Bulldogs.

Historic events

- Scopes Monkey Trial
- Nellie Tayloe Ross became the first woman governor in U.S. history in Wyoming.
- Adolf Hitler published "Mein Kampf."
- "The Great Gatsby" was published.

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



Centenarians

Alice Jackson Allred



Born

May 9, 1923 in Driggs, Idaho.

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.

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.

Outstanding memories

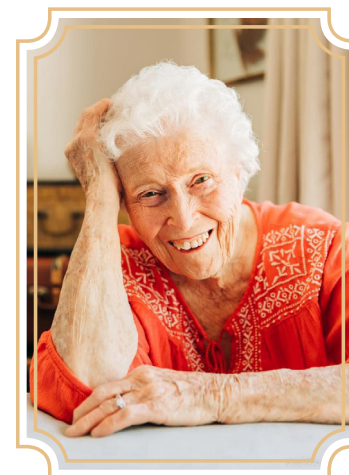
Her parents, V.O. and Ada Rex Jackson, were ranchers from Randolph, Utah. In 1924, they moved their family to Belfrey, Montana where they hoped there would be less snow. Alice grew up with 6 sisters and 5 brothers. Alice spent all of her childhood years in Belfrey and Bear Creek in southern Montana. 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.

Best advice

She gave this advice at her 100th birthday party: "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."



Kathryn Apperson



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

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

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.

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.

Favorite accomplishments

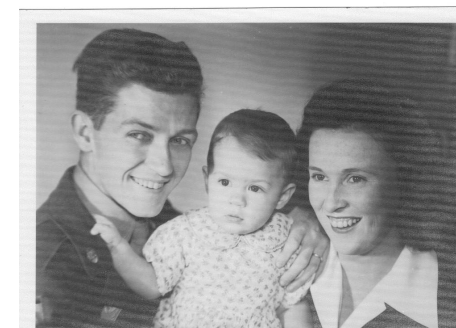
Playing the piano for many events, still doing so at her 100th year. She still loves working on drafting house plans. She changed a Chevrolet motor for a Buick using a block and tackle on an elm tree limb to swing one out, and the other into the car.

Secret to longevity

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

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.



Elizabeth “Betty” Bailey



Born

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

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.

Descendants

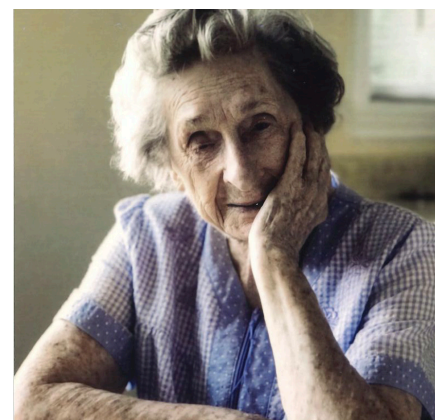
9 children, 35 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren.

Hobbies and activities

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.

Outstanding memories

Betty’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 dry-wall 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.



Favorite accomplishments

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

Impressive changes

A man could walk on the moon and planes can travel overseas in a matter of hours.

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.

Best advice

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

Mildred Alene Dunn Barlow

Born

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

Descendants

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

Hobbies and activities

Genealogy, indexing, sewing, cooking, and reading.

Outstanding memories

My 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.

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 on-line. Life then was wonderful.

Secret to longevity

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

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



Born

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

Education

Cleo attended Monroe School then Granite High School.

Descendants

2 children, 7 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren.

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.

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.

Best advice

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.



Dorothy (Dottie) Ann Bloomdale



Born

September of 1925 in Magna, Utah, 1 of 3 children born to Harry M. Nicholson and Margaret M. Cheever.

Education

Dottie started school at Midvale Elementary in Midvale, Utah. She graduated from Jordan High in Sandy, Utah in 1943. She later attended college at Brigham Young University for a year before getting married to Robert E. Bloomdale.

Descendants

2 sons, 7 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Secret to longevity

Do your exercises and do what the doctor says.

Best advice

Look on the bright side not the dark side.

Outstanding memories

Dottie has only loving and happy memories of her childhood years. She never remembers hearing her parents argue. Some of their family vacations were spent at various World Fairs. To entertain her and her sisters on their long road trips, her dad made an activity center out of wood. One time while traveling home from back East, her dad had a gall bladder attack and couldn't drive. Since her mother didn't drive, they picked up a hitchhiker that drove them all the way home. Like any household, Dottie's parents enforced rules for their children to follow. If you weren't home by 5 for dinner, you would have to do the dishes by yourself. That was a difficult rule to follow for a social butterfly, so Dottie was found doing the dishes most of the time. She remembers as a teenager backing out of the driveway and knocking down the street lamp post. Dottie loves the sweet things in life, especially the homemade ice cream her dad frequently made on the back porch.

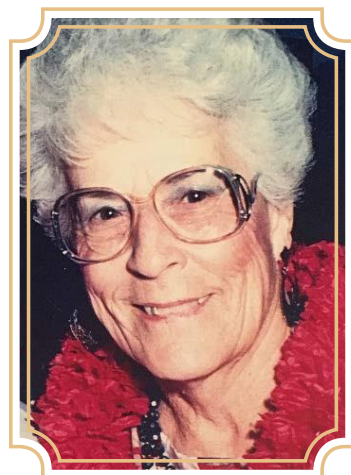
Favorite accomplishments

Dottie was an executive secretary until she retired in 1987. She was highly sought after because of her short-hand skills and typing speed of 105 words per minute. Dottie has always loved serving her community. She gave 14 years of service in the LDS Church office building records department where she helped search for people whose names had been lost. She also volunteered for more than 30 years at Cottonwood Hospital and then at the Intermountain Medical Center. People in her community monickered her as the "neighborhood taxi driver," since she often drove around friends and neighbors who were incapable of driving themselves. As a proponent of education, Dottie volunteered at the Mountain View Elementary for a couple years. Dottie supported her sons on LDS missions.

Hobbies and activities

Dottie is an avid Jazz fan and was a season ticket holder, attending games until she was 95. In her younger years, she loved to bowl and was on several teams. Dottie loves playing Bingo and has always been an expert card player, winning many times in Pinochle. She loves to read and continues today to read several books a week. Dottie started a single ladies' lunch bunch group in 1997 which continued for decades. Dottie's favorite activity continues to be spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Carmen F. Boss



Born

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 and activities

Enjoyed crocheting and knitting, though bad eyesight now keeps her from these hobbies. She still enjoys scrapbooking, books on tape provided by the Braille Institute, listening to church magazines on tapes and having visitors.

Outstanding memories

When 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.

Best advice

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

Ruth McMillan Richins Brown



Born

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Best advice

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



Udean Camp



Born

1925 in Payson, Utah, the 11th of 14 children born to Zachariah Henry and Alice Taylor Ewell.

Education

Udean started elementary school in Genola, Utah, attended junior high in Santaquin, and high school in Payson. She never graduated high school due to leaving home to help her oldest brother care for his wife's and new baby's health issues.

Descendants

5 children, 19 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren, 5 great-great grandchildren.

Secret to longevity

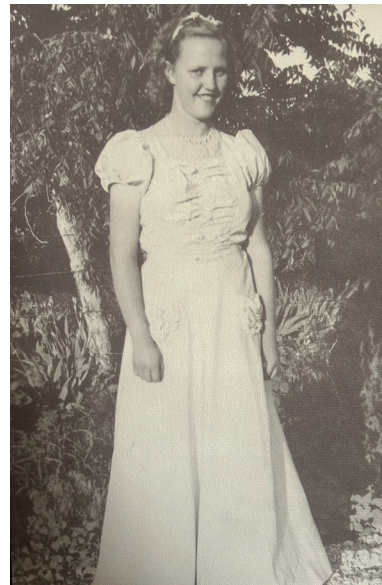
Eat lots of dark chocolate and peanut butter cups; decide to be happy... it's your choice; try to stay away from doctors the best you can.

Best advice

Be kind to one another; don't get angry; enjoy people and help others.

Outstanding memories

Udean's mother would hitch up the horse and buggy for shopping trips to Santaquin, and Udean would look forward each summer to going up Santaquin Canyon on a horse-drawn wagon with her family for a picnic and wood gathering excursion. It was usually around the 4th of July to celebrate one of her favorite holidays. She moved to Burrville, Utah where she met Cray Camp. Together, they raised 4 children on a small farm and established Cray's Café and Motel in Koosharem, Utah. She was known for her delicious homemade pies, home cooked meals, and hospitality. Cooking for and hosting regular out-of-state annual deer hunters was always a favorite time of year for her. At 66 years old, when her husband, Cray, passed away, she moved back to Utah County to be closer to family, and she has lived alone and has mainly cared for herself ever since. She and her 3 younger single sisters began taking annual road trips through the summer of 2013 and, at that time, she had visited every LDS temple in the United States and Canada. Two of their most memorable (and dangerous) jaunts were driving through New York's Time Square to the Manhattan New York temple and crossing the border of Mexico to attend the Ciudad Juarez temple while in their late 80s.



Favorite accomplishments

Serving a mission with her husband in Nauvoo, Illinois and, since his death, serving every week multiple times in the temple as an ordinance worker and patron.

Hobbies and activities

Singing and crocheting/embroidering has been Udean's love. After her husband passed, she went weekly to senior assisted living facilities and care centers to "entertain the old people" as she described it. She happened to be older than most if not all of them. Dressed in her cowboy boots and sequin attire, she would strap on her guitar and spend countless hours singing and yodeling. "I Want to Be a Cowboy's Sweetheart" was one of her favorites to perform. She stopped a few years ago when she gave up driving and began walking where she needed to go. She currently enjoys attending a nearby temple each week.

Wayne Clayson



Born

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

Hobbies and activities

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.

Secret to lon-

gevity

Wayne has a wonderful sense of humor. He can tell jokes well and can remember them longer than his kids! He says the secret to longevity is: "Have a lifetime with a good partner and a happy family. Also, you can't take life too serious!"

Outstanding memories

Wayne 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!

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!

Descendants

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



Beverly Elaine (Arnold) Cottle



Born

February 23, 1925 in Ogden, Utah to Fredrick A. Arnold and Lillian M. Burton. She has 2 older sisters and a younger brother.

Education

Ogden city schools and Weber State University

Descendants

4 children, 16 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren and 29 great-great-grandchildren.

Hobbies and activities

Some of my earlier hobbies included reading, crocheting, embroidering, gardening and traveling. Currently I enjoy listening to books and enjoying my many flowers I have outside. I have traveled to most of the states in America and many foreign countries. I love to travel and was especially interested in the older countries; their history, their people and the way they lived.

Outstanding memories

I married Billie Jay Cottle in 1942 and had 4 children, 2 girls and 2 boys. We raised our children in Ogden. I was the founder, director and owner of 2 educational daycare centers, one in South Ogden named Jolly Time and one in Ogden named The Peek-A-Boo. It was a nice time in my life. I really enjoyed working with all of the children. I was in the daycare business for 27+ years. Billie and I took an early retirement and retired to lovely Cache Valley, Utah, where we enjoyed winter and summer activities with our family. While there, we bought a mini horse named Moe, who was a delight to the whole neighborhood. Everyone loved him. Billie passed away in 1995 and I immediately got involved in Family History, where I had many friends that I emailed and did research with. I eventually wrote 3 beautiful family history books, two about the Arnolds and one about the Cottles. I found many relatives in England from both families. I spent time in England researching with new family members. Many of those families have now passed away but I still correspond with two dear friends, Caroline Meatyard (England), Jill A Morley (Australia), and relatives, Philip and Pat Arnold (England). Later on in life I moved to St. George, Utah to get away from the snow and ice and especially to be closer to more family. I loved, and still love, spending time with family. I am happy to be living so close to many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I also made many special longtime friends, who I met when we were part of the Red Hat Society. I started my own chapter and we had so much fun over the years. We try to get together once a year. We all travel to Perry, Utah to go to the wonderful Maddox Ranch House restaurant. One of my favorite memories is when I was around 50 years old, my youngest daughter and I both enrolled in the cosmetology program. We both enjoyed that time very much and we both received our associates degree with honors. When I was 98, I wrote another book about my life stories.

Secret to longevity

I don't really have a secret for living longer but I think staying active, doing things you enjoy, keeping your mind active and trying to stay positive definitely helps.



June Crane



Born

June 30, 1925 in Murray, Utah to Fred C and Ebba Hedberg, both of Swedish descent. She was the 6th of 7 children — 2 brothers, Art and Lee, and 4 sisters, Lillian, Verna, Velma and Donna. June has outlived all of her siblings.

Education

June attended Murray High School for 9th and 10th grade then moved on to Jordan High School where she graduated in 1943. June had many friends she enjoyed spending time with and also met her future husband Robert W. Crane at one of the many dances she also enjoyed attending. They were married in January of 1945 and spent many wonderful years together until Robert's sudden death of an aneurysm in September of 1986.

Descendants

4 children, 5 grand-children, 2 great grand-children

Outstanding memories

June loved to go to Salt Air and listen to the Big Bands. She also enjoyed going to the Rainbow Rendezvous and Covey's Dance Hall where they danced and listened to the great music of the time. She was also fortunate to travel and explore many foreign countries with her husband and friends and still enjoys traveling today with her children.



Favorite accomplishments

June feels blessed to be healthy and to have lived long enough to see her children and grandchildren grow-up and lead successful lives.

Secret to longevity

Everything in moderation, keep moving, clean living, good genes and it doesn't hurt to keep on God's good side!

Best advice

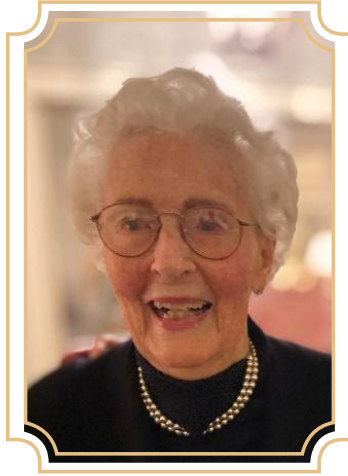
"Smile and the world smiles with you, frown and you frown alone". Be thankful for what you have and treat others with respect. Live life to its fullest and don't put your nose where it doesn't belong.

Hobbies and activities

June loves to play golf and still hits the ball straight down the middle of the fairway - just not as far. She likes to garden and keeps a beautiful yard where she gets many compliments from passers by. June enjoys the outdoors and spending time at Lake Powell, Moab and Las Vegas with her children.



Ruth Rowan Draper Crockatt



Born

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.

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.

Descendants

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

Outstanding memories

At 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.

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.

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.

Ellen Dahl



Born

July 10, 1923, in Waupaca, Wisconsin, the first of 2 children to Eunice and Harold Nelson. Her mother lived to 109; grandmother to 106.

Education

Mercy School of Nursing — RN Psychiatric Nurse Training. Duke University, Ashville, NC

Descendants

3 children, 5 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren

Best advice

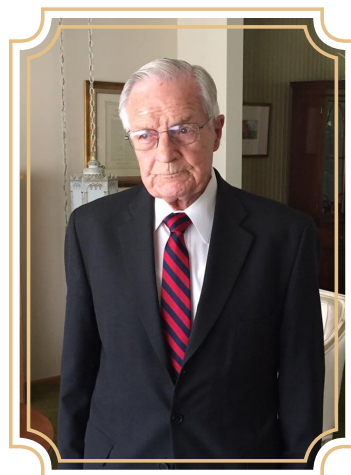
"Be good to each other, for if there is no tomorrow, there will be no regret."



Outstanding memories

Ellen's story begins with a walk through a park one summer during nursing school—a path that led to the beach, where a charming lifeguard offered to teach her to dive. She smiled and suggested tennis instead. That small choice marked the beginning of a lifelong connection filled with love, resilience, and deep-rooted commitment. Life soon called Ellen and Dane in different directions. Dane joined the Army paratroopers, leaving high school early to serve. His thirteenth jump nearly cost him his life, landing him in a diabetic coma. While he recovered and returned to Wisconsin, Ellen pursued psychiatric nursing, completing her training at Duke University — a remarkable achievement at a time when few women ventured so far from home for education. After graduation, Ellen's career took her to Winnebago State Mental Hospital and later Northwestern Military Academy in Lake Geneva. Dane earned his college degree in just 3 years, as the very first recipient of a newly launched accelerated program. In 1945, Ellen and Dane married and settled in Wisconsin Rapids, where they built a life grounded in hard work and mutual purpose. Dane began working for Water & Light, while Ellen continued her nursing career and enrolled at Bright's School of Floral Design. With vision and dedication, they built Dahl's Floral Gardens and Shop from the ground up—an homage to Dane's florist father and a fresh start for Ellen's artistic talents. Their flowers didn't just brighten events—they lined highways through the Johnson administration's beautification initiative, turning public spaces into gardens of color and care. Community meant everything to Ellen and Dane. Together and individually, they served: as Rotary presidents and Paul Harris Fellows, on the Water & Light Commission (where Ellen served 15 years), the cemetery board, SCORE, South Wood County AIDS Committee, and numerous civic efforts—helping guide fair-housing compliance and championing better futures for all. Even with a full calendar, Ellen found joy in travel, regular exercise, and bridge—playing in 2 clubs. After Dane passed in 1988, Ellen opened her heart once more, sharing cherished years with Bob Thiesan. His warmth and humor brought light to her days, until cancer took him too soon. Through it all, Ellen's life has been defined by compassion, strength, and service—a woman ahead of her time, yet always present for those around her. Her century is not just a measure of years, but a legacy of love, leadership, and quiet brilliance that continues to bloom in the lives she's touched. In 2019, Ellen moved to Utah at the urging of her youngest daughter and her wife, who she now lives with in Marriott Slaterville City.

Jack Eichers



Born

Clearfield, Utah in 1921. Jack was the 4th of 5 children, having 2 sisters and 2 brothers.

Education

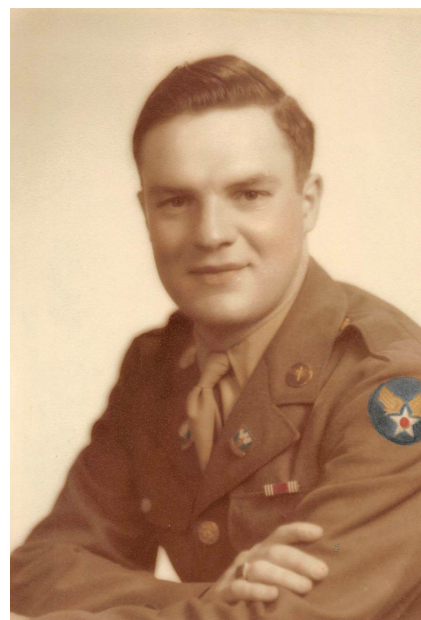
Jack attended Wasatch Elementary, Bryant Jr. and West High School, graduating in 1938. Jack is very proud of his alumnus status, especially Wasatch Elementary and West High. He would remind you that he attended Wasatch before the tunnel was built under South Temple Street. After high school, Jack took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

Descendants

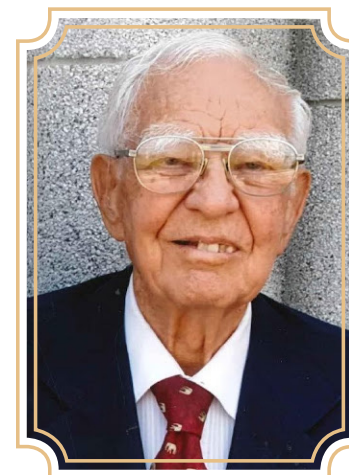
2 sons, Preston (Shirley) and Bradley (Brenda), 7 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren.

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



Born

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

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.

Descendants

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

Hobbies and activities

Ralph skied until he was 75, golfed until he was 99, and shot his first hole-in-one at 82. He liked to play tennis and travel with his wife, and he still bowls every week.

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.

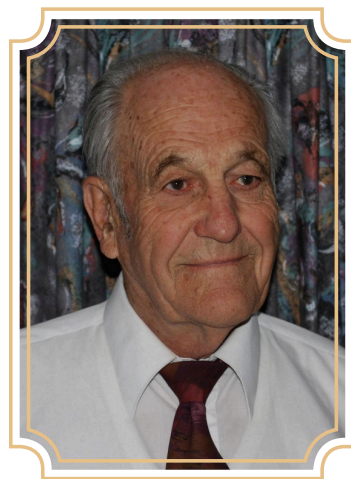
Favorite accomplishments

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.

Max Hadfield



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.

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.

Descendants

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

Hobbies and activities

Yard work, mechanics, horses.

Secret to longevity

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

Best advice

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.



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

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.

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.

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.



Bonnie Jay Webb



Lewis and Bonnie

Ida Hubbard Hoggan



Born

Carey, Idaho in 1919 to Jesse Le-Roy Hubbard and Sarah Estelle Beecher. They had 6 children, 4 sons, and 2 daughters.

Descendants

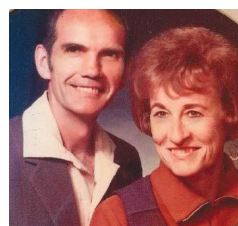
6 children, 15 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and at least one great-great-grandchild on the way.

Hobbies and activities

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.

Impressive changes

Advances in technology and transportation have been a blessing.



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.

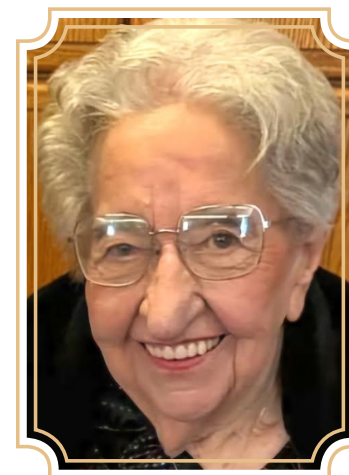
Secret to longevity

Ida's longevity is partly due to good genes. Her mother lived to 105, and most of her siblings lived well into their 90s. The rest she attributes to a good diet (lots of vegetables, protein drinks and no pop), a good attitude, and staying busy. Her goals in life have always included her children and their happiness and success. Ida wants to stay busy and do things that are worthwhile until the very end—not just watch TV.

Best advice

"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."

Melba Gull King



Born

December 10, 1924 to Raymond and Lenore Gardner Gull at their home in Spanish Fork, Utah. She is the third of their 5 daughters.

Education

Melba graduated from Spanish Fork Junior High in 1935 in a pale peach dress, the first store-bought dress she had ever worn.

Descendants

5 children, 23 grandchildren, and 90 great-grandchildren.

Hobbies and activities

Family history, attending various civic functions, and family reunions. Her large family honored her at a reunion when she turned 95, called "95 and Still Alive".

Best advice

I am grateful for my loving parents who taught me the gospel of Jesus Christ and helped me gain a strong testimony of my Savior. I hope all my descendants will love and follow him.

Outstanding memories

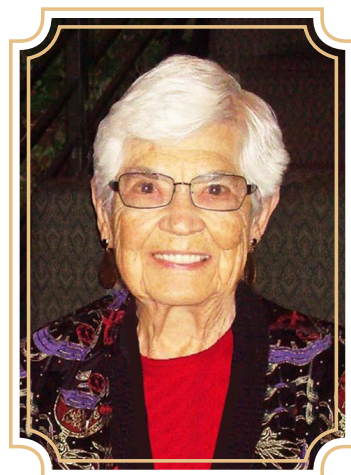
"My Grandfather Henry Gardner was a banker in Spanish Fork and he owned half a city block. He had a house on the Spanish Fork bench with 13 rooms. We had a big barn, an orchard, chickens, pigs and cows and even a well with a windmill that gave us our water. It was often very cold there in the winter. The wind blew most of the time and gave us the water we needed. We'd milk the cows and take the milk down in the cellar and take the cream off the milk and use a big churn to churn butter. We'd sell the milk for 5 cents a quart and deliver it to all our neighbors. My youngest sister Lila was born in that house. She had little ringlets. One time we had a funeral for her cat. My mother wouldn't let us have animals inside our house. We had our own little play house at the edge of the granary. We also had a chicken coop and the town grocer would give us a penny's worth of candy when we'd take him an egg. It was the only candy we had until they built the Utah Idaho Sugar Factory at the southwest end of town. Then my dad grew sugar beets on his farm. We'd crawl on our hands and knees and thin them. It kept us out of mischief. We knew everybody in town when we were little, or at least we thought we did." When Melba attended Spanish Fork High School, her future husband, Frank George King, lived one block north of her. He was a senior and she was a sophomore and they often walked to school together. He gave her a diamond ring that year and then he attended Brigham Young University until he was drafted into the United States Army. They were married in 1945 in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple while Frank was on leave from his Army Duty in the Aleutian Islands. Frank and Melba King built a basement home in Spanish Fork directly across from her parent's home. They had 5 children. While Melba raised her children, she worked as an office manager for Doctor Milo C. Moody for 14 years. She then worked for several years in the business office of Utah Valley Hospital in Provo and retired at the age of 68.

Favorite accomplishments

After her retirement, Melba was president of the Spanish Fork American Legion Auxiliary District Four and Unit 68, a state representative to the American Legion, and served in Spanish Fork as company secretary, camp president, and captain of the Utah Daughters of Pioneers.



Rosella Anna Wendland Dilley Marshall



Born

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

Education

Rosella was the only member of her family to graduate high school. She had good grades, despite regularly missing school to help wash and iron laundry for \$1.25 a bag.

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.

Best advice

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

Outstanding memories

Rosella 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.



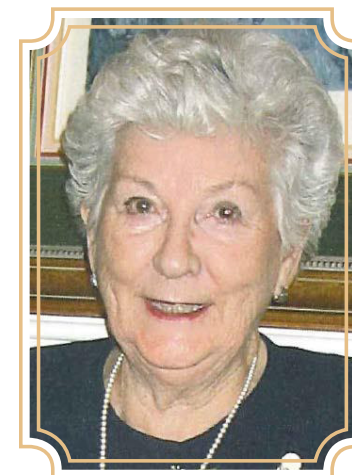
Favorite accomplishments

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.

Impressive changes

Smart phones, microwaves, remote controls for television, computers that can access the worldwide web, and appliances smarter than we are. I play spider solitaire every evening on my personal computer but I still use a flip phone.

Dorothy McAffee



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 eight great-great-grandchildren.

Hobbies and activities

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.

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.

Best advice

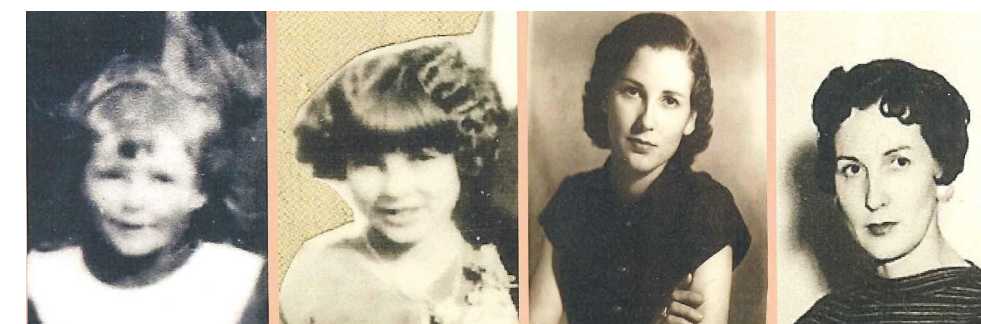
If the pioneers can endure it, so can you. Don't worry, this too shall pass. You are never too old to dance.

Outstanding memories

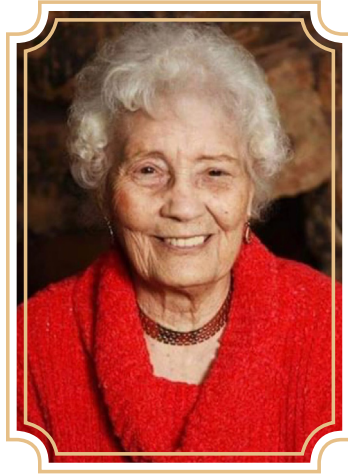
Dorothy spent her early years following her father around the farm. When Dorothy was 6, her dad passed away and the family moved to Magna, Utah. Dorothy loves Utah and has a deep appreciation and love for the mountains and all of God's creations — something she has instilled in all of her children and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



Melba McCombs



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 and activities

Crocheting, Rafts of all kinds, Bowling, Watching sports, Gardening, Genealogy.

Outstanding memories

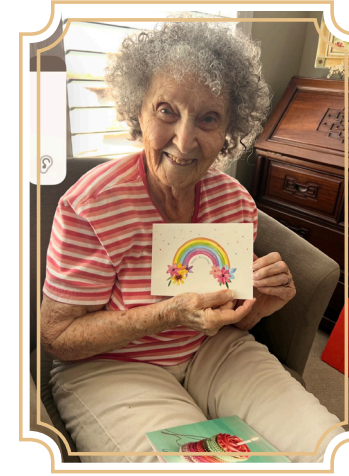
Melba grew up on a farm in Heyburn, Idaho. At age 5, she drove a team of horses at haying time. At about age 9, she helped her father install electrical wiring in their house. In 1938, she met and married Alton McCombs. At the time, Alton made \$7 a week working on farms. They were married for 60 years 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.



Linnette Lillian Lauri McCreary



Born

Redlands, California to James Michael Lauri and Lillian Maude Davis. She has one sister and one half brother who passed away before their older sister Linnette. They were raised in Southern California.

Descendants

4 children, 23 grandchildren, 51 great grandchildren, 3 great great grandchildren

Hobbies and activities

She used to enjoy tennis, bike riding and playing bridge with long-time friends. She has lovely memories of many family vacations and camping trips. She enjoys her cat named Leo.

Outstanding memories

As a teenager, Linnette was a student body president and very active in writing and publishing for the school newspaper. She met her husband Lynn McCreary on the way home from a military sponsored dance. Lynn and his friends were not at the dance but when they saw a large military cargo truck full of girls being delivered home after the dance, they decided to follow it. Lynn announced to his friends: "I get the brunette!" And he did! They were engaged a few months later on Valentine's Day and married on Memorial Day in 1942. Lynn had enlisted in the Navy before they married and Linnette did her part for the war effort and went to work at Vultee Aircraft becoming the first female riveter for that aircraft company. They lived many places due to military service and later FAA employment, including Georgia, Hawaii, and Florida. They finally settled in Salt Lake City, Utah and raised their 4 children in the Canyon Rim area. Later they moved to Bountiful, Utah. After Lynn died in 2014, Linnette moved to Layton, Utah where she currently resides.

Favorite accomplishments

Over the years, Linnette spent countless hours at the Family History Center researching her ancestors. This required her to study and learn to read Italian birth, death, and marriage records. She has extracted data for over 10,000 Italian ancestors from microfilm.

Best advice

"Be kind and love everyone."



THE AIRCRAFT industry, too, women doing their share of work. An efficient team are Linnette Lauri, left, and Jean Crowe. They are working on a fuselage bulkhead.

Cleta Miller



Born

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

Best advice

Gives thanks to the Lord for the blessing and love He gives us.

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.

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 (Gwenevera), 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.

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.



Frances Mitchell



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.

Education

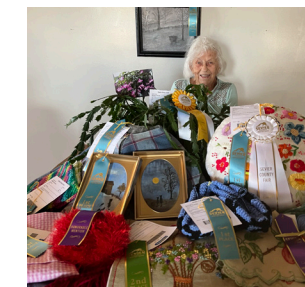
Frances attended Girls Academy in Yakima from first grade to ninth grade. She then moved and attended Cowiche High while living with a widow who managed several ranches in the area. She spent the summers with her family on one of the ranches where her father raised milk cows and mother made cheese. They 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.

Best advice

Follow the Ten Commandments and Golden Rule.

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.

Impressive changes

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

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.

Descendants

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

Joseph Newton



Born

1924 Salt Lake City, Utah to Joseph A. and Jessie Newton. Married Betsy Ross Young in the Salt Lake Temple 1946. Parents of 6 children, 23 grandchildren and 57+ great-grandchildren.

Education

Graduated summa cum laude from the U of U Medical School at the age of 22. Was Honorary president of Phi Eta Sigma and voted Favorite Guy of Alpha Chi in 1945. Received the Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi awards and went on to become a Clinical professor of Pediatrics at the U of U. At the age of 71, began leading a group of friends to take semester classes at the U of U, and continues to take a current events class.

Favorite accomplishments

Major US Army Medical Corps: Divarty Surgeon 24th Infantry Division in North Korea and Japan 1950-1952. Chief of Pediatrics, Fort Monmouth Station Hospital 1952-1953. Known as a brilliant diagnostician, Dr. Joe's private practice in pediatrics for 40+ years included many night time house calls. His assignments and service included: Governing board, staff president and department chair at Primary Children's Hospital. President of the Pediatric Society and Utah Academy of Pediatrics. Volunteer physician in the Fourth Street clinic for the homeless, Granite Education Foundation board, Utah Oral Health Coalition, literacy tutor, chairman for the UMA "Straight Talk" program and worked with the Club-foot Project in third world countries. Received various awards including Dr. of the Year for he and Betsy's efforts to bring water fluoridation to Utah. Served an 18 month medical humanitarian mission in Russia with Betsy. Served in the baptistry at the Salt Lake temple for 14 years and loved working in the priesthood quorums and with Boy Scouts.

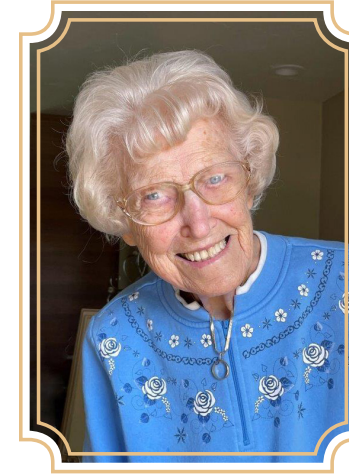
Best advice

The key to happiness is gratitude and finding and expressing the best in everyone. A healthy balance of family, education, work, fun, creativity and spiritual endeavors make for a joyful life. Joe decided at a young age not to swear or use repetitive slang. He says that it is a useless expression, demeaning and lowers yourself as an educated person.

Hobbies and activities

Outdoor sports, mostly tennis, skiing and golf. Volunteered on the medical ski patrol until he could join the Old Wild Bunch for free skiing at Brighton. He won several City Championships in singles and doubles tennis. Most notable was winning the World Senior Games for singles and doubles at 91. Gave up skiing at 91 and tennis at 96. Began painting classes at 65 and continued for 30+years. Produced over 75 paintings that are treasured by family. Joe and Betsy loved dancing together, big band music, traveling, family and friends. Betsy passed away in 2023 after 76 years of marriage.

Phyllis Pettyjohn Ockerman



Born

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

Education

Phyllis went to college in Michigan and became a nurse. She came from a patriotic family and served as a Navy nurse in WWII. 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.

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.

Outstanding memories

After 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.

Secret to longevity

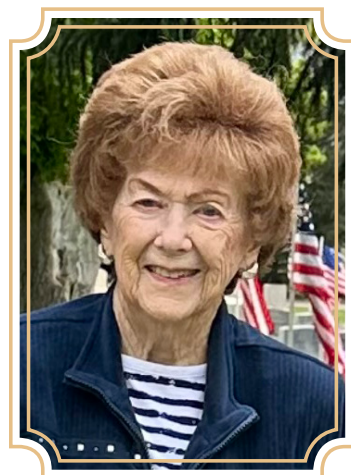
Phyllis reads food labels and eats healthy and has done stretching exercises every day of her life.

Best advice

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



Carol Rogers



Born

August 8, 1925, in Fillmore, Utah. She was 1 of 6 children born to Marvin Wilburn and Mary Lynn Cooper Peterson. At the age of 100 she is blessed with a strong and healthy body, a fun personality and quick wit. She can climb a flight of stairs better than most people 20 years her junior.

Education

Carol graduated from Millard High School in Fillmore, Utah. She continued her education by attending Eastern Washington University in Spokane Washington and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. Carol went on to earn a master's degree in Elementary Education at the University of Nebraska.

Descendants

Carol, along with her husband Jake, have created a legacy of love, support, and generosity to their parents, siblings and many nieces and nephews.

Outstanding memories

When she was a teen, she agreed to teach her younger brother, Ross, to dance. They practiced around the living room to her mother's delight. Carol remembers how much her mother enjoyed watching them practice their dance steps. She has older twin sisters who were born premature, so the family had to keep the baby girls warm by placing them in shoe boxes close to the oven. Carol admired her twin sisters and always wanted to tag along. During Carol's young childhood, her brother, Lloyd, a carpenter, asked her to help him collect some overdue money for a project he'd completed for their neighbor, and if she did so successfully, he would pay her \$1. Carol accepted the challenge; she bravely walked across the street and collected the money for her brother and proudly earned her first \$1.

Favorite accomplishments

Earning her master's degree in elementary education and being happily married to her 4th grade crush, Jake Rogers, for 78 years.

Impressive changes

If you wanted to talk to your girlfriend, you had to hop on a bicycle and pedal over to your friend's house. At age 8 her family purchased their first refrigerator, and she remembers how magical it was to eat her first ice cube. Prior to that all food was bottled or came fresh from the garden, the cellar, or the cow. Her mother baked 8 loaves of bread once a week and worked very hard to feed and nourish their family.

Best advice

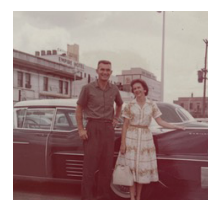
Don't get upset about the little things, for it robs you of joy. Look on the bright side. Cultivate a positive outlook and enjoy your daily life.

Hobbies and activities

Playing bridge, tennis, the Utah Jazz, golfing with her husband, and traveling. She has lived abroad and traveled to many beautiful places all over the world. Thailand is one of her favorites.

Secret to longevity

Exercise, exercise, exercise.



Lois Merle Rollins



Born

October 1923, to Merlin and James Rollins.

Education

She loved school and was an excellent student, becoming the valedictorian of her class. She tried and excelled in it all.

Descendants

5 children and spouses, 23 grandchildren and spouses, 78 great grandchildren with 18 of them married, and 27 great-great grandchildren and 2 more to arrive by November.

Hobbies and activities

Sewing, singing, playing musical instruments (Violin, saxophone, piano, accordion and trombone), dancing, acrobatics, camping, hiking, fishing and enjoying that majestic mountain retreat.

Best advice

Her family motto is "Remember WHOSE you are".

Outstanding memories

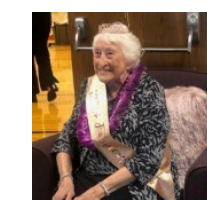
A few years after Lois was born, the family moved to Kemmerer, Wyoming. They were the only ones with an electric ice cream maker in town. Refrigerators did not have freezers then, so the family would make ice cream and invite all their neighbors for a treat as there was no way to store leftovers. She loved camping in the mountains with her family, now 4 children, and fishing in those gurgling mountain streams. Life was good until Lois's daddy suffered a ruptured appendix when she was 9 and left this world. Merlin moved to Lyman, Wyoming where her family lived. Lois grew up overnight as a 2nd parent to her younger siblings while her mother earned a living to support the family. She began a new tradition for herself that first Christmas after her daddy died. When the younger children were in bed and Mother washed the evening dishes, she would lie on her back, scooch under the Christmas tree as far as she could, and look up at the decorations, lights and tinsel from the underside of the tree. Somewhere in that 9-10 year range, she became a resilient optimist. She became a resourceful seamstress, reinventing new outfits out of used clothing items. Lois's wedding dress was the skirt from a prom dress attached to a new satin bodice. Lois married George H. Rollins in the Salt Lake Temple in 1941, 6 months before World War II broke out. She would find strength, resilience and fortitude to support a growing family as a beautician while her husband was away. She delivered 4 children and was expecting her fifth when her husband graduated from law school. Motherhood was her favorite career. Her deepest wish is to have her posterity follow the ways of JESUS.

Favorite accomplishments

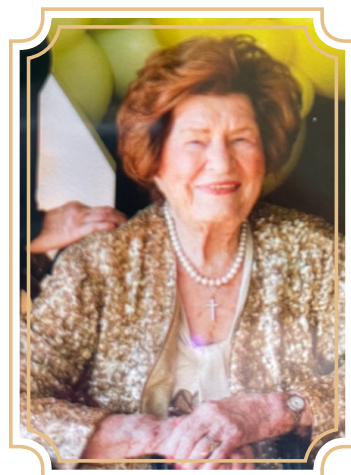
Lois was always a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She loved serving others in many church callings. She attributes many small and large miracles and blessings to gospel and covenant living. She and George served a mission in Birmingham, Alabama in their senior years.

Secret to longevity

Lois has been attending an arthritis exercise class at the Sandy Senior Center 3 times a week walking most days for the last 2 decades.



Catherine Murphy Schubach



Born

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.

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.

Descendants

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

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.

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.

Secret to longevity

Stay connected to friends, engage in social activities and be of service to others.

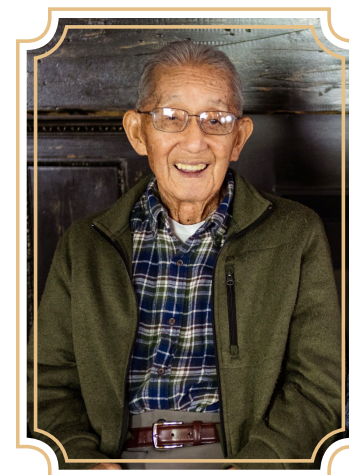
Best advice

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

Hobbies and activities

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.

Frank Takahashi



Born

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

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.

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."

Outstanding memories

After 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.

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.

Best advice

"Be true and faithful along with working hard and being dedicated in all you do."

Margaret Timoney



Born

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.

Education

Margaret attended school in Richfield and graduated from Richfield High School in 1941. She attended LDS School of Nursing from 1941-1943 in Salt Lake City.

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.

Outstanding memories

Margaret 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.

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.

Secret to longevity

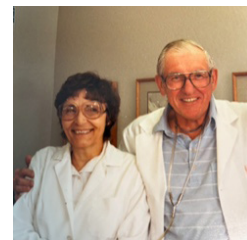
Genetics! Exercise, listen to your doctors and do what they advise you to do.

Best advice

Stay healthy and maintain a good weight.

Descendants

5 children, 11 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren



Ralph Walgren



Born

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

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.

Descendants

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

Secret to longevity

Good genes and a joke. Drinking Dr. Pepper twice a day.

Outstanding memories

Growing 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.



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.

Best advice

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

Leora Morton Gertsch Collins Ward

Born

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

Education

Leora attended school at Mapleton Elementary and Springville High School. She later studied elementary education at BYU and home economics at the University of Utah.

Descendants

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

Hobbies and activities

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.

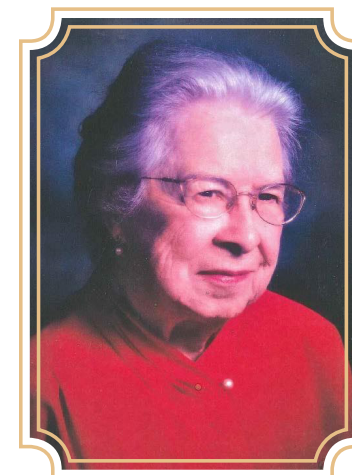
Secret to longevity

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

Best advice

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.

Doris Leprieve Rucker Wasden



Born

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.

Education

Doris started elementary school in Logan and attended Collinston Elementary School. In the fifth grade, she had her first male teacher and got to ride a bus to school, no longer needing to walk or ride the horse. 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.

Descendants

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

Hobbies and activities

Getting on her computer and doing family research, as well as attending church when possible.

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."

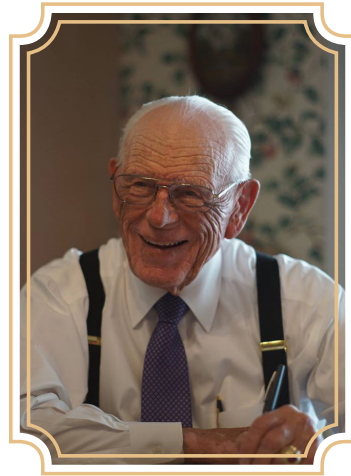
Secret to longevity

Good genes and a healthy lifestyle.

Best advice

Treat others as you would like them to treat you.

Amos Wright



Born

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

Education

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

Descendants

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

Secret to longevity

Who knows? Chuck-a-rama?

Best advice

“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.

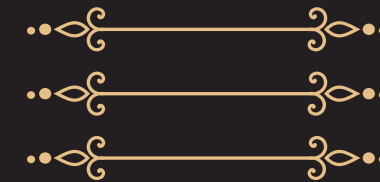


Favorite accomplishments

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

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.”

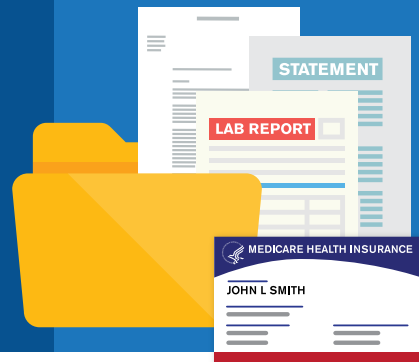




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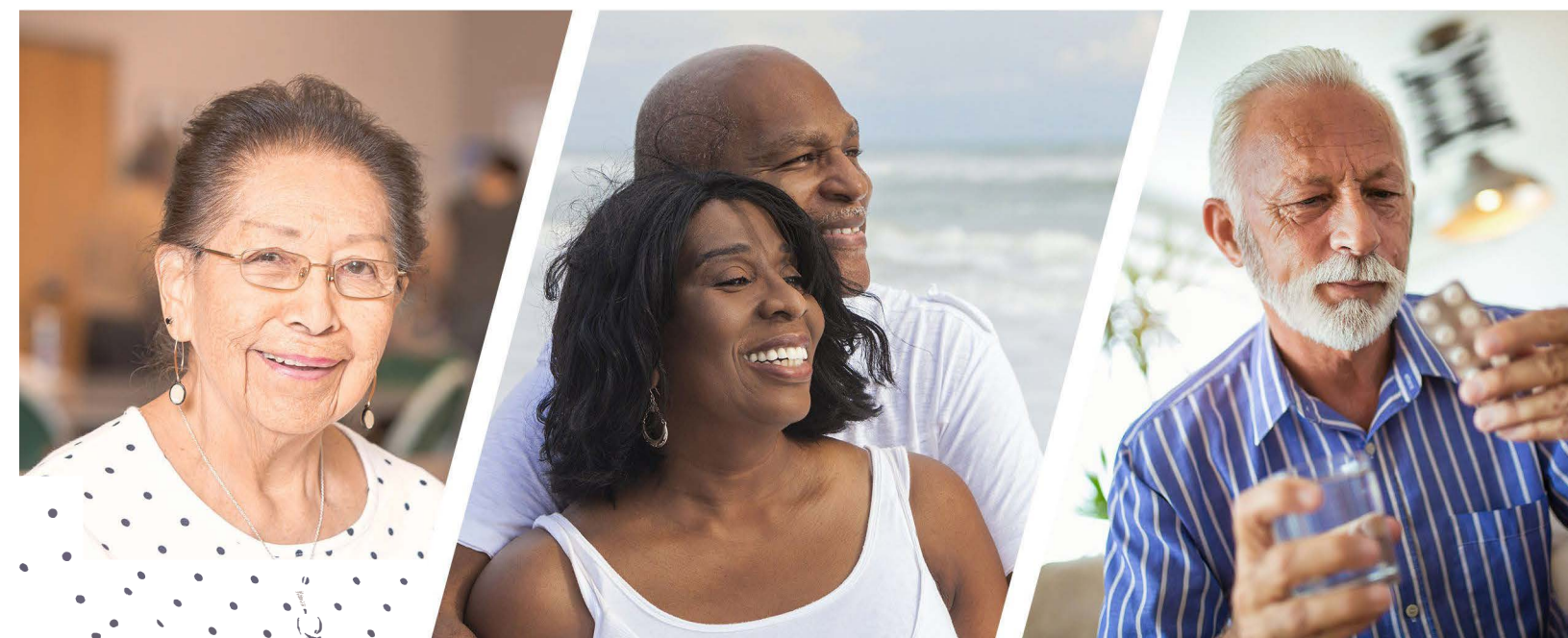
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- how to enroll
- plan comparison
- coverage and costs
- paying for Medicare and prescriptions
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- Confidential
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