Part IV

The Anders

Jorgen Mortensen Families
3A ANDERS JORGEN MORTENSEN, was b. 21 September 1833, in Haarbolle, Denmark, the third child of Peder Mortensen and Helena Sandersen. He md. CHRISTINE ANDERSEN, b. 25 December 1833, Erse, Jutland, Denmark. Her parents are Christen Andersen, b. in 1797, and Ane Kathrene Petersen. They were baptized 12 February 1854 at their home.

3A Anders Jorgen Morenson md. second as a plural wife, WILHELMINA CHRISTENA IPSON, 15 July 1865, in the Endowment House, Salt Lake City, Utah. She was b. 20 January 1836 on the Island of Bornholm, Denmark.

CONVERSION

When Anders was about 22 years of age the first Mormon missionaries came to Haarbolle. The missionaries did not speak evil of or against the other churches or their doctrine, yet it was plain that they did not believe the teaching of the local ministers. They earnestly declared that new revelation had been given from Heaven and men again were endowed with Divine Authority to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and administer in the ordinances thereof. The elders affirmed that the apostleship and authority to organize the Church of Jesus Christ had again been sent by angels and men were commissioned to act today just as Peter, James and John did in the days of Christ’s ministry among the Jews.

Anders J. Mortensen declared that while he and his older brother, Morten, listened to the first two missionaries, a divine witness came to them just as if something had unlocked a new door in their reasoning powers. Something spoke to their hearts and minds saying, “This is the truth.” Anders J. said he never doubted the truthfulness of the great latter-day work. He was baptized 13 June 1855 in Haarbolle, Denmark, and was soon ordained to the priesthood as a teacher, then a priest, then soon an elder. He took his certificates of ordination with him to Zion.

Character was written all over his face and woven into his every expression. He always kept his promises, making his word his bond. He labored very earnestly from the time he was baptized until he left his parents’ home. He baptized his sister, Mette Kirstena, on 30 March 1856, then the following day, 31 March, they went to Copenhagen and from there on to Zion in America.

ZION

They reached Parowan December 1, 1856. The family at once made arrangements to purchase four building lots close to the north wall in the enclosed plat of
land surrounded by a wall built before their arrival. The wall enclosed a plat of 160 acres of land. Jense C. Nielsen, a close friend of Peder Mortensen’s, built a home on the lot to the north. He built a good two-room adobe house at the same time as the Mortensen boys built a two-room adobe house for Peder Mortensen. In the spring of 1857, Jense C. Nielsen sold his house and lot to Anders Jorgen Mortensen and moved to Cedar City, about 18 miles southwest of Parowan.

Christine and her family left Liverpool 7 January 1855, with one British and 440 Scandinavian Saints under the direction of Peter O. Olsen. They arrived in Mormon Grove, Iowa, where the family remained. Christine and one sister went to St. Louis and obtained housework during the fall and winter of 1855 and 1856. Christine’s parents died while in Mormon Grove, Christen on October 11, 1855, and Ane Kathrene on December 30, 1855.

The girls chanced to meet the Mortensen family at Iowa City while preparing to cross the Great Plains by handcart. On their way to Salt Lake City Anders Jorgen Mortensen and Christine Andersen became fully acquainted and their affections grew very strong for each other. When they reached Salt Lake City, October 9, 1856, Christine remained there and the Mortensen family was advised to go on south to Parowan to make their future home.

Christine stayed in Salt Lake City for a few months then went to Parowan and again met the Mortensens. On August 22, 1857, she and Anders Mortensen were married by William H. Dane, President of the Parowan Stake of Zion.

In Parowan the three brothers, Anders, Hans and Lars Mortensen, worked together and purchased 40 acres of land. They farmed this land and also engaged in the trade of coopering, which they had learned before leaving Denmark.

**EARLY PIONEER LIFE**

A company came from California with a band of Spanish ponies to trade. The three Mortensen boys bought two small mares, a roan, one named “Kit,” and a sorrel with a blazed face called “Bets.” These horses composed their first team in Zion.

Anders Jorgen paid $100 in oats for a small second-hand stove, the first stove Anders and Christine owned. It was customary for the women to be very careful to cover the coals of fire at evening so that fire remained in the morning as there were no matches to be had. It was a natural occurrence for neighboring families to go from one place to another in the morning to borrow coals of fire. Their lights were made by burning pitch pine in the old fashioned fireplaces.

Later, when they began to butcher beef and mutton, they rendered the fat, placed cotton on sticks, and dipped them in the fat, raised them quickly, dipping
them again and again until they had made crude candles. They had considerable trouble with the Indians so that the men took turns standing guard at night on the walls of the fort.

Each family kept a few head of sheep. They sheared the sheep to obtain wool, washed it, carded it, and spun it into thread, then wove it into cloth and made all of their clothes by hand.

When Hans Mortensen married Emily Dionetia Alexander in 1858 and moved to Minersville, the three boys divided their interest in the horse team and land. Anders got the roan mare “Kit,” and Lars got “Bets.” Each got twenty acres.

A certificate of citizenship was granted by the Probate Court of Iron County, Utah, to Anders Jorgen Mortensen on March 11, 1861. Up until that time he had been a subject of King Fredrick the Seventh of Denmark.

Anders J. was a member of the territorial militia. He was active as a ward teacher, Sunday School teacher, a member of the high council of the Parowan Stake, generally a home missionary, always filling all appointments with faith and humility. He was also a member of the city council.

During the year 1873 Anders took the Parowan Cooperative sheep herd to tend for a year. His three oldest boys (Peter, Ephraim and Anders) did the main part of the herding. The following year, 1874, Anders and a partner, John E. Eyre, took the same herd together and made a success with this enterprise.

During the winter months each family would invite every member of the family to meet together in a family reunion. A special supper was prepared and all enjoyed themselves together, singing, dancing, and relating experiences.

On the night of 13 October Peter, Ephraim, and I, Anders, were together on the La Jara, west of Richfield, but we could not sleep, and wondered why. The morning of the 14th we received a telegram that our father had passed away at home in Parowan 13 October 1884. I was not married and returned to Parowan at once. I arrived at Parowan on 17 October 1884, two days after my father had been buried. He died at the age of 51 years and 22 days. I went into the small range of hills and quarried out two nice sandstone slabs suitable for headstones. I gave the largest one to Thomas Hickman and about $2.00 to smooth and shape the other one as a tombstone for Father’s grave.

While Anders Jorgen Mortensen’s life was cut short in years, still his mission on earth was complete in that his heart and mind had reached near perfection of faith and faithfulness.
Anders J. enjoyed a wonderful spirit of inspiration. In the spring of 1867, just before the apostasy of Amasa M. Lyman, he came to Parowan and spoke to a large crowd who gathered in front of his home just west of the public square. Father heard him. When he returned home he said to Mother, “If Brother Lyman doesn’t change his course, he will surely apostatize.”

Mother said, “Why, Father, he is an Apostle. You shouldn’t say that.”

“An Apostle will apostatize just as soon as anyone else if he doesn’t live so that he can have the Holy Spirit to guide him in living and preaching,” replied Father. On 8 October 1867 Amasa Lyman was deprived of his apostleship and excommunicated 12 May 1870 for apostasy.

Anders J. Mortensen was a lover of good music and a lover of beautiful poetry. He was a member of the choir and the band. Following are three of his compositions written about 1837 in Parowan, Utah.

**Beautiful Sunlight**

I remember as a little child, I saw the sunbeams play,  
I thought they wore the loveliest smiles of Angels  
in our way  
I thought the sun must be the heavens, They told me ‘twas so bright  
And angels flew from their gates of light.

**Chorus**

Oh, the beautiful, beautiful sunlight, merrily, merrily glancing over the hill  
Flooding the golden meadows and dancing over the rills.  
Flooding the golden meadows and dancing over the rills.  
I thought they stayed with us all day, and kept us free from care  
And gave light and peace and hope, and made all things of fair,  
And when the night came drear and dark, And the sunshine was no more,  
I thought the Angels had gone back and closed the golden door.

I know that I have wiser grown, and deem those foolish things,  
And I think that half the joy the golden sunlight brings  
Is drawn from these my childhood dreams, for I can n’ere forget  
Those glorious Angels of the sun until life’s sun is set.
Beautiful Moonlight

Bathing the brow of the beautiful night,
Leaving her garments with heavenly light
Guiding her path through the loveliest shade,
Shining o'er meadow and mountain and glade.

Thrilling the earth with its luminous kiss,
Arousing her soul to a rapturous bliss,
Folding her light in a silvery sheen,
Close to the heavens that over her leans.

Soft as some fanciful dream of the night,
Ripples the streams as it catches the light,
And where the leaves have been tinged by the glow,
There is the murmur both tender and low.

Weaving its subtle enchantments so well,
Slowly but surely my heart feels its spell,
Little I heed while my thoughts are in tune,
Under the tremulous glow of the moon.

Chorus
Beautiful moonlight, beautiful moonlight,
Bathing her brow in the beautiful light,
Bathing her brow in the beautiful light.

Beautiful Things

There are beautiful things in this work of ours
For those who of spirit are light,
Its breezes and sunshine are pattering showers,
Its white snow-capped hills and its valleys of flowers
Its day and its deepening night.

And the birds echo e're unite in the anthem grand
And bright waters chant on the sea,
And streamlets go murmuring all through the land
Attuned by the wonderful same Master's hand
As parts in the full harmony.

And 'tis there on the banks of the lovely streams
That flow on the light spirit shore,
The forms we have seen in the dim, earthly dreams
E're stand in the light of those glorious beams,
That so brilliantly shines ever more.

O, how happy the spirit that roams beside
Those streams in that radiant sphere,
And watch the bright waters that ceaselessly glide
With ever low murmuring tide,
'Neath skies that are ever more clear.
Anders Jorgen and Christine Andersen Mortensen had ten children: all of whom have been married in the Temple:

3A1 PETER ANDREW MORTENSEN, b. 29 May 1858, in Parowan, Utah, the eldest son of Anders Jorgen Mortensen and Christine Andersen, bpt. 8 March 1868 by John Eyre and confirmed the same day by William C. McGregor, ordained an elder 8 January 1879, md. HANNAH MARIAH SMITH 8 January 1879 in the St. George Temple. She was b. 31 August 1859, at Summit, Utah, the daughter of Thomas Price Smith who was one of the 600 converted and baptized by Wilford Woodruff in the early days of the church in England in 1840. Peter d. 10 January 1934 in Sanford, Colorado.

Peter Andrew was always very active in church work and also socially. He learned to play the violin while quite young and played for dances and socials for the young folks.

William A. Dame, president of the Parowan Stake, organized a company known as the “Parowan United Manufacturing Institution,” which included a tannery, shoe shop, harness shop, and cabinet shop. Peter worked in the cabinet department learning the turning trade under the supervision of Thomas Durham, who was an expert, having learned the trade in England before emigrating to the United States. Here, nearly all of the furniture used in Parowan was made.

Peter A. Mortensen and his wife were called with a number of others in the spring of 1879 to explore and make homes in San Juan County, Utah. They returned to Parowan in the spring of 1880. Peter worked at different things, such as freighting from the terminus of the railroad at Milford or Juab. He hauled freight to Silver Reef in southern Utah or Pioche, Nevada.

In the fall season, Peter worked on the threshing machine in Parowan, Summit, and Paragonah. His father and two brothers, Hans and Lars, and William Mitchell owned and operated two threshing machines.

In 1881 Peter and Hannah moved back to Bluff City. Then Silas S. Smith was permitted to go up into the San Luis Valley, Colorado, to make his home, so he invited John C. Dalton, Peter Andrew Mortensen, and others to accompany him. They located the town of Manassa, Colorado. Silas S. Smith bought a tract of land from the state at eighty cents per acre. Peter was allotted forty acres near the east side of the town site which he improved and farmed.

Another small town about three miles north and a little east of Manassa called Ephraim was settled. Hans C. Heiselt, Peter Rasmussen, Jorden Brady, Jens Ottesen, and others were living there. Another town located about six or seven
miles north and a little west of Manassa on the La Jara Creek, a branch of the Alamosa River, was settled and called Richfield. Thor Petersen, John Shawcroft, James Jensen, Ephraim Coombs, and others lived there on very good land and farms.

An elevated and very beautiful strip of land, about two miles east of Richfield and about two miles north of Ephraim, was about sixteen or twenty feet higher than the surrounding land with a natural slope from the Conejos River. Peter felt this was a beautiful place for a town site. He was instrumental in bringing its advantages to the notice of others, such as Silas S. Smith, Thor Petersen, and Hans C. Heiselt. President Silas S. Smith did not take any particular interest in it until it was taken seriously by several others. Then he did not hinder its growth, and he assisted in procuring the land. Out of respect for the president, Peter suggested the name of Sanford which was approved for the new town. Sanford was President Smith’s middle name.

Peter had a true community spirit. He expended more money, skill and labor for Sanford’s social welfare than all the rest of the people of the town together. Peter built the wonderful amusement and dance hall, the Tivoli.
He filled a mission in the East, mostly in the state of Iowa about the year 1897 and 1898. He later filled a short-term mission of six months. He was an exemplary home teacher as well as a missionary abroad, a good home builder and honest in his dealings.

Peter and his devoted companion, Hannah Mariah Smith, raised a worthy family in the Church and in society. Peter died January 10, 1934, at his home in Sanford, Colorado, at the age of 75 years, 7 months and 12 days. Hannah Mariah Smith Mortensen spent part of her last days in Sanford and part with her daughter, Sarah Christine, in Utah.

Eight children were born to Peter and Hannah:

3A1-1 SARAH CHRISTINE MORTENSEN, b. 3 July 1880 in Parowan, Utah, md. CALVIN JONES 12 January 1905 in the Salt Lake Temple. Sarah d. about 1964 in Salt Lake City, Utah. She has three children and two grandchildren:

3A1-2 LUVERNA MARIAH MORTENSEN, b. 3 November 1882 in Parowan, Utah, md. PETER AUGUSTUS NIELSON 31 March 1909 in the Salt Lake Temple, 21 November 1918 in Ogden, Utah. Two children:

3A1-3 PETER MARION MORTENSEN, b. 22 April 1885 in Ephraim, Colorado, bpt. 2 August 1894, md. AUSTRID O. SCHJELVAN 18 October 1911 in a temple. She was born in Norway. Peter d. 16 June 1951 in Venice, California. He has one adopted son.

3A1-4 THOMAS ANDREW MORTENSEN, b. and d. 1 August 1887 in Sanford, Colorado.


3A1-6 EVA MORTENSEN, b. 22 July 1892 in Sanford, Colorado, bpt. 5 August 1900, md. CHESTER SARGENT MARTIN 22 May 1918 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 22 February 1890 in Wilson Lane, Utah, d. 23 April 1937 in Alamosa, Colorado. Eva d. 25 July 1983 at the age of ninety-one in Laramie, Wyoming.

“Eva was raised as the baby of the family as her two youngest sisters (twins) died in infancy. In 1910 Eva’s father built a large, new stone home on the ranch a few yards from the family home.

“When Eva’s father was serving a mission, he labored with Elder David O. McKay. He visited the San Luis Stake and the Mortensen family when Eva was a
child: She remembers sitting on his lap and hearing him tell that he was so poor as a boy that he wore trousers made from flour sacks and they didn’t always have the UTAH-IDAHO label washed out. This evoked great sympathy in a small girl and a fond regard for Bro. McKay. As a result, Eva enjoyed watching his progress from such humble circumstances to President of the Church.

“Eva lived in Sanford and attended school there until she had completed sixth grade. Due to Angus’ poor health, the family moved to Provo, Utah, where Eva completed the seventh and eighth grades at Brigham Young Preparatory School.

“Following graduation, the family returned to Sanford to take up residence again. Shortly after their return, Eva was called to return to the BY Academy to take a kindergarten teacher training course to begin in the fall of 1909. Since here parents had resettled in Colorado, she went to stay with her sister Sarah Christina (Sadie) who lived in Provo.

“During the year that Eva lived with Sadie and attended BY Academy, she grew extremely attached to Sadie’s little girl, Zella. . . . In April the baby came down with the flu and went into a deep coma . . . Eva took the two little boys and went to a neighbor’s home to spend the night. Mr. Hayes and Eva took turns walking over to Sadie’s home to the window where she had left the curtain open so they could see Zella. In the early morning hours, Eva was lying on the bed and she saw the baby come and hover over the foot of her bed, waving and smiling at her. When the family came to the Hayes home to tell them the baby had died, Eva said, ‘Yes she died two hours ago. She came and told me good-bye.’ This was the first in a series of visits made to Eva by the departing and the departed.

“In the winter of 1917-18 Eva went to spend time with her brother Marion who had married and moved to the Ogden area. She worked as a bookkeeper at the feed mill and helped out in the home as Marion’s wife was expecting a baby. The baby was stillborn, so Eva decided to live with her friend Nellie Williams in Wilson Lane, Utah. Nellie and her mother tried to match Eva with Harry, Nellie’s mother, but Eva wasn’t too receptive to the idea.

“At church Sister Wilson asked Eva if ‘she had seen anyone she would like to meet.’ She described a certain young man in the person of Chester Martin. Chester went home from church and told his parents he’d ‘seen a new Jane at church and she would be the future Mrs. Chester Martin.’

“After a whirlwind courtship, Eva Mortensen and Chester Sargent Martin were married in the Salt Lake Temple, 22 May 1918, by Joseph F. Smith, Jr.
“Chet’s father deeded twenty acres to the couple as a wedding gift and proceeded to produce their living from the land and where they began having children:

“Not long after Erle’s birth Chet and Eva lost the farm in Wilson Lane, Utah, in a trade with a Mr. Shiki (Japanese) for his farm in Corrine, Utah. Though Mr. Shiki claimed the farm was paid for and he had clear title to it, that was not true. The farm was heavily mortgaged and foreclosure pending. The courts gave them no satisfaction and they excused Shiki by saying ‘he was not educated and didn’t know his property wasn’t paid for.’

“They rented a little house on a hill near the mouth of Ogden Canyon. While there Eva had the experience of knowing at the moment of his passing that her brother, Angus, who lived in New York, had died. She was busy with her housework, but without being aware of going to the living room, she found herself standing with a picture of Angus in her hands. She walked to the field and told Chet, “Angus is dead.” Later word came that Angus had died at exactly the same time that Eva had stood with the picture in her hands.
“In January 1934 Eva’s father, Peter Andrew, passed away in Sanford and it was agreed at that time that Eva and Chet would move to Colorado to care for Eva’s mother and farm her father’s farm.

“Shortly after their arrival, Chet was injured while scraping the corral resulting in his becoming a semi-invalid for the three years prior to his death. As a result of the accident a blood clot formed in his leg and took his life April 23, 1937.

“Eva lived a full and productive life for forty-six years after Chet’s death. She spent her final years living with her youngest daughter, Helen Kitchens, when in February of 1983, Eva contracted pneumonia. While in the hospital, cancer of the colon was detected and the family was told her time was extremely limited. Helen stayed at home for a period of time and she and Garry cared for Eva on a twenty-four-hour-a-day basis until her death.”

Excerpts from “Family History - Eva Mortensen Martin” by Helen Eliza Martin Kitchens and LeeOma Martin Nielson, 1977

Eva and Chet’s seven children are:

1. **EDWIN D. (ED) MARTIN**, b. 18 July 1919 in Wilson Lane, Utah, oldest child of Chester Sargent and Eva Mortensen Martin, bpt. 7 August 1927, md. LEEOLA REED 19 June 1941 in Toas, New Mexico, sealed 9 May 1987 in the Denver Temple. She was b. 4 October 1922, daughter of James Gilbert and Francis Panola White Reed, d. 28 November 1995.

   When the family moved to Sanford, Colorado, in early 1934, Ed finished the eighth grade there. That was the end of his formal schooling. Due to the poor health of his father, Ed was needed to help run the farm.

   Ed followed in his father’s footsteps and continued his early career in farming. When he was eleven or twelve, he and Ray spent two summers in Huntsville, Utah, on a dairy farm working for a man named Bowers, doing a man’s work putting up hay for twenty-five cents a day.

   After moving to Colorado, in addition to farming at home, Ed made a dump cart that he and Ray used to clean chicken coops for Bruce Reynolds and Frank Reed (neighbor farmers) pulled by “Old Tops,” (the horse they used on the farm), to help out financially.

   Ed was nearly eighteen when his father died and he, with the help of Ray and Lyle, took over the complete operation of the 160-acre farm. His mother, Eva, worked for the W.P.A. while Ed farmed and looked after his two little sisters.

   Except for a few months when they lived in Denver the summer they were married where Ed did construction work, they lived in Ola’s (LeeOla), parents’ home in Sanford, Colorado, and cared for them until their deaths. During this time period, three children were born to Ed and Ola.
In 1942 the family farm was sold, and Ed started farming for his brother-in-law, Clad Reed. He raised peas and potatoes. After Clad’s death, Ed rented the ground, and in 1970 bought the equipment and went into farming for himself. He grew potatoes and lettuce until he moved to Red Bluff, California, in 1959. He left the day after he helped bless his first grandchild, Brenda Shawcroft. Ola and the kids left after school was out in 1960.

In Red Bluff he started working at the gas station for another brother-in-law, Garry Kitchens. Shortly thereafter he accepted a position with Diamond International Corporation, contracting as a road builder. He spent the weekdays at the site and only came home on weekends. He drove a large “Cat” until 1973 when he became foreman of the crew. He retired in the fall of 1987 with a nice pension. Ola took care of the house and had daycare for little children: Ola loved children: and they all loved her. All her nieces and nephews thought Aunt Ola was the greatest.

Ed has and continues to devote time in faithful church service. In Sanford he served as a counselor to the Sunday School superintendent and as a home teacher. In Red Bluff, he served twenty-two years as a ward clerk. He kept himself hidden for a few years and in 1993 again became ward clerk. He does home teaching and has paired off with the missionaries on occasion.

LeeOla also faithfully served in her church. She served nine years in Primary and eighteen years as secretary of YWMIA. During her life, Ola fought various cancers and in recent years became afflicted with Alzheimer’s disease. She was confined to a nursing home from August 1992 until she died October 28, 1995.

Ed and Ola were sealed in the Denver Temple May 9, 1987 and have since visited several temples with LeeOma, Helen and Garry. Since 1992 Ola has been unable to go, but Ed continues to meet his sisters about twice a year at a different temple site for a temple visit and a few days of sightseeing. In August 1996 he, LeeOma, Helen and Garry went on an Alaskan cruise and attended the Seattle Temple on the way home.

Since his retirement, Ed works with Wayne digging graves for the southern half of Taharna County. He has also helped Wayne build his home and more recently a 40’ x 150’ storage shed. In his spare time he walks daily, does woodworking and keeps the house and yard up as well as his church duties. Ed went to the nursing home nearly every day for three years while Ola was confined there. He was a truly devoted companion until the end.

Three children:


When Patricia was b. I, Lee Oma Nielson, was eleven years old. I was very excited to have a baby that I could tend and play with. Patty was my first niece. She is the oldest of Chet and Eva’s grandchildren: We lived just a few blocks from Ed and Ola so I had much occasion to tend and play with Pat. In fact, Helen and I stayed with Ola during the summer days while mother worked.
When Pat was in the first grade, she went to the store (about two blocks) on her bike and on the way back (in front of the old town hall), she fell. The fall caused a concussion and she was confined to bed for about six weeks. I remember feeling so bad that she got hurt.

When Wayne and Barbara were born I liked to get the three kids and bring them home with me to play. I usually cleaned them up and a few times even cut their hair for which I was chastised, or at least was told when I took them “don’t cut their hair,” and then later, “please cut their hair.”

When my first child, Myrna, was born, Pat was eleven years old, and she would come to our house and help me. The three of us were always close. When Myrna was a baby, Ola kept her and Mother and I took Pat, Wayne and Barbara on a trip. I remember sewing clothes and helping get them ready to go. We went to Utah to pick up Helen from BYU, then on to Idaho Falls. Mother and I went to the temple while Helen and the kids played on the lawn.

My closeness with Pat continued. When Myrna was three, we moved to Pueblo. I still liked having the kids come over. When Pat was getting ready to marry James, at the age of sixteen, she came over and stayed a week and I made her wedding dress. She married James Lewis Shawcroft October 16, 1958 in the Manti Temple.

Pat finished high school after she was married and graduated with the class of ‘60. She said she spent more time working in the office than attending class during her senior year. There was probably a good reason for that. Brenda Kay, their first child, was born October 14, 1959, five months before her May graduation. Brenda was closely followed by Kelli Lynn on October 25, 1960, and Brett James (Charlie) on May 9, 1962.

On August 19, 1966, Patricia Martin Shawcroft graduated from Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado with a bachelor of arts degree in Elementary Education and Secondary Education with a major in English and a minor in Business Education. Pat was ambitious, intelligent and a hard working young lady. It took a lot of stamina to go to college, study and raise three small children: She could be found many a morning at three a.m. studying, scrubbing the floor or washing dishes. After graduation she taught school in Capulin and Antonito, Colorado.

In December of 1971 Pat was injured in a fall on the sidewalk outside the office of Lawyer Carlos Lucero for whom she was working as secretary. It was very serious. She was first taken to the Alamosa Hospital and later transferred to Denver. At Christmas, she was still critically ill in the hospital and her friend, Radean Bagwell Sigmend, got together Christmas for the kids. I'll never forget that kindness, nor Radean. Pat's recovery seemed miraculous but she continued to have severe pain in her head and left side.
One summer Pat and I and our seven kids drove to California. My mother lived there with Helen, so we had good reason to go for a visit. We also had a great time taking all the kids swimming in the Great Salt Lake where they could float on the water and we didn’t have to worry about them drowning.

Pat and James were divorced in 1974. Pat stayed with me in Denver for six months. She got a job in the Public Trustee’s office and worked there for several months. Trent who worked for Bray Lines Trucking Company and then went to work for a large home building supply company. Their marriage was later annulled, and her company transferred her to California. In California she underwent surgery for a goiter. She wanted to have Kelli, who was then about 14, come out and be with her, but that did not happen.

I was the last one to talk to Pat. Her health was getting worse; she was alone. She couldn’t have the kids and as we talked she wondered if she should go live with her folks. I said I thought it would be a good idea and that was what she was planning to do. I had planned to go to California. Before plans were made, I received word she had been found dead. Her death was documented as May 30, 1975. She was 33 years of age.

That Sunday, before I received word of her death, I was at church, and I had this strong feeling that something was wrong. I strongly believe that was when she died and she wanted to let me know. We were close to the very end.

**Patricia Martin** md. second TRENT SAILOR.

Patricia and James Shawcroft had three children:


Brenda attended school in La Jara, Colorado, and graduated from Centauri High School in 1978. After high school she went through EMT training and worked for Conejos County Ambulance. She then attended St. Francis School of Radiologic Technology in Colorado Springs and became a certified X-ray technician in 1980. She worked as an X-ray technician from 1980 to 1990.

Since 1990 she has worked at home as a medical transcriptionist for numerous doctors so that she could stay at home with her children: She has been active in church and has worked in the Genealogy Library, served as a genealogy extractor and in the Primary presidency. Her hobbies are family histories, antiques, cross stitch, arts and crafts.

Brenda met Terrance Keil McBride after he returned from his mission. Terry received a bachelor’s degree in Business and Technical Management. Terry works as a claims adjuster for Progressive Insurance where he has worked since 1985. Terry is very talented. He sings, oil paints and enjoys water ski-
Brenda and Terry have six children:
2. Anice Leigh McBride, b. 10 April 1984. She has had several medical conditions that have required multiple surgeries. Her greatest love is music and she plays the violin in her school orchestra and sings in the school choir. Annice is artistic, like her dad. She loves horseback riding, swimming and boating.
3. Brittane Kay McBride, b. 30 March 1985. She excels in school. She enjoys singing in the school choir. Brittane loves all sports and has made team level in gymnastics. Brittane also likes swimming, boating and hiking with her dad.


She attended Centauri High School where she received several awards. After graduation she took post-secondary course work in Colorado Springs. She is an active mother and spends a great deal of time with her children’s sports and activities. She is accomplished at crocheting and loves to cook. She works in their family business extracting honey and cutting turquoise. She is active in church with Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, has taught Sunday School and Primary and been in a Primary presidency.

Kelly enjoys hunting, fishing and camping. He has a collection of Indian artifacts and is very knowledgeable of Indian culture. He also enjoys restoring classic automobiles. Their eight children are:
1. Erick David McGinnis, b. 8 January 1980. He enjoyed sports, seminary and Boy Scouts. He was an honor roll student in high school. He left for a mission in Scotland in 1999.
2. Dannette Lynn McGinnis [twin], b. 20 March 20, 1981. Dannette plays the piano and enjoys swimming, school sports and working with younger children:

3. Darin Lee McGinnis [twin], b. 20 March 1981. Darin plays the piano, enjoys playing basketball and swimming and likes to cook. Both Dannette and Darin are honor roll students and enjoy the Young Women’s program.

4. Bronson James McGinnis, b. 25 September 1982. He is a born mechanic and enjoys science-related projects. He is in Scouts and works with his dad with the bees.

5. Kacey Patricia McGinnis, b. 15 October 1983. Kacey excels in sports, and enjoys singing and plays the piano.


Charlie worked on the train with his dad as engineer. When James retired Charlie became the engineer. The train runs a scenic route from Antonito to the top of Cumbres Pass. He relinquished this position in 1991 to farm full time. Charlie bought the old Ed Shawcroft place on the highway north of La Jara and James bought his dad’s (Horace) and the two farm both places together. They raise livestock and Charlie also does contract combining, baling, plowing and harrowing. They have three children:

3. Amber Shawcroft, b. 3 September 1993.
2. WAYNE ELDON MARTIN, b. 26 October 1943 in Alamosa, Colorado, the only son of Ed and Ola Martin. He md. MARLENE ELEANOR WALKER 23 May 1964, the daughter of Royce and Myrtle Walker.

Wayne attended school in Sanford, Colorado, through the tenth grade, when the family moved to Red Bluff, California, where he graduated from high school in 1962. He attended Shasta College for one year and worked for Albers Milling Company driving a truck delivering grain and feed for a time, then decided to return to college. He graduated from Chico State College in January 1969 and became a CPA in October 1973.

Wayne’s first tax season as a CPA was with Blackwood and Frey. He then signed on with Stricker and Hisken for 12 years. In 1973 he started his own practice and has been quite successful.

Wayne and Marlene built their own home outside Red Bluff on property given to them by Marlene’s parents. Later, Wayne purchased another ten acres adjacent to that property. In 1979 Wayne bought a backhoe and obtained a contract with the southern half of Tahema County to dig graves. Since Ed’s retirement he has helped Wayne in this endeavor. The grave-digging is in addition to his CPA work. Recently he has finished a large shop building on his property.

Wayne and Marlene live near his parents, Ed and Ola, and have three children:

1. SHANNON WAYNE MARTIN, b. 2 December 1967, graduated from Red Bluff High School in June of 1985 and is a machinist and welder at Tedon Fabrication and Welding Co. He enjoys hunting, especially deer, with his brother Jason and Uncle Jim. Recently he purchased his own milling machine and does contract work plus his job at Tedon.

2. JASON ROY MARTIN, b. 5 October 1973, graduated from high school in 1992 and attended Chico State College. He is 6’ 5” and still growing. He likes hunting.

3. CORY LAINE MARTIN, b. 17 October 1983.

3. BARBARA MARTIN, b. 2 May 1945 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. JAMES ELWIN PARKER 22 September 1967 in Hawaii. He is the son of Stella and Elwin Parker of Manassa, Colorado.

Barbara attended school in Sanford, Colorado, through ninth grade when the family moved to Red Bluff, California. She graduated from high school there in 1963. During high school Barbara worked as a key punch operator for Diamond
International. She attended BYU for two years and worked as a keypunch operator until she went to Hawaii to get married. While in Hawaii Barbara again worked as a key punch operator as a civilian for the Navy.

Barbara and Jim returned to Pueblo, Colorado, in 1971 where Jim completed college. Shortly thereafter they moved to Kennewick, Washington, where Jim worked for Westinghouse. Barbara continued working as a keypunch operator both in Pueblo and Kennewick. They spent two years in Denver where Jim worked for Martin Marietta, then returned to Washington where they bought a home in Richland. Jim presently works for Westinghouse as head of quality control for nuclear reactor parts. Barbara is a homemaker and does lots of crafts. In 1991 she started cooking at the school.

Two children:

1. **JENNIFER PARKER**, b. 1 April 1971, md. PATRICK MICHAEL WILLIAMS 18 August 1993, son of Mr. and Mrs. Trice Williams of Hallsville, Texas. She graduated from high school in 1989. She started working at Boeing while in high school and then for Westinghouse in the summers during college. She attended Columbia Basin Junior College on a basketball scholarship her first year of college. She then transferred to BYU where she graduated in August 1994 with a degree in Environmental Safety. After Patrick graduated from BYU in 1995 with a Computer Science degree he accepted a job in Austin, Texas. Two children:
   1. Jacob Trice Williams, b. 15 October 1996,
   2. Jared Michael Williams, b. 21 May 1999.

2. **JAMES ERIC PARKER**, b. 28 February 1973, graduated from high school in 1992 and attended the University of Idaho that fall. For his sophomore year he attended Columbia Basin Jr. College. Eric enjoys basketball and football and has worked in home construction, for the Mosquito Abatement District, and for a grocery store. He attended University of Washington.

2. **RAY M MARTIN**, b. 21 November 1920 in Wilson Lane, Utah, to Chester Sargent and Eva Mortensen Martin, md. EDNA MAY FORD 10 June 1944 in Melbourne, Australia, and sealed 25 September 1992 in the Denver Temple. She was b. 29 September 1921, d. 2 June 1991. Ray passed from this life 1 January 1983 in Longmont, Colorado.
Ray was the second of seven children: At birth, he joined his oldest brother, Edwin. The family remained in Utah until 1934 when they moved to Sanford, Colorado, to run the family farm after the death of his maternal grandfather, Peter Andrew Mortensen. In 1937, his father, Chester, died of a long-standing circulatory problem.

Following his high school graduation, Ray enlisted in the Army in 1940, hoping to obtain some sort of vocational training. His widowed mother had four children at home and there was no money for him to attend college.

With the declaration of war in 1941, he was shipped to Melbourne, Australia, where he met Edna May Ford. From 1942 to 1944, he was involved in the Papuan, New Guinea and East Indies campaigns. Because he had contracted malaria and the damp climate had intensified his childhood asthma, the army gave him a medical discharge in December 1944.

After they were reunited in May 1945, Ray and Edna settled in the San Luis Valley of Colorado, living for 18 years in Monte Vista where he was a freight agent for Rio Grande Motorway. When he obtained employment with IBM, they settled in Longmont, Colorado, but Monte Vista was always home to him.

Beginning in 1974, he suffered major health problems including ulcers, surgeries and a stroke in 1980 which necessitated his retirement. From birth his health was poor and he died in Longmont, January 1, 1983, at the age of sixty-two.

Ray was the product of his family and their very special heritage. His paternal grandparents were Utah pioneers who endured many physical and mental hardships for the sake of their religion. Although Ray had not attended church in many years, he was proud of his family and he always had a belief in God and the fundamental goodness of people. Friends were the staff of life to him. He was a sociable man who delighted in meeting new people. He had friends and acquaintances all over the country. As children: we were always impressed because no matter where we went on our family vacations, he always ran across someone he knew.

Because his father died when he was so young, he was, of necessity, a responsible person who took his obligations seriously. He paid his bills, went to work everyday, and provided his family with everything they needed. He helped raise three independent children who also knew he would be there if they needed him. It has been a great benefit in our lives to have grown up in a secure home. Although they later divorced in March 1976, our parents provided a happy home in which to grow.

Dad taught us the meaning of courage. Although many things happened to him, especially life threatening health problems, he always battled back. When he left the hospital after his stroke in 1980, his speech was garbled and his right arm and leg very, very
weak. He worked and worked on his own until his speech had returned and he was able to throw away his cane and walk with only a slight limp. It never occurred to him to give up.

One of the greatest influences in his life was his mother, Eva, who survived him. He admired her determination to raise her children after she was widowed. His love for her was deep. In July 1992, it was a marvelous experience to attend her 90th birthday celebration and the last time all of her children and many of her grandchildren: great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren were together.

Another of Ray’s strong points was his love for his country. During our years in Monte Vista, he was active in the American Legion. He and Edna were diligent workers in the Legion’s many service projects and the community of Monte Vista was much richer because they lived there.

The last few years, he derived a great deal of pleasure watching his grandchildren: Leora and Michael, grow from infancy to school age. He was proud of them and Michael was always grandpa’s special boy.

But, the most important thing the last three years has been the realization of how much my dad loved his kids. Many times since his stroke, he said his children were what made life worth living. Although we have never been an openly demonstrative family, our feeling for each other runs deep.

One’s parents give you that link with other generations. They tell you family stories that keep you in touch with those who have gone before with a sense of belonging, a heritage of your own. When you think about it, our parents’ gift of family is the greatest gift of all.

Written by his daughter Rae Ann and delivered at his funeral

Three children:


After working for nine years in a nursing home Rae Ann attended the University of Northern Colorado where she received a B.S. in Nursing in March 1978. In June of 1979 she joined Longmont United Hospital and passed her 14th anniversary there in 1993. After Rae Ann and Casey divorced they remain good friends and share joint custody of Leora. Both are devoted to her.

Rae Ann, her mother, Edna, and daughter, Leora, moved to Estes Park in October 1982 where they lived until
June 19, 1993. After Edna passed away in 1991, Leora and Rae Ann moved back to Longmont. Rae Ann is currently the Head Nurse at the Spalding Rehabilitation unit at Longmont United Hospital. She received National Certification as a rehabilitation nurse in 1991. One child:

1. **Leora Ann Najera**, b. 11 July 1975, md. Warren Anderson 13 June 1999. Leora has been active in Girl Scouts and in March of 1987 she was one of eight Girl Scouts from Colorado selected to attend the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Girl Scouts in Washington, D.C. In May of 1988 she received the Girl Scout Silver Award. She served as editor of the highschool newspaper and yearbook for two years. Leora graduated from Estes Park High School and attended the University of Colorado, majoring in Journalism. She is a manager at her father's auto body shop.


   She lived and attended school in Monte Vista until 1965 when she moved to Denver to live with her father and attend Wheat Ridge Beauty College, graduating in 1968. Lorraine was close to her son Michael even though he lived with his father most of the time. Lon worked as a beauty operator for a number of years. She managed a restaurant until her death as a result of an accident. Lorraine jumped from a runaway vehicle and fell against a rock. Unfortunately, six hours of surgery could not save her.

   **Lorraine “Lon” M. Martin** md. second KEVIN WOOLEVER 14 May 1983, the love of her life, in Estes Park, Colorado. She d. 29 October 1992 in Loveland, Colorado.

   One child:


   Jimmy entered the service shortly after graduating from Monte Vista High School and was discharged in March of 1974. He lived with his father in Longmont where he was employed until about 1976 when he accepted a job with CCG, a world-wide surveying company, where he worked for 13 years until 1991.
In 1991 he moved back to Longmont where he was in close contact with his sister Lorraine and where he went into partnership with a long-time friend, Mike Hascall, in the surveying business. At this writing the business is thriving.


3. **ANGUS LYLE MARTIN**, b. 6 March 1923 in Wilson Lane, Utah, the fourth son of Chester Sargent Martin and Eva Mortensen, bpt. 29 October 1931, d. of his war wounds 5 April 1945 in a hospital ship, Okinawa, Japan.

   When the family moved to Colorado in 1934, Lyle was 11 years of age. He attended school in both Wilson Lane and Sanford. Even though Lyle was young, he learned how to farm, and along with Ed and Ray, took his share of the responsibilities in making the farm productive and caring for the livestock. Lyle was extremely intelligent and the teachers couldn’t or didn’t meet the challenge. Therefore he became bored and caused trouble in the classroom from time to time. The principal became so frustrated and Lyle so discouraged that he quit high school and joined the C.C.C. program located west of Monte Vista.

   Following the C.C.C. adventure, Lyle joined the Marines in September 1942. When he left the farm for boot camp, he remarked that he would never come through “that gate” again. Mother said, “Oh, yes, you will. You’ll be home after boot camp.” He was shipped overseas right after boot camp and never came home again.

   Lyle was a veteran of the battles of Cape Glouster, New Britain, the Palau Islands and Okinawa, where on April 1, 1945 he was wounded. Moths Miller of Sanford, a classmate of Lyle’s, was carrying wounded off the battlefield at Okinawa. Not knowing that Lyle was part of that battle, he happened to look down while carrying a wounded Marine and recognized him as Lyle. He exclaimed, “Oh, my God, that’s Pete!!” (Lyle’s friends called him “Pete” after his grandfather.) He said afterwards that Lyle was the heaviest load he had ever carried. Lyle was transferred to a hospital ship and died there of his wounds. He was buried at sea, but his monument lies in the Sanford Cemetery along with the earthly remains of his father, mother, and brother Mert. Lyle was endowed at the Salt Lake Temple on 31 August 31, 1949 with Charles A. Baggett serving as proxy.


**Marion S (Mert) Martin** md. second ESTHER CHRISTENSEN HOTHAM 28 May 1965.
[divorced at the time he was burned].

Marion S (Mert) Martin md. third SALLY LENORE SWARTZ MORGAN 10 April 1970
[divorced 14 February 1977].

Marion S (Mert) Martin md. fourth GERMAINE SHERMAN (Gerry), about 1983. She d. 15 May 1992.

Mert and his sister LeeOma were close in age. She recalls playing in the car, pretending he was driving them on long trips, and many games of cops and robbers, using a gun made from wood, a clothespin, and rubber bands cut from old inner tubes. They played kick the can and basketball, as well.

His best friend Phil Reynolds, had started calling him “Merk”; after marrying Bessie she changed it to “Mert,” a name which stuck like glue. When he was in the second grade the family moved to Sanford, Colorado, where he was baptized and later ordained into the priesthood of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He went to school until October of 1943, when at age 17, he joined the U.S. Navy. After completing basic training, he was assigned to duty aboard the USS Saratoga. Mert relates how his life was spared while serving aboard the ship.

“When I was first transferred onto the ship, my battle station was Gun Mount Number Three. Later, I was transferred to Radio Number Three and still later, to Radio Number One. Then, during the invasion of Iwo Jima, Gun Mount Number Three was blown off the ship and a bomb exploded inside Radio Number Three, killing all persons. Through all this, I received not one scratch.”

After serving two years in the Navy he returned home to complete high school as a special student. He received his diploma from Sanford High with the class of 1946. He refers to his old Navy buddies as “the kids.” He reunited with four of them one summer.

Mert met Bessie McGinnis. Mert and his family resided in Sanford where he worked in the dry cleaning business. Then moving to Salida, Colorado; Gunnison, Colorado; New Castle, Wyoming; and Sturgis, South Dakota. In each of these cities Mert was engaged in either the dry cleaning and/or the theater business. Mert and Bessie were blessed with six children:

The divorce from Bessie brought him to Denver, Colorado, in 1963. He moved in with LeeOma and her family while he got his feet on the ground. Myrna Lee (author of this sketch) was the oldest of his nieces, age ten.
“I'll never forget this man who drove a big old black hearse, which housed a giant cotton candy machine in the back, a remnant from his movie theater. Speaking of the hearse, a friend dressed up a dummy and put it in the back of the hearse and about scared the pants off poor unsuspecting Mert one night. It was funny—later!”

Mert loved to cook. He was pretty good at it and he taught Myrna several dishes which have become very popular with her family. We called one of my favorites “pigslop.” Darla told me how Eric couldn't stand it until a group of his friends were over playing and she made the announcement for dinner but gave it a new name, “Darth Vader’s Delight.” It made quite a hit with the new name, and it is now one of Eric’s favorites too.

When Mert babysat us, he’d take us children to the movies and give us tons of quarters to play pinball and bowl. Bowling was my brother Marvin’s favorite. He took up bowling because of Uncle Mert playing that game with us and became very good at it. Mert also drove a taxi for awhile and would give us rides in it.

Not too long after Mert moved to Denver he was in a very serious natural gas explosion at the Top Notch Motel, where he was critically injured and burned over fifty percent of his body; but, again his life was spared. The recovery was slow and very painful. He told Darla’s kids that he was a fireman and had gotten burned putting out a volcano. They believed that story for years. We visited him at the hospital one day. He came to the window, as we were too young to visit inside. He looked like Frankenstein as he was all bandaged from head to toe. We were scared, but he smiled and made us laugh.

He had a glitter/acoustical ceiling business for awhile, which my first husband Pres and he worked. Many a night Pres was detained by Uncle Mert’s “after-work activities.”

In 1976 Mert suffered several massive heart attacks. Once again his life was spared and after a period of convalescence, he was able to return to a restricted work schedule. Mert and Bess had been married for 16 years when they divorced. Bessie later md. Bob Gillings, and he adopted Bruce, Roxie, Tern and Chester. They had one son named Robert. The children were estranged from their birth father for many years but, with the exception of Roxie, all were reunited before his death.

Sally (third wife) had one son, Timothy Wagner Morgan, whom Mert helped raise.

He must have been spared all these times to begin a new life with his devoted companion Jerry. He called her “Gerry.” He then adopted a whole new family: Cliff, Earl, Eric, and Jeanie, and of course, their many children: Mert and Gerry spent approximately ten years together and were very happy, until Gerry died suddenly of a stroke May 15, 1992.
“Mert” died of respiratory failure due to bronchitis. His dog “Nabby” remained by his side for approximately 12 hours. He wasn’t extremely sick, and we were told he didn’t suffer or struggle.

A few weeks before Mert passed away, he said he saw his mother, Eva, at the hospital. As we believe our family is waiting for us beyond the veil, he leaves us with this testimony that it is in fact true.

*Excerpts from obituary written by a niece, Myrna Lee Lemus.*

“Mert” and Bessie’s six children:

1. **DARLA JEAN MARTIN**, b. 30 July 1947 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. LEONARD DALE RATHBUN 20 October 1961. Her childhood was spent in Sanford, Salida and Gunnison, Colorado; New Castle, Wyoming; and Sturgis, South Dakota. While in Sturgis she met Leonard Dale Rathbun They lived in various places in South Dakota until their separation in 1970 when Darla and the children moved to Colorado Springs. She and Leonard were considering reconciliation when he was suddenly killed in a mine accident at Killos, Idaho, May 2, 1972.

After Leonard’s death, his parents took the three children to raise, much to Darla’s dismay. Stacey left and came to live with her mother in 1983. Brenda and Bradley remained in Wyoming.

Darla lived mostly in the Northglenn and Westminster areas where she worked as a waitress and tended bar on occasion. She also did crafts and went to school. Her main craft was making porcelain dolls.

Her last child, Eric Wayne Rathbun, was born May 28, 1975 in Denver. Mert, her father, lived with Darla for awhile when Eric was little. They have remained close. Even though she had moved to Minnesota, she was at his bedside when he died October 12, 1994.

After a short stay in Denver Darla moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to be with her long-time love, Bruce Hadler. In Minneapolis she managed a small store called “Discount 70” for several years but has now moved out to Zimmerman, Minnesota, where she works price accuracy at Target.

Five children:

1. **Leonard Bradley Rathbun** b. 16 October 1963, md. Elizabeth “Becky” Smith 7 July 1983 [divorced in 1993]. She was b. 25 December 1962. Leonard was reared by his grandmother Rathbun after his father died. Three children:
   1. **Michaela Denise Rathbun**, b. 9 June 1984.

2. **Stacey Lee Rathbun**, b. 22 March 1966, md. Jeffrey Scott Lane 19 October 1983 [divorced in 1995]. He was b. 3 June 1964. Stacey was taken to her grandmother’s after her father died but went to live with her mother in 1983. Stacey was the only great-grandchild at the bedside of her grandmother, Eva Martin, when she died 15 July 1983. Her mother, Darla, and her cousins Brent Kitchens and Rae Ann Najera, were also standing vigil as Eva slipped to the other side. Shortly after the death of Eva, Stacey married. They lived in various places including Casper, Wyoming; Texas; Denver and Central City, Colorado. Stacey moved to Denver with her three children:
   1. **Leona Jean Lane**, b. 27 April 1984.
   2. **Mark Leroy Lane**, b. 3 July 1986.

3. **Brenda Kay Rathbun**, b. 10 October 1967, md. Brendden McCulloug 25 June 1986. They have lived in several places in Wyoming, Iowa, and Washington State. They are now in Iowa where Brendden is an executive in a national meat company. Brenda works for MCI. Two children:
   1. **Justin Lance McCulloug**, b. 2 December 1986.

4. **Mark Christopher Rathbun**, b. 27 June 1971, md. Melissa Diguichi 1 September 1995. Mark stayed with Bessie (Darla’s mother, his grandmother) when Darla moved to Denver. Mark works at an automotive parts store. Two children:
   1. **Mark Christopher Rathbun Jr.**, b. 18 October 1996.

5. **Eric Wayne Rathbun**, b. 28 May 1975, md. Crystal Marie Pettigrew 18 June 2000. Eric was Grandpa’s (Mert) boy. Early in 1991 Darla and Eric moved to New Castle for a little while. Eric moved to Colorado Springs where he lived with his bother, Mark, and his Uncle Robert (Robert was born to Bessie and Bob Gillings). Eric was night manager of a “Subway” restaurant but later moved to Minneapolis where he worked for awhile but has now moved back to Colorado Springs where he works in an automotive parts store. One child:

2. **BRUCE ALLEN MARTIN GILLINGS**, b. 20 March 1951 in Salida, Colorado, md. BERNADETTE A. NARENDORF 12 August 1972. His parents were divorced in 1963. His mother, Bessie, later married Bob Gillings. Bruce along with Roxie, Terri and Chet were adopted by Gillings, who died shortly thereafter from cancer.

Bruce retired from the Air Force in February of 1994 after almost 24 years of service. The highlight of his career was the three years spent in Germany, September 1981 to August 1984. Bruce is taking advantage of his educational benefits, is attending Minot State University and is currently delivering mail for a rural route in Berthold, North Dakota.

While serving in Germany, Bernadette was able to meet relatives on her paternal and maternal sides of the family. It was a wonderful experience. When returning
from Germany she found employment with the Minot Vocational Adjustment Workshop in January of 1985 and continues to work there. It is a vocational and residential program for mentally retarded adults.

Bruce and Bernie have taken up cycling and have enjoyed a week-long cycling tour in Wisconsin each summer the past several years. Bruce’s hobbies are woodworking, cross-country skiing, and recently, he has taught himself inline skating. He also enjoys his computer. Bernie enjoys baking, collecting recipes, cross-stitch, walking, and singing in the choir.

Three children:
1. Tracy Ann Gillings, b. 5 September 1973 in San Antonio, Texas, md. Daniel Lewis Goldblatt 30 June 1996 in Temple Beth, Israel. She graduated from Bishop Ryan High School in Minot, North Dakota, in May 1992 as valedictorian. She was active in track, particularly the discus, hammer and weight lifting. She graduated from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1996 with a degree in biology. Dan is personnel manager at TruColor, Inc, in Paramus, New Jersey. Tracy is also working at TruColor, Inc. They are in the process of buying their first home. Two children:
2. Bruce Allen Gillings, Jr. (J.R.), b. 23 October 1974 in Minot, North Dakota, killed 16 October 1990. He was a sophomore at Minot Ryan High School when he met an untimely death in a pickup/semi-truck collision as he, his brother and his sister were on their way to school. Tracy and Ryan were also seriously injured. He was a member of Ryan’s football, basketball and track and field teams. He was an altar boy at St. Leo’s Catholic Church and was also an avid collector of baseball cards.
3. Ryan Alden Gillings, b. 25 September 1977 in Minot, North Dakota. Ryan graduated from Bishop Ryan High School in May 1995. During high school he was interested in football, basketball, wrestling, and golf. He had to give up sports when he tore a ligament in his knee. He attended the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, North Dakota, then transferred to Minot State University. He is attending Northwest Technical College in East Grand Forks, Minnesota (1998), where he is earning a degree in carpentry.

3. PAUL WAYNE MARTIN, b. 27 April 1952. Paul was put down for a nap on his bunk bed. In his efforts to get off the bed, he became entangled in the side rail, hanging himself between the rail and the mattress, resulting in his death 9 June 1953.

4. PAULA ROXANNE MARTIN, b. 25 March 1954, md. SPARK KOBARCH 1 May 1977. She was raised as ROXIE GILLINGS. They live in Woodland Park, Colorado. She is a homemaker and mother and is excellent at sewing and crafts. Three children:
   2. Jason Kobarch, b. 23 October 1981.
5. TERRI LEE MARTIN GILLINGS, b. in Gunnison, Colorado, 16 October 1955, md. DAVID WAYNE KOIS 19 October 1973 [divorced 5 May 1983]. The family moved to New Castle, Wyoming, and then to Sturgis, South Dakota. After her parents’ divorce in 1963, Terri, her sister Roxie and brothers Bruce and Tykie (Chester Oran) moved to Nevada with their mother.

Bessie, Terri’s mother, md. Bob Gillings September 21, 1963. With their father’s permission, Bob adopted the four children and they were raised as Gillings and lived in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Terri graduated from Falcon High School and later attended Blair Junior College.

Terri and David had three children:

1. David Wayne Kois Jr., b. 2 June 1974, md. and has two boys. David graduated from Laguna Beach High School in 1991. He was active in track and mechanics. He is presently attending California State University at Long Beach in California.

2. Erin Elizabeth Kois, b. 21 September 1976. Erin also runs track. She was the No. 1 freshman in the state of Rhode Island at the 300-meter hurdles. In her sophomore year she was injured which curtailed her track activities for awhile. She also enjoyed cheerleading. She graduated from Falcon High School in 1995. She has a son:

   1. Xakkery Foley, b. 4 March 1996.

3. Tiffany Paige Kois, b. 17 December 1979. Tiffany plays the violin and loves it. She is also active in theater and choir. Two children:

   1. Audrea Kois.

Terri Lee Martin Gillings md. second AL GLAUDE 7 February 1987 (divorced 1996). Terri and Al lived in Germany for four years where Al was in the army and Terri taught preschool. Terri presently works in management for La Quinta Hotels.

Terri, with her brothers Chet and Robert, and her nephew Mark, go bowling once a week together.

6. CHESTER ORAN MARTIN GILLINGS, b. 15 January 1959, md. DENISE ______________ 17 March 1979 in Salt Lake City, Utah [divorced]. He was only four when his parents were divorced. They nicknamed him Tykie, which stuck for a long time. He was raised in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Chet works for Napa Auto Parts and lives with his brother Robert. Two children:


5. ERLE MARTIN, b. 21 March 1929 in Harper, Utah, d. ten days later, 1 April 1929, from a urinary malfunction.

6. LEEOMA MARTIN, b. 29 May 1931 in Ogden, Utah, to Chester Sargent and Eva
Mortensen Martin, bpt. 6 August 1939, md. IVAN LYLE NIELSON 18 September 1951 in the Salt Lake Temple.

Five brothers had come before me. A baby sister might have been a phenomenon for my brothers but my mother could only feel sorry for me and wonder how I could survive among all those boys. Her greatest joy was realized when my sister, Helen, was b. twenty-one months later; now she had two little girls to be companions.

When I was about three-and-a-half-years old my grandpa Mortensen died and the family moved to Sanford, Colorado, to live with my grandma and take care of the farm. Not long thereafter, my father was hurt while working in the corral and was crippled from then until he died when I was six years old. During that time he wasn't able to work, but he taught the boys how to work and played with us girls.

I attended school in Sanford, which was two-and-one-half miles from our ranch. When I was in the sixth grade we sold the ranch and moved to town. Grandma lived with us until she died the following year. I missed the farm but many of our school and church activities were held on the meadows near the river and near our ranch which held good memories for me.

I distinctly remember my baptism August 6, 1939 in Manassa, Colorado. I remember a real special feeling I had and how proud I was when I came up out of the water weighted down with the water in my three layers of clothes. We quickly dried off, and drove seven miles to the chapel in Sanford for sacrament meeting where we were confirmed.

My brothers enlisted in the Army during World War II except for my oldest brother, Ed, who had lost a finger while chopping wood and was deferred not only because of the finger he lost but because one man was always left home to be with the family. Ed was married and this left Mother, my sister and me alone. We were especially close, a relationship that lasted until Mother died in 1982.

My eighth grade graduation was a big event. My dress, of course, would be made by my mother, one of the finest seamstresses around. For most of us, it was our first silk stockings. My excitement was soon dashed as we received word that my brother Lyle had been killed in Okinawa.

I was active in 4-H from age ten until I married. I taught as well as competed. My mother had taught me how to sew and I always had blue ribbon garments. When we were in high school, my sister and I both competed in the “Make It Yourself—With Wool.” We won many trips to compete in the state contests. My sister won one trip to the national competitions.

My enthusiasm for excellence carried over into my church work. I received the Honor Bee award, all my attendance awards and during my last year of Mutual I earned my Golden Gleaner award, comparable to an Eagle Scout today. My sister and I were the third and fourth recipients ever to earn that award in our stake.
I enjoyed every minute of high school. I learned responsibility and many academic things. I didn't date much. I graduated as valedictorian of my class in 1949. Mother couldn't afford to send me to college, so I knew this was the end of my education. My future husband, Ivan Lyle Nielson, noticed me on the night of our high school baccalaureate services. I noticed him two weeks later at a wiener roast we had for my birthday. Some of our friends had fixed him up with one of my girl friends. When I saw him, I knew he was the one I had been waiting for.

A couple of weeks later my sister and our friends fixed me up with a date for the Flag Day dance—he stood me up. He was so shy he just couldn't get up the courage to come. However, the next weekend he brought reinforcements and we double-dated with each of our best friends. We got off to a good start, but all too soon he decided to join the Army. A few months later the Korean war broke out and he was among the first troops into Korea. We carried on a romance by correspondence and when he came home after he had earned enough points to leave Korea, we were married on his twentieth birthday. The couple we dated with on our first date, who had married a year earlier, went with us and were sealed at the same time.

Ivan was in the service until the next June. When he came home we lived with my mother until Helen graduated from BYU. During that time our first daughter, Myrna Lee, was born. She was my pride and joy. Ivan had started in the trucking business and was gone a lot of the time so I kept busy with my sewing and my baby.

We moved to Pueblo, Colorado, when Myrna was three. Ivan bought his first truck at that time. Marvin Lyle was born when Myrna was five. We bought our first house. During this period of my life, I did a lot of church work. I served as ward and stake homemaking counselor and leader. Our second little girl, Susan Lynn, who lived only two hours, was born June 20, 1959. Helen Lynette was born January 9, 1961. When she was two months old, I was called to be ward Relief Society president. This job was filled with so many rewards and spiritual growth that I was sad when we moved to Denver in August of 1962.

Carolyn, our last child, was born October 30, 1963. While she was small, I was homemaking leader in the first Denver West Stake Relief Society (about 1964). After that, I held several secretary positions and was meetinghouse librarian. Since 1992 I have been an ordinance worker in the Denver Temple.

Ivan continued in the trucking business. He was gone much of the time and I kept busy with the kids, my church work and the bookkeeping for the business. In 1972 Ivan bought his first airplane and learned to fly. He used it and three subsequent planes in his business and flew the family and business acquaintances on many pleasure flights, especially fishing in Alaska, which he enjoyed.

When my baby, Carolyn, was in junior high, 1974, I decided to start to fulfill the dream I had held since high school. I wanted to go to college. At the age of 43 I entered college, supposedly as a part-time student. I became so intrigued with my classes that I whipped through the whole program in three years and three months. I now had a bache-
lor’s degree in Accounting. In 1978 I started a full-time position as chief accountant for the RMH Group, Inc., which I enjoyed for exactly 10 years. I also returned to school and earned an MBA in 1989.

On June 17, 1985, I became a widow. Ivan was flying some people to Alamosa when adverse weather came up causing them to crash into Windy Peak. I was totally devastated and can hardly remember the first week. It took a long time to feel whole again, but with the help of the Lord and Ivan’s spirit right there beside me I was able to survive. I know I have become a stronger person for having gone through this trial.

Marvin, Carolyn and I tried to run the trucking business for two years after Ivan’s death but had to give it up and sold the trucks in February 1988. Death devastated us again September 30, 1992, when Carolyn found Marvin dead at his home in Golden.

In 1992 Carolyn and I purchased C&R Transportation Specialists, Inc. a reefer and trailer repair business. Carolyn works there more than I do. I just do the accounting, mostly at home.

The girls are all married and living busy and active lives. Lynette lives in Utah, and Myrna and Carolyn live close to me in the Arvada area near Denver. I have eleven beautiful grandchildren: five boys and six girls, whom I really enjoy.

Our five children are:

1. **MYRNA [MARRAH] LEE NIELSON**
   b. 30 March 1953 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. PRESNAL (PRES) SUGG SPEULDA 28 July 1973 on Lookout Mountain [divorced 7 June 1976]. He was b. 18 February 1949.

   I was a breech baby, causing a caesarean birth. We lived in Sanford, Colorado, until I was three, at which time we moved to Pueblo, Colorado, where my dad was in the trucking business. He had bought his first truck shortly before that.

   My most vivid memory of Pueblo was when our house burned. My then four-year-old brother had been playing with a candle, trying to make smoke come out of his gun. He left the lighted candle in the bedroom closet on my mother’s accordion while he went to find his gun. It caught the clothes on fire, causing that room to be gutted and badly smoked as well as the rest of the house, except for the bedroom where my year-old baby sister, Lynette, was sleeping with the door closed.

   My Grandma Nielson was babysitting at the time as my mom had taken my Grandpa to the doctor because he had just had a kidney removed. I was terrified
and devastated when I walked home to see the condition of our home and no family anywhere. Luckily my Uncle Don and Aunt Freida lived only blocks away where we stayed for a few days. Then we went to California to stay with my Grandma Eva, Helen and Garry until our house was rebuilt.

My dad was working out of Denver at this time and now had several trucks, so we moved just west of Denver, to the Applewood area in the foothills, in August of 1962. Short skirts, white go-go boots and long bangs were in, so of course, I wanted to be “in” too. I got in trouble for my skirt being too short, as I would roll it up after I left the house; consequently, my parents were called to school.

The teacher had on a short skirt, in my dad’s opinion, so he told her that she could say something about my skirt when she had one on that was no longer than mine. Spanish was my favorite subject. I continued with it through high school and college, going to Central and South America and with my Spanish class to Mexico for three weeks. I loved it.

I was sixteen when, on January 9, 1971, we moved Golden. My dad had bought the place about two years before because there was a big shop on the property and he had as many as fourteen trucks by now which he worked on and ran his business. I had my own separate room off the barn. It was really cool at the time, like my own apartment. I attended Wheatridge High School, but graduated from Golden High School in May 1971.

I started beauty school in the fall of 1971 in Lakewood, Colorado, and later moved to Florida where I graduated from Fort Pierce Community College in 1974. I began to travel the United States and being a real “hippie” I changed my name to “Marrah.” My great-grandmother was named Hannah Mariah so I altered it a bit.

I met my first husband, Presnal (Pres) Sugg Speulda through a friend from high school. He was named after his grandparents (poor guy)! We moved back to Florida but when I was three months pregnant we separated and I came back to Colorado to live when Lasha was two. We remain good friends.

I finished beauty school and graduated three months before my first child, Anisya Arrah Blue Lasha, was born on 8 March 1975. Pres named her Anisya which is Russian; my sister, Carolyn, gave her Arrah after my name Marrah; and my sister, Lynette, found Lasha from the biblical couple Lasha and Javan (which she named her son), and I gave her Blue after my favorite color and song by Joni Mitchell.

When Lasha was about nine months old (December 1975) we went back to Florida in my little blue Datsun pickup with a custom built camper which we lived in for four years. We traveled the Bluegrass circuit and I sold feather jewelry that I made. My company was called “Fawnfeath-
er.” We hit every bluegrass festival from Aunt Minnie’s Farm in Union Grove, North Carolina, on Easter weekend to Shade Gap, Pennsylvania, on Labor Day. We traveled with a group of thirteen called the “Key West Gypsy Traders.”

Key West was where we spent part of the summers. We also lived on two farms, one in Independence, Virginia, and the other in Spencer, West Virginia. These farms are where we worked making our wares for the next year’s circuit. My best friend whom I refer to as my sister, Bami, and whom I had known since junior high, had a daughter, Tasha Rosemary, the same age as Lasha Blue, traveled with us. She later became real family as she ended up being my son’s step-mother!

I met Richard Wenderoth in Denver, a friend of Pres’. We became close and began traveling together. We decided to journey off to India in 1978. His twin brother lived in Maui where we stopped to visit. That is when I became pregnant. I was so ill I could not go on, so I came back to Colorado where Cory, a whopping 9 lb. 11 oz. boy was b. August 28, 1979. The doctor was ready to do a Caesarean when he popped out and was caught by his foot. He has protected his mother ever since.

Cory was in distress and very blue when born. It was touch and go for a while but he came through OK and is healthy and usually still hanging by his toe off a cliff, rock climbing, or on a surfboard. He’s quite the athletic outdoors man.

Lasha, Cory and I moved back to Maui, Hawaii, on July 4, 1980. I studied hard and got my Hawaiian cosmetology license and worked as a beautician and cared for my two kids. I was in a serious head-on collision in January of 1982 during which I left my body. I could see myself being removed from my Datsun station wagon. I saw the man who hit me holding Lasha on the lawn after she had been thrown from the station wagon which contained a huge Weber barbecue that we were returning. It banged and bruised her pretty bad and broke her nose. Bami was trying to talk to me.

Pres, after going through the windshield, was the only one with sense enough to figure out how to get me unpinned from behind the steering wheel, which had crushed my chest and punctured my lung. My face was messed up, and the dash had crushed my leg. I suffered a broken jaw, numerous cuts and bruises, and it took quite awhile to recuperate. I met a man who did massage therapy to whom I owe my physical rehabilitation. He later became my husband.

I met John Lemus in August 1982 upon my return to Maui from Colorado. We became involved from the beginning, and planned to be married on June 18, 1985. I had just received the money from the settlement of the accident and was so happy. I kept calling home as I was so excited and having new ideas for the wedding. Upon my fourth or fifth call of the evening my sister Carolyn finally told me dad’s plane was missing. They were waiting for some news, as they had not wanted to worry me. He had crashed and was dead. The night before at dinner I had seen a young man waving to me outside the restaurant. Later when I was at my grandmother’s I noticed the picture of my dad in his Army uniform in the prime of his life and I knew that the man waving to me was my dad coming to say goodbye to me. It was
about the same time the plane had crashed. I caught the next plane home and a few days later John came from California where he had been helping his mother paint a house.

We married using dad’s funeral flowers instead of the whole family going to Las Vegas as we had originally planned.

My third child, Akala Leahi was born May 18, 1986. John had gone back to Hawaii but came to Colorado for three weeks when she was born. We all went back to Hawaii where we lived until July of 1989. John and I were divorced exactly three years after we were married. However, I couldn’t get him out of my system, and Akala wanted her daddy, so we began working on him. We spent Christmas of 1992 in Maui with John, where our spark was rekindled. He moved to Colorado on Mother’s Day of 1993 and we remarried May 19, 1994, the day after Akala’s eighth birthday and a week before both Akala and John were baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

When I came back to Colorado in 1989 I attended nursing school at Boulder Valley Technical School and Red Rocks Community College in Golden. I also took tons of Spanish classes as well as various others and finally got a license and an associate degree in May of 1991. My brother Marvin and I chose the same second vocation and started nursing school together. Marvin was one semester shy of getting his RN when he suddenly died from bronchitis September 30, 1992.

In 1990 I moved into the old farmhouse where we lived back in 1971. My mother had kept it as a rental since they bought a new home several blocks away in October of 1972. I worked as an insurance examiner after college then added a job at “Great Clips,” a beauty shop. I decided after all that schooling that hairdressing was really what I was cut out for, unfortunately, $25,000 later. I gave up the insurance job and have worked at Cost Cutters and Fantastic Sam’s part-time, as I am concentrating on my own salon, which is coming along quite nicely. John remodeled a room in our house, so now I have my own little shop at home called Marrah’s Cutting Room.

Marrah and Pres have one child:

1. Anisya Arrah Blue Lasha Speulda, b. 8 March 1975. She spends much time with “Grandma Omie.” She is intelligent, loves to cook and has a real flair for presentation and interior design. She is good at movie and music trivia. Her personality includes a sharp wit and she is really funny. Her best friend is a black Lab named “Blue.”

Marrah and Richard Wenderoth have one child:

1. Cory Wenderoth, b. 28 August 1979 He lives in Maui with his dad. He is interested in woodcraft and has won first place in Maui and second and fourth in the state of Hawaii for his woodcraft during his senior year. He is very athletic, loves rock climbing and has a sweet and loving spirit. He graduated from Maui High School 7 June 1997.
Myrna (Marrah) Lee Nielson md. second JOHN GUADALUPE LEMUS 28 June 1985 at home [divorced 28 June 1989], remarried 19 May 1994. One child:
1. Akala Leahi Lemus, b. 18 May 1986, extremely intelligent and spiritual. Taught herself to read music and is learning to play the piano.


He was the first of a long line of siblings, nieces and nephews to attend Happy Valley Children’s Ranch pre-school. He attended Golden High School, graduating in 1976.

As a baby Marvin developed asthmatic bronchitis which he also carried throughout his life. Though it was not confining, he suffered a cough which was severe at times. The harder he played, the harder he coughed, but he went right on playing. He was allergic to horses and dogs, but he always had a dog. And he spent several years riding and jumping horses at Hilcroft Acres, earning many champion and blue ribbon awards.

During junior high, Marvin was active in Scouting and a lightweight wrestler. After high school Marvin worked at his father’s trucking company, first in the shop, and then as a driver. Ivan considered Marvin one of his most competent drivers in maneuvering the tractor and trailer for unloading. He had some two million cross country, eighteen-wheeler, accident-free miles and his own 1982 Kenworth semi before he quit driving in 1986. After his father’s death in 1985, he and Carolyn bought part of the trucks and trailers and formed Marvin’s Motor Freight, Inc.

In February of 1988 it became too much for all of us, and we parked the trucks. In October 1986 Marvin moved to Amarillo, Texas, attending Texas State Technical Institute where he was an honor student and vice-president of his class. He was
accepted for a one-year course and received his certification as a Thermo King Technician. Marvin’s excellent grades in Texas gave him confidence in his abilities as a student, of accomplishment and fulfillment that he hadn’t felt before. As a result, he started at Red Rocks Community College where he earned an associate’s degree, which he received two weeks before his death. During this time he also attended Boulder Valley Vocational Technical School for LPN training, then transferred to Regis College as a junior for their RN program. He nearly made it.

One of the things Carolyn remembers about Marvin as children was his ornery streak. But he also had another side to him, his big-hearted, loving and fun side. He had a great sense of wit and humor and was a great joke teller, always the life of the party, the adventurer, the one to take chances or go out on a limb.

Marvin didn’t attend church regularly after high school, but he had a close relationship with his Heavenly Father and talked to Him often in prayer. He was always thoughtful and helpful to others and was never afraid to say “I love you” or give a big hug. He loved his nieces and nephews and his dog. The day he died he left a message on my answering machine, telling me that he loved me. Mom, who was the last one to see him, got a big hug and a thank you for all she had done for him that day.”

The night of September 29 Marvin had a mild case of bronchitis. He laid down on the couch to watch television with his dog by his side. He fell asleep and never woke up. He had a blockage of phlegm in his airway. Apparently, he never suffered at all. The dog remained by his side until that afternoon when Carolyn went by to check on him and found him dead.

3. SUSAN LYNN NIELSON, b. and d. 20 June 1959.

4. HELEN LYNETTE NIELSON, b. 9 January 1961 in Pueblo, Colorado, md. DOUGLAS FLOYD PADILLA 14 July 1983 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 4 October 1958.

I was born on my Aunt Helen’s birthday so was given her name in addition to the name I’m known by. Thanks to a brave passerby (Salvo Peralto), I was saved from a house fire shortly after my first birth day. I was asleep in a crib and retrieved from the burning house through an outside window. I must have a purpose in this life!

The family moved to Golden, Colorado, while I was still a baby. In the fourth grade, we moved from our nice home to an older home on McIntyre Street which was on the property where my father ran his trucking business. We were in hopes the change of location would allow more time together.
In fourth grade, we had a mother/daughter tea which hosted an exhibition from a local gymnastics club. I was amazed at the cartwheels they were doing “with NO hands!” and begged my mother to take lessons. She obliged and I began what became a big part of my childhood.

At Drake Junior High I participated on the basketball, track and gymnastics teams. I was a member of the National Honor Society and I was a cheerleader in the ninth grade.

While at Arvada West High, I worked a bit at home doing book work for my parents’ business, but landed a job at a busy ice cream shop just as soon as I could drive. My transportation was an old 1957 Chevy which my parents and I spent many hours fixing up. My junior year I got a job with some close friends waitressing. Work, school and friends became my life for the next couple of years and I set a goal to save enough money for a nice new car. My parents agreed to pay half the expenses as a graduation gift which was really great of them. My new car was a big experience with setting a goal, sticking with the hard work necessary to achieve the goal, and then the great feeling received when the goal is finally met!

The fall of 1979 I entered Brigham Young University. I wasn’t real sure of a career decision. I finally graduated in April of 1985 with a bachelor of science degree in Home and Family Development.

While at BYU I met my husband, Douglas Floyd Padilla. We were living in the same housing complex and my roommate was dating his roommate. We were married where my parents had been married. We lived in a two-bedroom condominium unit by campus. In 1986 we moved to our current home in Orem, Utah.

I enjoy sewing (after all the kids came along I didn’t have time anymore), crafts and desktop publishing. Over the years I seem to have created many short-lived small businesses which include: hair bows, aerobic leotards, artistic rubber stamps, and decorator bunnies. Most of these were marketed through craft shows and boutiques. I always had such grand visions, but was limited by the time I could spend in development.

My husband is a professional athlete, a distance runner. Track has been a big part of our lives. Doug participated in the 1984 and 1988 Olympic Games in the 5000 meters in track and field, and has been a member of many World Championship and National teams. We have had the opportunity of traveling all over the world to various track and field competitions.
On June 19, 1996, while out on a training run, Doug was struck by a car. Besides many minor injuries, his lower left leg was severely shattered and in jeopardy of amputation. In the following year he had nine surgeries and still faces more extreme measures in hopes of being able to walk again. He has suffered many complications and set-backs, but has great faith, and amazingly, stays positive and pleasant. He is a great teacher and inspiration to all of us in dealing with the challenges that life throws at us.

Four children:
1. Janae Lynette Padilla, b. 24 April 1985 in Provo, Utah. She is an excellent student, always at or near the top of her class. She has been recognized for her creative writing ability. She has three times represented her grade at the BYU Young Writers’ Conference. She greatly enjoyed the chance to fill one of the lead roles in a class production of Shakespeare’s *A Midsummers Night’s Dream*. She is very active in 4H and in her church. She enjoys drill team, dance, track, basketball and singing. She is shy, and has been blessed with a beautiful voice.
2. Javan Joseph Padilla b. 15 September 1986 in Provo, Utah. Javan is all boy. He does very well in school. He enjoys outdoor activities and sports. Basketball, soccer and Cub Scouting have been fun. He was the 1996 Utah State Champion in the bantam division of the high jump. He likes to make big breakfasts for the family, or Sunday night crepes. Javan also has a sweet and loving personality and a strong sense of right and wrong. He loves visiting with his cousins.
3. Kevin Douglas Padilla, b. 9 March 1990 in Provo, Utah. I had a special spiritual experience in which he visited me when I was about six months pregnant. The details are very special, and I know he enthusiastically wanted to be on earth with our family. He let us know a little of his fun-loving nature. He is very aware when someone feels bad or sad. He likes to have fun and is very willing to help his older brother with the paper route. Kevin loves jumping on the trampoline and is a computer game wizard. He has begun participating in track and soccer as well.
4. Michelle Nicole Padilla, b. 16 March 1993 in Provo, Utah. Michelle has a vibrant twinkle in her eyes, and the greatest laugh.


Carolyn’s schooling started at “Happy Valley Children’s Ranch” where she attended for two years. Her brother Marvin was the first of a long line of children to attend this unique pre-school.

When Carolyn was in junior high she had a much dreaded appointment for a root canal. She awoke on the morning of the day to find the house filled with smoke. At first she thought it was just “sleep” in her eyes. When she realized it was smoke, she ran to tell her dad only to find the ceiling in the hall full of flames. She finally got to her dad and yelled, “The house is on fire.” He jumped up like a flash.
We canceled the dentist appointment, much to her relief. Her dentist still brings it up every time she goes to him. “She’s the one that burned her house down to get out of her appointment,” he says to all his dental assistants. The fire had started due to some faulty wiring when the air conditioner had been installed a few years before.

She attended Arvada West High School but received her diploma from Jefferson County High School ahead of her classmates so she could work full time with her mother as a typist at The RMH Group. Carolyn took many typing and business classes and has become a perfectionist in both areas.

Carolyn started keeping books for her father’s trucking company when Michael was a baby. She enjoyed this close association with her dad and was devastated over his death. She held up well for a year, taking care of the business and her mother, then became severely ill for a year as a result of her loss. She experienced extreme anxiety attacks and depression as well as being paranoid over impending death.

Carolyn met her husband while working at The RMH Group. He was working as an electrical designer there.

In 1985, Carolyn and her brother, Marvin, bought three tractors and five of their dad’s trailers and started their own trucking business called, “Marvin’s Motor Freight Services, Inc.” We closed down Nielsen Leasing, Inc. and Marvin’s Motor Freight. The companies had suffered a terrible truck wreck in California in July of 1987, which killed two people. Insurance would have been astronomical after this, so the businesses were closed and the equipment sold to pay the debts.

Shortly after she started working for her dad, she also started keeping books for another truck/trailer outfit, called C & R Transportation Specialists, Inc. When the owners decided to sell it in March of 1992, Carolyn wanted to buy it, so, with the help of her mother, she did. It was rough getting started, but finally, after five years we hope it will be profitable again, and Carolyn enjoys it very much. She is the longest employee there, now on her fourteenth year.
Carolyn met Ross Ernce through her work. He worked for Transwest Trailers, Inc. He was her parts salesman at C & R. They talked for months, unaware that Ross used to work with her brother Marvin at Colorado Utility Trailer and also knew her dad. Since Carolyn did not go by her maiden name, “Nielson,” he did not make the connection earlier. After realizing this association, her parts prices dropped dramatically. This was really a great help to her and her Mom. He also spent endless hours of free computer work, getting all of the records on computer and a better invoicing program going.

Carolyn continued living with her mother until October 1999 when she moved back into the home she now owns. When Charles A. Florey realized that he and Carolyn were both unattached he began to come by the house regularly. Chuck was a long-time friend, employer, and one time neighbor of the family. Carolyn had worked for him when he owned C&R, the company she now owns. After dating for a year they were married on July 22, 2000.

Carolyn and Lorenzo (Larry) Flores have three children:

1. Michael Gabriel Flores, b. 21 January 1983, graduated from Arvada West High School in 2001. He is a handsome young man and loves playing the guitar. He loves to ski and snowmobile, enjoys riding his collection of bikes. He is a good worker and helps his grandma around the house doing yard work. He sometimes works at his mother’s business where he washes out trailers and repairs inside damage with Kemlite.
2. Larissa Rochelle Flores, b. 12 September 1988. Larissa is an all-around good student and at the top of her class in reading. Larissa is involved in gymnastics, enjoys swimming and dance.
3. Lucas David Flores, b. 13 June 1992. Lucas loves to swim, ride bikes and is an all-around boy.

Carolyn Nielson md. second ROSS EVANS ERNCE. One child:

1. Brooke Shantel Ernce, b. 9 October 1997.


7. HELEN ELIZA MARTIN, b. 9 January 1933 in Wilson Lane, Utah, bpt. 5 March 1941, md. GARRY CARLTON KITCHENS 17 August 1956 in the Los Angeles Temple. He was b. 30 March 1934 in Sacramento, California, bpt. 2 May 1942.

When she was one year old, the family moved to Sanford, Colorado, where she completed all twelve years of schooling and graduated as valedictorian in 1950. Like her sister, she was an achiever in school, community and church activities. She received a four-year scholarship to attend Colorado State College (now the University of Northern Colorado) but, through the influence of her mother, elected to attend Brigham Young University. She received a B.S. degree in Home Economics in 1953.

Following graduation, she taught Home Economics and Chemistry in Manassas,
Colorado, for two years and then became a 4-H Club Agent for New Mexico A & M College (New Mexico State University) for one year previous to her marriage.

During the early years of their marriage, Garry attended school, worked at various jobs, and served a “hitch” in the U.S. Army. When they moved to Red Bluff, California, Helen worked as a Home Advisor for the University of California.

After college graduation, Garry worked in the Claims Department for State Farm Insurance while Helen was employed by the State of Wyoming in the Agency on Aging.

January 1, 1979, Helen accepted a position as Associate Professor of Social Work at the University of Wyoming at Laramie. Garry’s company transferred him to Wyoming. They moved to Laramie, a decision that was never regretted. Just prior to the move, Eva had the misfortune to break her hip for a second time. Although she recovered from the mishap, her household activities were greatly curtailed thereafter.

For the next few years, Garry and Helen continued to work in their respective careers and Eva took up a new hobby, making afghans. Every child, grand-child and great-grand-child was the recipient of one or more of these prized possessions.

After Eva’s death, Helen began seeking an appropriate opportunity to return to her career. After exploring numerous options, she went back to work for the state of Wyoming, first in the Department of Labor and then for the Community College Commission. She continued to serve the Commission as Dean for Administration, Planning and Research until her retirement May 31, 1997. Garry retired from his position with State Farm on August 1, 1996, after 31 years.

During their sojourn in Laramie, Garry and Helen have actively participated in a variety of positions within the church. Garry has served as ward clerk, stake executive secretary, as a member of a stake high council, as first counselor in a bishopric, and is a temple worker at the Denver Temple. Helen’s responsibilities have been confined to the Relief Society. She has been a teacher, homemaking leader, education counselor in a ward Relief Society presidency and has been the education counselor in the stake Relief Society for “more years than she can count.” She also works in the Denver Temple.

More recently, Helen and Garry have had the opportunity to travel rather extensively. Helen’s position, especially, and Garry’s, to a lesser degree, requires attendance at various meetings throughout the country. When one must go, the other takes vacation time and goes along. They also try to get in one or two vacation trips per year besides those related to work activities.
A hobby that they have adopted, as a part of their travel, is to try to attend a temple in six different localities each year. Helen’s sister, LeeOma Martin Nielson, and her brother and his wife, Ed and LeOla Martin have accompanied them on many of these excursions.

Over the past three years, much time, effort and money has been spent adding to, remodeling and refurbishing their home. Most of the work they have done themselves, with assistance from their sons. Hobbies also abound in this household. Garry and Brent are into woodworking while Garry and Andy are deeply involved in restoring cars. Helen gets involved with them in their projects in wood finishing, painting, upholstering and seeing that all are adequately fed.

Three children:

1. **JANET LEE KITCHENS**, b. 23 June 1957 in Glendale, California, d. 1 April 1959 in Red Bluff, California.

2. **ANDREW RAY KITCHENS**, b. 10 May 1960 in Red Bluff, California, bpt. 1 June 1968, md. TEDRA SHOE MAKER 4 September 1982 [divorced].

   **Andrew Ray Kitchens** md. second CECILIA 8 August 1988 [divorced].

   Andy graduated from University High in Greeley, Colorado, at the conclusion of his junior year. He was awarded an academic scholarship to Brigham Young University. He later transferred to Colorado State University. He received bachelor’s and master’s degrees from LaSalle University in Manufacturing Engineering.

   His first professional experience was as a technician in a dental laboratory. He then became an engineering technician and then a manufacturing engineer. He currently holds the position of Facilities Engineer for a high tech electronics firm. He has worked all of his career in Fort Collins, Colorado. One summer he worked with a contractor and learned many skills that helped him with his building projects as does his electronics.

   Andy enjoys all outdoor sporting activity. He has all the toys that one could dream of—boat, motorcycles, snowmobiles, skis—and distributes his time among them. Andy serves in the church in Loveland in a variety of callings, including electronics technician for the building, in an elders quorum presidency, as a Primary teacher, and in Scouting.

Brent’s initial approach to school was content to earn the “gentlemen’s C.” He entered Laramie High School in the second semester of his sophomore year and promptly joined the gymnastics team. By the time he was a senior, he was named the state champion for still rings and second in floor exercise. Many schools showed interest in him as a gymnast and he selected the University of Oklahoma. An automobile accident in his freshman year cut his gymnastics career short as a participant but provided him with a good part-time job as a coach throughout his college career. Brent graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1987. In 1994 he earned a Ph.D. in Family Mediation from LaSalle University.

After graduation from college, Brent decided to return to the mountains so he accepted a position as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in Rock Springs, Wyoming. After three years, he accepted a position as a social worker with the Department of Family Services.

In July 1993, he accepted as a Social Services Supervisor in Ogden, Utah. Brent and his family moved to Ellensburg, Washington, in October 1994 where they presently reside.

He continues his career in social work for the State of Washington.

Brent married his high school sweetheart. They began their life together in Norman, Oklahoma, where Brent was a student and Melanie worked to help support him. She attended classes on occasion. After Brent began his career, Melanie was able to earn a degree from Western Wyoming Community College in 1989.

Brent and Melanie are busy raising their little family and serving in their church. Brent serves in a bishopric and Melanie in the Relief Society. Melanie, an accomplished musician, is called upon regularly to share this talent. They had home school for the two older children: With such a busy and active life, they have little time for hobbies, but Brent surely enjoys an opportunity to work in his father’s wood shop, and the family enjoys an occasional snowmobile trip. Five children:

3A1-7 ROXIE MORTENSEN [twin], b. and d. 1 October 1896 in Sanford, Colorado.

3A1-8 LEONA MORTENSEN [twin], b. 1 October and d. 31 October 1896 in Sanford, Colorado.

3A2 EPHRAIM MORTENSEN, b. 22 April 1860 in Parowan, Utah, bpt. by John Eyre 8 March 1868, md. ELIZABETH ANN JONES in the St. George Temple by David H. Cannon on 2 June 1880. She was b. 24 September 1862 in Salford, Manchester, England. She came with her mother Lizzie Bentley from England after they accepted the gospel. 12 March 1879, he went through the St. George Temple and was ordained an elder by William Carter, one of the temple workers. Sealed to his parents 2 June 1889. Ephraim d. 19 March 1949 in Mesa, Arizona. Elizabeth d. 21 January 1951 in Mesa, Arizona.

Ephraim and Elizabeth lived in Parowan, Utah, several years, and then were called with others by President Brigham Young to go to Colorado and settle in the San Luis Valley. Ephraim’s older brother Peter had been called with the first group to the Valley. Six other families were called, but Elizabeth Ann was the only woman to accompany the men on that journey.

“We left Parowan April 22, 1884. It took four months and four days to travel the 600 miles. Went by way of Fremont Pass over the mountains to the Sevier in company of Anders Mortensen, William H. Lyman and William C. McGregor of Parowan, and others. Went through Grass Valley and on to the Colorado River. We crossed at Halls Ferry. A small ferry boat large enough to carry one wagon and four horses was used for crossing. The boat had to be towed upstream with horses so we would be able to cross and reach the opposite bank safely.

“We proceeded on to Bluff City, San Juan, Utah, being about three weeks from the time we left Parowan. On account of high water we remained at Bluff for one month. We found high water all the way to San Luis Valley, Colorado, making it very slow traveling. Crossing the creek at Mancus, William H. Lyman lost one horse by drowning. Traveling through the mountains many bridges had been washed away. On reaching the San Luis Valley the Conejos Bridge had gone down the river, so we stayed in Antonito.

“The next day being July 4th we left the wagons at Antonito and walked nearly to Manassa, crossing the Conejos River on the railroad bridge. We met Peter A. Mortensen with a team and arrived in Manassa on July 4, 1884, staying in Manassa till fall.
“We went to Richfield where we built a small log house. In the winter of 1885 we moved to Sanford where we moved into the third house built in Sanford. In the summer of 1886 we contracted with Dan Newcomb to mow and stack 2000 acres of hay.

“On September 10, 1886, our first child, Ephraim Junius was born. Early in the spring of 1887, I received a call to take a foreign mission. Elizabeth Ann was left with an unfinished house and small baby to support. She never mentioned the hardships she had while I was away other than the task of keeping babies warm in the below zero temperature.”

In company with Jens Ottesen, Ephraim left Sanford May 23, 1887.

“I was the first missionary from Sanford. When we reached Pueblo, Colorado, we met a company of elders from Utah bound for the same mission. We traveled by train to Norfolk, Virginia, and by steamship to New York. We crossed the Atlantic on the steamer “Wisconsin,” after 11 days arriving at Liverpool, England.

“By steamer we crossed the North Sea and up the Elbe River into Germany, crossing Germany by train to Copenhagen. In company with my Uncle Christen Nielsen who had been released to return home, we visited many of the old historic places and other places of interest. I was assigned to the Copenhagen Conference Headquarters being Holbek, Denmark. Here I received my first letter from home June 23.

“Went to England. We made many friends but were opposed by many. About July 15 we were asked to take a trip to Hamburg, Germany, with a ship captain by the name of Petersen, a member of the Church. We spent three days in Hamburg sightseeing. The captain paid all expenses and our trip was free.

“In England I stayed with Brother and Sister Rowe and their family of four, who were new converts baptized by A. Mortensen. They were a family of great faith; later they came to Arizona, then moved to Salt Lake City.

“On May 25, 1889, I received my release from Apostle George Teasdale at Liverpool. I spent a few days visiting Saints and friends. Made a trip to Manchester, the birthplace of my wife. Then on June 12, I boarded the steamer Queen Victoria for the Isle of Man. I had a grand time visiting a number of my wife’s cousins and aunts living there. Had a great experience for a week speaking to them and many strangers upon the Gospel plan. While in the mission I baptized ten persons and made many friends. I left Liverpool for America June 23, 1889.

“I reached New York on July 4th. Traveled by train for the West. Arrived
home at Sanford July 12. Found my folks waiting at La Jara for me.

“In the spring we moved to Eastdale, Colorado. When a Sunday School was organized, I was chosen as first assistant.”

Ephraim returned from his mission July 12, 1889, and obtained some large contracts for haying and other farm work. In 1890 Ephraim and Elizabeth decided to buy some land in Costilla County to help settle a small town to be called Eastdale and build a new home there. Ephraim worked on the new home and also helped build a new reservoir for irrigation purposes.

Almost three years after moving to the little settlement of Eastdale, Colorado, Ephraim, Elizabeth Ann and almost seven-year-old Juny welcomed little Edith Winifred January 19, 1893. She was blessed by S. Mortensen.

“A ward was organized January 29, 1894, with Marcos Funk, bishop; Simeon A. Dunn, first counselor; and E. Mortensen, second counselor. Apostle John Henry Smith and Albert R. Smith, president of the San Luis Stake was present. I was ordained a high priest by Apostle Smith.

“The episode of Juny’s death and Edith’s near death in 1894 was so traumatic to Elizabeth Ann that she became quite ill and inconsolable. She lost interest in everything. On June 13, 1895, Vivian Elizabeth was born and blessed by President A. R. Smith.

“I was chosen alternate member of the high council May 15, 1898 and set apart by Apostle Francis M. Lyman. On October 6, 1898, I was made Superintendent of Eastdale Sunday School and remained in this position till 1908 when the town of Eastdale was sold to a big land development company. It was decided to sell for a reasonable profit. About half of the residents moved to Manassa and half to Sanford. Edith’s family moved to Sanford.

In 1911 Ephraim, at the urging of his brother Anders, Ephraim moved to Arizona. He arrived in May and spent the summer at Avondale working on a threshing machine and later in a pumping plant. In the fall of 1913, Ephraim heard of a milk route for sale in Phoenix. He was able to buy a milk route on North Central Avenue from a Mr. E. W. Reed. They were able to buy a small house on 20+ acres at the corner of Virginia and Central Avenue.

On December 30, 1917, Ephraim was called to preside over the Laveen Branch of the Church, a branch of the Chandler Ward. He was also Superintendent of Sunday School and was set apart by Bishop H. L. Petersen of Chandler.

While Ephraim was making his milk run he had to deliver products to the
Dr. Craig home on Central Avenue, a large, two-story home. Among the hired help was a young English couple. She was a maid and he was a butler—Alfred S. and Evelyn May Higgins. They were drawn to Ephraim and his quiet ways, never bragging or talking mean spirited about anyone. Later they wanted to meet his wife; and when they visited Elizabeth Ann in their small home on the corner of Central and Virginia, Elizabeth Ann was English and acted enough like them that she and Ephraim seemed like some of their own people. They fell head over heels for the Mortensens and remained like their own children the remainder of their lives.

“Early 1920, we moved to Mesa where I farmed for two years. When work started on the Temple I worked there nearly the whole time while the temple was being built. For a number of years I worked on the grounds and other work in town. In 1934, I got the janitor work at the Mesa First Ward Chapel.

“On February 1, 1941, we celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary in the chapel and received many friends.”

On June 2, 1943, Ephraim and Elizabeth Ann celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. They had a wonderful celebration and felt so thankful for the good life they had experienced. One little thought kept nagging at Ephraim and he couldn’t rest without knowing the condition of Juny’s grave. How had it weathered the years since that cold January day when it was made?

Ephraim and his daughter Edith made a trip to Eastdale on the bus, leaving Phoenix, August 14, 1943. They arrived in Alamosa, Colorado, August 17, 1943, but their suitcases did not arrive. They placed a headstone on Junius’ grave. They built a picket fence completely around the grave and they painted the fence white. After everything had been done to protect and beautify the area, Ephraim said that he felt very relieved and satisfied that everything was proper for Juny’s resting place.

The suitcases never arrived. Many friends and relatives organized a reunion to be held in the Manassa Social Hall on August 25 and about 150 friends came to greet them. Ephraim was so thrilled that there were that many who still remembered him.

Ephraim and Elizabeth’s three children:

3A2-1 EPHRAIM JUNIUS MORTENSEN, b. 10 September 1886 in Sanford, Colorado. Juny was just seven months old when his father, Ephraim, received a mission call from Box B in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Denmark, to leave May 23, 1887.

The winter of 1893-4 was even worse than most, and Juny was home from school almost every day. In the middle of December, there was a short break in the storms so
Ephraim needed to go to Alamosa to get supplies and a few things for Christmas for the children: He took Juny with him, to get him outside for a while in the fresh air and to let him buy a Christmas gift for his little sister.

They decorated a Christmas tree, wrapped the presents and made candy and popped corn, some to eat, some to use as decorations.

Each year the community had a Christmas tree and Christmas program held at the church/school house. In 1894 after all the fun and the visit from Santa Claus, everyone returned home. Juny drove Ephraim and Elizabeth to exasperation—he wanted to give Edith his gift and couldn’t wait until morning. Finally morning came and the two children’s squeals and delight gave Ephraim and Elizabeth the Christmas they would always remember.

The new year was only a week or so old when the weather became much worse. The families of Eastdale were snowbound again. Ephraim and Elizabeth took the opportunity to play games and read stories to the children: Wood was brought into the house itself to dry it out and keep it dry. Water was obtained by opening the door enough to get one’s arm out and break a chunk of snow off the roof, put it in a bucket and melt it on the stove.

At first this seemed like a big adventure to Juny; but after a few days, he seemed to lose interest. Then he would lay on the bed and cover his eyes because the light hurt them, he said. After a nap that was longer than usual, his mother found he was burning up with fever. All the remedies they tried failed to help so Ephraim put on all the warm clothes he had, put on snowshoes and went for a doctor, on foot, over 20 miles away.

Juny was sick just three days and passed away on Sunday, January 28, 1894. It was found that he had died from spinal meningitis. He was buried in the Eastdale Cemetery. Ephraim dug the grave in frozen ground and covered the area with many large rocks hoping they were enough to keep the animals from disturbing the grave.

3A2-2 EDITH WINIFRED MORTENSEN, b. 19 January 1893 in Eastdale, Colorado. She was blessed by her father 25 March 1893, md. WELLINGTON RICHINS, d. 18 December 1962 Phoenix, Arizona. He d. 7 January 1967 Mesa, Arizona.

Edith brought much joy and laughter to her family. She was just one year old when Juny got sick and died. A few days after the funeral and burial, Edith started getting fussy and cried like she had a sore throat. Ephraim administered to her then went post haste for the doctor who stayed with them until Edith passed the crisis, but it took a lot of nursing and care for several weeks until she began to look and act like herself again.

On June 13, 1895, her little sister Vivian Elizabeth was born. These two girls became almost like twins, doing everything together. Most of the playmates, schoolmates and friends Edith had during her grade school days were relatives and children of the Saints who had been called to settle that part of the country. In spite of meager supplies, the older folk were anxious that the children would celebrate all holidays and events, so a unified effort was made to have special programs and parades on July 4th and 24th, May
Day to make May baskets and braid the Maypole, Easter egg hunts, Valentine’s, Thanksgiving and a community tree on Christmas. They would go on overnight trips to gather pinyon nuts, had picnics whenever possible and dances with the grownups teaching the younger ones to dance.

Children in those days never complained that they were bored. After their morning chores, and every child had some, or after they got home from school, they always had quilt blocks to sew, lace to knit or crochet, rug rags to tear and sew together or learn a new craft, being taught by their mother. Girls would get together at each other’s homes and do these things and sometimes, as a surprise, their mother would let them pop corn on the wood stove or over the fire in the fireplace, in a long-handled popcorn popper that you shake as the corn pops. If they had enough honey or sugar, they would make taffy. To keep a home going in those days, everyone had to do their part or someone else had to do the work for them.

Edith didn’t live with her parents in Phoenix because she would live with whomever she was working for in Mesa in the maid’s quarters. She would see them when they came to stake choir practices and stake conferences in Mesa. Families who had put their names on her list, in case she left any of her jobs, would beg her to come and iron for them and pay her almost as much to iron as if she was a full-time housekeeper. Her skill with large banquet-sized white linen table clothes became the talk of the women of Mesa.

The stake choir was invited to go to Florence, Arizona, and sing for the inmates. It was on this trip that Wellington Richins noticed Edith for the first time. Slowly, he made his move on her. She was interested in other young men so she didn’t encourage Wellie at all.

She would go to Phoenix to help her parents, which usually turned out to be milking the cows on a Sunday afternoon. Many times she voiced her disgust at the cows having to be milked while other young people were traveling up and down Central Avenue, some walking, some riding in buggies and a few in cars, while she and Vivian were stuck in the cow pasture. Wellie caught on and would catch the train to Phoenix, take the street car to Third Street and Virginia, walk three blocks west and surprise Edith by saying he had come to help milk the cows. He was slowly making points!

Finally in 1915, Wellie got Edith to say she would marry him and a date was set for October 5, 1916, to go to Salt Lake City, Utah, and be married in the Temple. Edith started getting her trousseau together. When it came time to make her wedding dress, she made a trip to Phoenix to buy the material plus all the laces and nets for trim and veil. The dress and veil were nearly finished when a distant relative living in Chandler volunteered the information that Edith didn’t need a dress to be married in but she could rent one at the Temple since they had dozens there that were beautiful. Then the dress she was making could be worn for the reception and she wouldn’t have to take it to Salt Lake City and require a lot of pressing before the reception. Thus Edith did not take her wedding dress.

At the Temple there was an unusually large number of brides that day, mostly from the Salt Lake area who had made advance reservations of the dresses. By the time the out-
of-state brides arrived, they had to scrounge up anything that would fit the bride, a skirt and blouse or a dress made of cotton and not very desirable. Edith was so embarrassed she fought back the tears all through the session and ceremony.

When the couple went back to their lockers to change their clothes, they agreed to meet at a certain place. On the way to his locker, Wellie ran into someone he knew from Mesa who asked him to come and do some sealing for his family, which Wellie did. Almost three hours later, Wellie woke up to the fact that he had someone waiting for him. He got to the meeting place and found Edith tired and hungry, still embarrassed over the dress and not having eaten all day. She was in a dejected mood knowing that her new husband had forgotten that she was even there. Needless to say Edith's wedding day was never expounded upon as being wonderful and beautiful; really, any discussion of it was avoided if possible.

Soon after their marriage, Wellie decided to go into business and farming with his brother-in-law Leo Hibbert, so they moved to the farm on South Extension Road. Edith was constantly pressured by her friends and former employers to do more work for them but Edith declined. Her friends would still get together and have sewing or quilting bees, but it was quite a walk from the farm to town, then back, sometimes late at night. Wellie would be tired from farming all day and didn’t want to walk so much and be up so late, so Edith would have to go alone, if she went at all. The friends were understanding though and would try to get together after Sunday meetings when Wellie was in town at the same time. Some of her friends were Lela Copeland, Ethel Sirrine Chesley, Lone Brimhall, and Meda Mortensen Best.

On July 15, 1917, their first child, Cleone, was born. A few months later, Wellie had the opportunity to buy acreage on North Hobson with a nice home on it. Cotton was selling very high, so he decided to put all the land into cotton and bring Ephraim and Elizabeth Ann to Mesa to run the farm. When the cotton prices became so high, the pasture lands were no longer available for the Mortensen dairy cows so Ephraim had to sell them and was without work. This arrangement worked out great for the Mortensens and Wellie went back to work for F. P. Drew’s Lumber Yard. There were living quarters in the front, so the Richins family moved there.

Edith enjoyed fixing the place into a home. She was in town near stores, and where her friends and Wellie’s could drop in to visit. She taught religion class for several years and was a homemaking leader in Relief Society. She was also a visiting teacher.

Having Grandpa and Grandma living in Mesa made it so much easier for Edith and Vivian to see their parents. Edith could go to the farm and help her mother sew, quilt, can fruit or any of the many other chores that needed to be done on a farm.

Fig trees usually were planted on ditch banks. Wellie loved fig jam and preserves and thought there must be at least 75-150 jars for the winter. Edith was very fussy about her fig products, they had to be clear enough for light to come through the preserves or jam. Lemon slices were put in some and if pineapple was available, it was used. In those days, families usually bottled at least 500 jars of fruit for the winter. There was no other way to keep it other than drying.
On occasion when a pig was killed, the family got together to process the meat and make sausage out of the smaller pieces and scraps.

Edith loved Colorado for the mountains, pine trees, the snow and the cool air in the summer time. She asked Wellie several times if he would like to visit where she had lived and see the relatives and friends still there, but he always made excuses. It was true that times were hard, but they never became any better in regard to visiting Colorado.

When Cleone was about 12 months old, she became ill with what the people then called “summer complaint.” The doctor prescribed a liquid medicine and ordered it at the drug store. Wellie picked the medication up and Edith started giving it to the baby. By this time the baby had lost so much weight and was so weak that she could hardly cry. After Edith gave her the first dose of the medication, Edith put the bottle on the dresser until she could get the baby settled. When she returned to put the lid on the bottle, some had spilled or run down the bottle over the label and, to Edith’s horror, the label was eaten off where the drops had run down. Edith called Wellie into the house from the lumber yard and he immediately called the doctor who in turn called the pharmacist. He checked and found that the medicines has been mislabeled. If Edith had given just one more dose to the baby, it could have killed her. The doctor came and took care of the baby and told Wellie he had better send Edith and the baby to a cooler climate as it would be the only chance of saving the baby. Edith took the baby to her old home and the baby started to improve but after two weeks there, Cleone came down with smallpox. It was another month of careful nursing before they were sure the baby was finally on the way to health.

Edith caught smallpox from Cleone so it was over three months before they could return to Mesa. Of course Edith got to see her old home again, but not in a pleasant way you would associate with a vacation. It was the last time she was in Colorado until 1943.

Edith made all the clothes she and Cleone wore and sometimes Wellie’s shirts. Cleone’s clothes always had handmade lace, tatting, embroidery, smocking or tucks and were the envy of the other mothers in the ward. Edith continued to sing in the ward and stake choirs and became Relief Society secretary until they moved to Chandler.

In 1921 the price of cotton fell so low that no cotton was being bought and the cotton crop that was ready to pick had to be plowed under. Wellie had to give up the farm and Ephraim had to look for other work. He finally was employed by the H. L. Chandler Ranch, a large farming and cattle operation located south of Mesa and about midway between Mesa and Chandler.

Wellie got a better job with another lumber yard so Edith had to pack up and move. They became members of the Third Ward. Edith loved the location of this house and friends were all around. Wellie was transferred to Chandler to take over the lumber yard there. Once again Edith moved and started over to make another house a home.

Edith’s health began to give her problems, then on August 22, 1922, Evelyn was born. The doctor was back and forth to the house all that day, checking on Edith. Edith finally improved enough that she was able to get on her feet, but she was so thin that she
looked like a skeleton. Her flesh was so sensitive she had to hold her clothes away from her body.

Friends in Chandler were many but one family was the George and Martha Vance family. Martha was a sister of Emma Podzuwait who had become an unspoken thorn in Edith’s side. Edith dreaded meeting Martha but she was so much fun and charming that Edith couldn’t help but like her. They got together often, and Martha liked Edith’s cornbread so much she would offer to tend the baby and get all the dinner prepared if Edith would make her wonderful cornbread. They would go on picnics and short trips together but I doubt the hurt of Emma was ever erased from Edith’s heart or mind.

Once again Wellie was given a promotion which required a move back to Mesa. He was chosen as the manager of the Mesa Lumber Yard.

Almost every evening the neighborhood kids and sometimes kids from other blocks played games like “Kick the Can” and “Run Sheep Run” in the street. Sometimes sand and dust storms blew up. Then it was fun to stand out and face the storms, letting the sand sting our faces. If it started to rain and there were no lightning strikes, we would stay out and get soaking wet. Sometimes we got a nickel to go swimming in Phelps Swimming Pool behind the First Ward Building.

The year Wellie was in the hospital after the auto accident, there was no money for Christmas; but Edith managed to get a can of paint and repaint old toys like doll beds, etc., and they looked like new. She put ruffles on Sunday dresses and made really a better Christmas than when we had received new toys.

Erma was born on January 30, 1926.

We always had “Home Evening.” It was started somewhere around 1927 or so. After we had the opening prayer and program for the evening, we, children and parents, would sit around the table and play “pitch” or one of several other card games. She continued to attend Relief Society, do visiting teaching and sang with the stake choir for a while.

In 1927 the Temple had been built and was dedicated. Edith and Nellie were called to be temple workers. Their schedule was for nearly every night of the week except Saturdays, but Edith was called during the day a lot when some worker didn’t show up or was ill. This was during the time that only a few had telephones,

In 1933 Duane was born. At some opportune time, Edith told Wellie that the first time he ever touched Duane in anger, she would leave him and everyone would know about his temper. As far as I know, there weren’t any fusses or threats to leave. Duane developed asthma when very young, and it was a constant watch to keep things that upset him, food-wise, out of his diet or keep him away from things that would bring on an attack.

Edith was a good mother. She was very giving of herself and her talents to others. She had many friends and she enjoyed them.

Four children were born to Edith and Wellie:
1. ZERALDA CLEONE RICHINS, b. 15 July 1917 in Mesa, Arizona, md. BERNARD FRANCIS MAGNUSSON 1 May 1939 in the Mesa Arizona Temple. He was b. 22 October 1916 in Mesa, Arizona, d. 2 September 1986.

As a baby and child, Cleone seemed to catch any and every disease that came to Mesa. When Cleone was about one or two, she contracted smallpox and was put in some kind of quarantine. Around the age of six, she was again quarantined with scarlet fever. At age seven or eight, when Eskimo Pies were the newest thing to hit the town of Mesa, Cleone came down with typhoid fever.

Right before the fever took over, Cleone was at the May Day dance at the Mezona and she tasted an Eskimo Pie for the first time. It left quite an impression because she can still feel the coldest feeling in her throat from that “pie.”

Upon graduation from high school, Cleone attended and completed beauty school.

Five children:

1. BERNARD WAYNE MAGNUSSON, b. 7 August 1940 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. PATRICIA FERN SAINSBURY 9 June 1960 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 29 September 1940 in Montrose, Colorado. Four children:
   1. Carrie Lynn Magnusson, b. 16 March 1961 in Columbia, Missouri, md. Steven Richard Langlois 18 March 1982 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 13 April 1959 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Five children:
      1. Rachel Marie Langlois, b. 14 August 1983 in Salt Lake City, Utah.
      2. Steven Michael Langlois, b. 31 October 1985 in Royal Oak, Michigan.
      3. Christopher Brian Langlois, b. 8 May 1987 in Royal Oak, Michigan.
      4. Tyler Richard Langlois, b. 23 February 1992 in San Jose, California.
      5. Michelle Renee Langlois, b. 3 June 1994 in San Jose, California.
   2. Scott Wayne Magnusson, b. 9 October 1963 in Columbia, Missouri, md. Janice Hillstead 7 June 1985 in the Oakland Temple. She was b. 10 May 1963 in Sonoma, California. Four children: all born in California:
      2. Bradley Scott Magnusson, b. 9 December 1988 in Walnut Creek.
   3. Brett Allen Magnusson, b. 20 August 1967 in Charlotte, North Carolina. md. Lisa Rae Thompson 13 January 1996 in San Antonio, Texas. She was b. 19 September 1971 in Lands Tuhl, Germany. One child:

2. RUSSELL KENT MAGNUSSON, b. 26 September 1942 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. EVELYN PATRICIA SLOAN 17 June 1965 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 10 August 1944 in Morenci, Arizona. Four children:
   1. Patricia Keli Magnusson, b. 30 March 1992 in Irvine, California.
   2. Kyle Christopher Dean Gresham, b. 22 March 1998 in Glendale, Arizona.

3. ROBERT ALLYN MAGNUSSON, b. 22 October 1943, in Phoenix, Arizona, d. 9 June 1944 in Mesa, Arizona.

4. JUDIANNE MAGNUSSON, b. 2 April 1947 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. CHRISTIAN KNIGHT SORENSON 10 April 1968 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 26 September 1946 in Phoenix, Arizona, and d. 20 December 1981. Two children:

Judianne Magnusson md. second LARRY DUANE MILLER 28 December 1982 in Mesa, Arizona. He was b. 15 February 1944 in Milford, Utah.

   1. Amy Adams, b. 8 August 1979 in Mesa, Arizona.
   2. Sara Marie Adams, b. 26 October 1980 in Provo, Utah.
According to Evelyn, she did nothing as a child except create problems. She said she received a spanking every day until she was five or six because she was always running off. Evelyn didn’t have the diseases Cleone had but whenever she was sick she looked like death warmed over.

Evelyn liked gymnastics and could generally be found upside down instead of right side up. She was popular throughout her years in Mesa. Even now, she stays in touch with some of her childhood friends. An interesting story from her childhood is the time Wellington brought a company car home for lunch. It was a shiny red car and Evelyn who never listened to anyone decided to play in the car. She accidently started the car and crash! Evelyn had driven the car through the garage door.

(This probably explains why she wasn’t too hard on her three-year-old granddaughter, Melissa, when she accidently drove her truck through her prized rose bushes.)

When Wellington approached her about going to college, Evelyn’s answer was an emphatic NO! She always wanted to be wife and homemaker.

Three children:

1. **PENNY ANNE HERBERT**, b. 13 December 1945 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. MICHAEL ALAN BABICKY 13 October 1965 in Douglas, Arizona [divorced]. He was b. 24 September 1946 in San Diego, California. Three children:
   1. Michael Bryan Babicky, b. 31 March 1966 in Douglas, Arizona, md. Jerilyn Leavitt 16 August 1988 in Phoenix, Arizona. She was b. 26 April 1964 in Coronado, California. Two children:
      1. Alyssa Anne Coniam, b. 27 December 1988 in Phoenix, Arizona.

**Penny Anne Herbert** md. second JULIUS MAKLARY 3 February 1974. He was b. 9 July 1937 in Albany, Louisiana. One child:

   1. Brandon Michael Maklary, b. 5 May 1997 in Bethesda, Maryland.
2. JACQUELINE DIANE HERBERT, b. 22 June 1952 in Douglas, Arizona, md. DAVID STUART HUNT 6 January 1970 in El Paso, Texas [divorced]. He was b. 4 June 1950 in Douglas, Arizona. Two children:

Jacqueline Diane Herbert md. second JAMES WILLIAM HOLBROOK 4 July 1985 in Holbrook, Arizona [divorced]. He was b. 28 October 1946.

3. SHERYL KAY HERBERT, b. 9 June 1961 in Douglas, Arizona, md. DON CARLOS DRIGGS II 7 October 1982 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 15 September 1957 in Killeen, Texas. Four children:

3. ERMA GERALDINE RICHINS, b. 30 January 1926 in Mesa, Arizona, md. RUSSELL EUGENE HARRIS 19 December 1942 and sealed 15 February 1944 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 3 July 1925 in Magna, Utah.

As a child, Erma had a terrible time with intestinal flu and yellow jaundice attacks. While at home sick, Edith would teach Erma many sewing techniques. To this day, Erma is a wonderful seamstress.

Through school, Erma had a lot of friends but preferred to be close to only one friend at a time. One of her first close friends was Shirley Marler, whose father ran the A&W stand in Mesa. Another close friend was Marilyn Enloe and after Shirley moved away, Marilyn became closer than ever to Erma. Even now, Erma and Marilyn get together once a year.

Erma’s older sister, Cleone, was always dressing Erma as Shirley Temple with ringlets and clothes that Cleone had remade. One interesting story from Erma’s childhood was about a coat that Cleone made for Erma while she was attending Lincoln School. Erma’s mother let her wear her dress coat to school one day. The rooms were cold and while Erma was standing too close to the room furnace with her back to it, some of the kids in the class suddenly noticed a burning odor. Erma’s new coat had a new hole in it.

Erma was popular in school and palled around with a group of girls who were “sufficient unto themselves” and did not need clubs and things to have fun.

Four children:
1. **RUSSELL EUGENE HARRIS Jr.**, b. 15 October 1943 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. JULIA RUTH JOHNSON 8 October 1966 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 2 March 1944 in Phoenix, Arizona. Six children:
   1. Richard Eugene Harris, b. 12 June 1969 in Mesa, Arizona, md. Angela Laurene Hawker 14 March 1992 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 17 April 1970. One child:
   2. Rand Edward Harris, b. 26 June 1973 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. Malinda Jean Tenge 9 March 1996 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 8 March 1974 in Mesa, Arizona. One child:
      1. Bailey Jo Harris, b. 22 September 1997 in Mesa, Arizona.
   4. Rustin Edwin Harris, b. 2 March 1977 in Mesa, Arizona.
   5. Geri Anne Harris, b. 26 June 1979 in Mesa, Arizona.

2. **LINDA JO HARRIS**, b. 11 August 1947 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. RICHARD FRANKLIN JOHNSON 4 June 1970 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 30 December 1946 in Mesa, Arizona. Six children:

3. **SUSAN HARRIS**, b. 21 January 1949 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. RUSSELL HOWARD BURDICK Jr. 30 December 1970 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 1 September 1949 in Woodland, California. Five children:
      1. Caleb Scott Peterson [twin], b. 15 April 1998 in Provo, Utah.
      2. Jordan Lee Peterson [twin], b. 15 April 1998 in Provo, Utah.

4. KENNETH DUANE HARRIS, b. 25 December 1951 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. ELIZABETH RAE JONES 5 January 1974 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 22 May 1955 in Phoenix, Arizona. Three children:
   1. Bryan Raymond Harris, b. 5 February 1975 in Phoenix, Arizona.
   2. Scott Robert Harris, b. 8 July 1978 in Phoenix, Arizona.
   3. Michelle Lynn Harris, b. 19 April 1984 in Phoenix, Arizona.

4. DONALD DUANE RICHINS, b. 12 August 1933 in Mesa, Arizona, the only son of Wellington B. and Edith Richins, md. BELVA CAMILLE COX, 10 April 1958 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. on 28 March 1939 in Fairview, Utah.

   In high school, Duane won many awards in athletics. At one point, according to newspaper clippings, he was acclaimed in basketball as “a diminutive guard who is one of the best dribblers and ball handlers in the state.” In baseball, he was “a power slugging center fielder,” who also saw action in most of the nine fielding positions.

   Duane attended Boys State and was elected as a State Representative in 1951. He graduated from high school in Mesa in 1952 and attended the University of Arizona two years before serving a mission to the Texas-Louisiana/Gulf States Mission from 1954 to 1956.

   Upon his return, he went to Brigham Young University for one year and finished his schooling for both a bachelor’s and master’s degree at Arizona State University majoring in education with a specialization in guidance and counseling. He worked as an educator for over thirty years in the Mesa Public Schools and the LDS Church Schools in Tonga.

   Belva Camille Cox moved with her family to Arizona in 1942, living in Tempe until 1946 when they moved to Mesa. She went through the Mesa schools and attended Arizona State University.

   Duane and Camille and their family lived in the Tongan islands for three years, from 1968-1971 while Duane was employed by LDS Church Schools in Tonga. He served as guidance counselor and health officer and also high school principal for many months.

   Five children accompanied them there and one child was born in Tonga. It was a great experience for the whole family.

   Duane and Camille served a mission to the Illinois, Peoria Mission, and was

They have eight children:


Lisa went through the Mesa public schools and trained as a medical technologist and worked for a while in a doctor’s office. When her youngest child was in high school she got her real estate license. Her second year in real estate she was honored as the highest producer in her office.

Gary is the second of seven children of David Clyde and Iris Brown Jones. He went through the Mesa schools and Mesa Community College. He served a mission in the Belgium Brussels Mission from 1974 to 1976. He has worked for many years at Telonics, an electronic tracking and transmitting company, but his real love is Scouting. He has worked on nearly every level of Scouting and has earned the Woodbadge Award, the Silver Beaver, Distinguished Commissioner and District Award of Merit, and worked on Woodbadge staff.

They have three children:

- 1. **Jared Mack Jones**, b. 31 July 1979 in Mesa, Arizona. He graduated from the Mesa schools, worked in Texas, and is awaiting his mission call.
- 2. **Ashley Nicole Jones**, b. 31 December 1980 in Mesa, Arizona. She is attending BYU.
- 3. **Jason Mark Jones**, b. 5 March 5. 1983 in Mesa, Arizona


She attended schools in Mesa and BYU. She has been an escrow officer with Security Title for over 10 years. Craig Thomas Pulver is the second child of two sons born to Rod and Margaret Patey Pulver. He attended school in Scottsdale and served
in the Montana Billings Mission from 1979 to 1981. He was a salesman of copy machines for 15 years and is currently a district manager for Sharp Copiers.

Two children:

1. Rustin Reed Pulver, b. 23 October 1983 in Mesa, Arizona. In junior high he played saxophone in the Jazz Band and played football and baseball. He is currently a junior in high school and excels in football and baseball.

2. Shalyce Elizabeth Pulver, b. 6 September 1985 in Mesa, Arizona. She is very talented on the drums playing in the Jazz Band. She enjoys most sports and excels in basketball

3. DONALD DUANE RICHINS Jr., b. 17 May 1961 in Mesa, Arizona, md. LAURA JO HAWS 17 December 1982 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 24 October 1962 in Mesa, Arizona.

Donald was educated in the Mesa public schools and served a mission in the New York City Greek-speaking mission 1980 to 1982. He served in various places in the world. He owned a landscaping business, then worked as an engineer tech for the LDS Church and later for Johnson Controls. He is currently Facility Operations Supervisor at Intel in Chandler, Arizona.

Laura is the oldest of six children born to Henry and Edna Hoffman Haws. She went through the Mesa public schools and attended Mesa Community College and BYU. She worked as a secretary for a while, and for several years has run her own secretarial business out of her home so she can be home with her family. They have five children:
1. Jeffrey Scott Richins, b. 9 October 1984 in Mesa, Arizona.
2. Tricia Anne Richins, b. 29 October 1986 in Mesa, Arizona.
5. Samantha Jo Richins, b. 28 May 1997 in Mesa, Arizona.

4. STEVEN BRUCE RICHINS, b. 15 December 1963 in Mesa, Arizona, md. ELIZABETH DAWN SALTER 12 October 1990 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 28 May 1971 in Phoenix, Arizona [divorced in 1992.] There were no children:

Steve served in the Tennessee Nashville Mission from 1983-4 and was one of those who fell into the eighteen-month window of service. He attended Mesa public schools and has had two years plus of college work related to his profession as systems analyst and a lead manager for American Express in Phoenix, Arizona.
His work is a steady diet of “fringe” area computer projects and has taken him to Mexico, South America, England, and Bahrain on various assignments. Steve is an avid sports participant playing sand volleyball about three nights a week. He also plays softball when time away from volleyball permits.

5. MICHAEL DAVID RICHINS b. 7 December 1965 in Mesa, Arizona, md MICHELLE STALLINGS 30 July 1987 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 30 August 1967 in Mesa, Arizona.

Michael went through the Mesa public schools before serving in the Oregon, Portland Mission from 1984-1986. He is a Customer Service Representative at America West Airlines and a Skycap at Sky Harbor Airport. In his spare time he works at stock and real estate investments.

Michelle is the daughter of Ted Sr. and Donna Evans Stallings, the second of five children: She went through the Mesa public schools and has made a career of raising wonderful children: She is a great mother, wife and homemaker.

Seven children: all born in Mesa, Arizona.

2. Lynsie Anne Richins, b. 12 June 1990.
5. Korby Camille Richins (identical twin), b. 1 October 1, 1996.
6. Kortney Colleen Richins (Identical twin), b. 1 October 1, 1996.
6. **KRISTEN CAMILLE RICHINS**, b. 6 July 1969 in Nuku’alofa, Tongatapu, Tonga while her father worked for the Church Schools there, md. DOUGLAS KHALIL BIRCH 16 April 1993 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 4 October 1970 in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia while his father was teaching in the American School there. Her family returned to the USA when she was 2 years old and she was raised in Mesa, Arizona. She attended Mesa public schools and Mesa Community College prior to serving a in the Washington, D.C. North Mission in Maryland from 1991-1992.

Douglas is the fourth of six children born to Dean and Aloma Jenkins Birch. During his growing up years he and his family have lived in Brazil, the Philippines, Ohio, Argentina and an Indian Reservation in Arizona. He served in the Brazil Curitiba Mission from February 1990 to 1992. He attended the California College of Podiatric Medicine in San Francisco and is currently working to complete his training as a podiatrist. Kristen is a mother and homemaker. They have three children:

3. **Jessica Joyce Birch**, b. 28 August 1998 in Walnut Creek, California.


She attended Mesa public schools and Arizona State University in Tempe, receiving a B.S. degree in Education. She taught first grade in Mesa for one year before moving to Vestal, New York.
Todd went through the Mesa schools before serving in the Italy Catania Mission from 1990 to 1992. He attended Arizona State University, receiving a B.S. degree in Accounting. He is currently working as an accountant for IBM in Endicott, New York.

They have three children:
1. Jesse Todd Nevin, b. 7 December 1994 in Mesa, Arizona.
2. Sadey Rose Nevin, b. 20 June 1996 in Mesa, Arizona.

8. KEVIN SCOTT RICHINS, b. 24 March 1977 in Mesa, Arizona, md. ANDREA HOPE SWAINHART 1 August 1998 in Mesa, Arizona. She was b. 18 June 1978 in Mesa, Arizona.

He went through the Mesa public schools before pursuing his interest in computers. He works as a computer technician for State Farm Mutual. Andrea attended Mesa schools and worked as Office Manager for Truly Nolan Exterminating Co. She is the youngest of four daughters born to Gary and Alice Espinoza Swinehart.

One daughter:
1. Hallie Marie Richins, b. 22 June 2000 in Mesa, Arizona.
VIVIAN ELIZABETH MORTENSEN, b. 13 June 1895 in Eastdale, Colorado, md. WILLIAM EDGAR GARDNER 6 October 1920 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 11 June 1884, Snowflake, Arizona.

Vivian’s birth was a very happy event because just before she was born, a very brief illness took the life of her beloved brother, Junie, leaving Vivian and her older sister, Edith, to complete the family unit. Both Edith and Vivian loved and respected their parents very much, that love being reciprocated many times over. Their home demonstrated a sweet spirit, and because of their expressed devotion to one another, others were comfortable in their presence and impressed with their lifestyle.

Edith grew up observing closely the homemaking skills their mother possessed. Edith and Vivian, indeed, knew what a tidy home was for their mother was a fastidious housekeeper as well as an excellent cook. Edith was a student of her mother in this area and also became skilled in creating articles of clothing and handiwork. Not that Vivian didn’t do her share of household chores, but she preferred tagging along with their father, Ephraim, whom she adored. Vivian loved being out-of-doors and was more than willing to help milk the cows and work in their garden. As a bonus, their father would often take her with him for a few days while he herded sheep or chopped and gathered wood as the need arose. Bad weather conditions were apparently not a deterrent on these outings, and all that mattered to her was being with her father.

When Vivian was very young, Great-grandfather Mortensen was in the bishopric, and she was happiest when she could sit by his side or on his lap during the course of a meeting. At times it was hard for Vivian to be reverent, but her father allowed her this privilege anyhow. A special love and bond remained with them until he died in 1949.

In 1911 Vivian Elizabeth came to Mesa, Arizona, where she worked several years in the telephone office and then in a drygoods store. In 1920 she went back to the telephone company as chief operator and worked in that capacity for nine months when she met William Edgar Gardner. He and a friend saw this beautiful young woman walking down the street in front of the Toggery, and he boldly stated that she was the girl he would marry. After a short courtship they traveled by train to Salt Lake City and were sealed for time and all eternity.

Vivian was always active in Church and community affairs. When her children were young and attending Primary, she was a teacher in this organization so that she could attend with them. As they outgrew Primary, Relief Society became her focus of attention where she served for many years with diligence and humility. She was also secretary for the Daughters of Utah Pioneers for a time.
Ed could “fiddle with the best of them!” Many an evening was spent playing for square dances, with Veon at the piano chording along at a fast pace. Vivian had a great love and appreciation of music, which is understandable inasmuch as her childhood was filled with music in the home. Her mother, Elizabeth Ann, was musically inclined and sang in quartets and with the Singing Mothers for years, as did Vivian. When she was home, the radio was always on. Many an artist was unaware that his/her song was sung in harmony with Vivian. If a particular favorite was being sung or played, she would simply stop what she was doing and sit down and listen to the rendition.

William died August 10, 1947. Widowed at 52, Vivian lived a long period of time without a partner. However, she managed to keep occupied while serving others and getting involved in social activities. She filled a stake mission, a challenge for this reserved and relatively quiet woman, but she enjoyed the calling nevertheless. She also worked on the Election Board for many years. She has always been active in the Relief Society, and is now employed by the LDS Garment Industry.

Vivian worked several years at J.C. Penney Company. Some will remember her as the best clerk J.C. Penney ever had! Because of her sweet nature, people (especially Mexicans and Indians) would wait for her to provide assistance. She made many friends while enjoying this time in her life. Saturday nights were almost a ritual. Stores were open until 9 p.m. in those days, and Vivian worked from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m. Grandpa was always in front of the store to pick her up, and they would walk down the block to Wright’s to purchase groceries for the next week, spending about $5 or $6 dollars for several bags of supplies. The kids would get up Sunday morning to see what had been purchased, hoping to find a bunch of bananas or a coconut or two as a special treat!

One of the things Vivian enjoyed most was quilting, whether it was at Relief Society, in her own home, or in the home of one of her quilting group friends. Many a thimble flew, lots of visiting took place, and love and sisterhood prevailed at these get togethers. Potluck was the meal of the day, and many good recipes were exchanged and enjoyed.

Vivian Elizabeth was a soft spoken, modest, and very private individual who wouldn’t hurt a fly. Her children didn’t know what it was like to be yelled at, neither did they ever witness any cross exchanges between her and Grandpa Gardner. She was a good neighbor and practiced the Golden Rule at all times. “Unselfish” best describes Grandma, for she never considered her needs important and always was more attentive to the concerns of others.

It was almost comical to see a different side of Grandma as she watched her favorite soap operas each day. For her, the characters were real, and she could become very upset with their behavior as they conducted their lives in a manner
she felt was wrong! We also saw another side of her personality as she watched Del
or grandson Richard participate in the Eighth Ward softball games. She could get
as excited as the next person, and she thoroughly enjoyed being one of the specta-
tors at these summer events.

Grandma Gardner used to laugh a lot and was so pleasant to be around,
never complaining or expecting special treatment from anyone. She dearly loved
her grandchildren: We all remember her smiling face, but also remember when that
ready smile began to fade after a stroke. I think she was ready and eager to join
her husband and other family members on the other side of the veil. We all recog-
nize that she left behind a legacy of characteristics that all of us can emulate.
There are no bad memories of Vivian Elizabeth Mortensen Gardner, only good.

Vivian and Ed have four children:

1. **EDITH NAYDINE GARDNER**, b. 17 October 1921 in Snowflake, Arizona, md. THEO-
DORE CECIL DAY Jr. 2 June 1940 in the Arizona Temple [divorced]. He was b. 19
September 1920 in Mesa, Arizona. Two children:

   1. LESLIE ANN DAY, b. 26 March 1949 in Mesa, Arizona, md. JAMES DENNIS
   STARKS 20 October 1972 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 9 March 1950 in Mesa,
   Arizona. Five children:

      Dane Scott Smith 9 April 1994 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 22 October
      1967 in Safford, Arizona. Five children:
         1. Andrew Tate Aguirre-Smith, b. 14 July 1989 in Mesa, Arizona.
         4. Boyler Scott Smith, b. 27 May 27, 1995 in Mesa, Arizona.
   Webster 1 February 1997 in Gilbert, Arizona. He was b. 4 June 1972 in St.
   George, Utah. Two children:
      1. Megan Taylor Wakefield, b. 9 September 1994 in Chandler, Arizona.
      2. Peysen Riley Webster, b. 13 October 1997 in Mesa, Arizona.
   3. James Devin Starks, b. 9 March 1975 in Mesa, Arizona, md. Cami Season
   Slade 25 March 1994 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 5 May 1974 in Mesa,
   Arizona. Two children:
   4. Taryn Marie Starks, b. 7 October 1977 in Mesa, Arizona.
   5. Bryce Aaron Starks, b. 27 August 1980 in Mesa, Arizona.
2. **RICHARD DELWYN DAY**, b. 30 December 1948 in Mesa, Arizona, md. PATRICIA JO LYNN 9 June 1972 [divorced]. She was b. 27 March 1952 in Waterloo, Iowa.

**Richard Delwyn Day** md. second DEBRA THURGOOD 4 May 1979 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 10 July 1952 in Ogden, Utah. Three children:

2. Derek Day, b. 18 September 1982 in Flagstaff, Arizona.

2. **GUY MORTENSEN GARDNER**, b. 10 July 1923 in Snowflake, Arizona, md. AFTON PENROD 6 October 1947 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 9 February 1929 in McNary, Arizona. Five children:

1. **GUY EDD GARDNER**, b. 21 January 1951 in Mesa, Arizona, md. VALLERIE JEANNE LAX 31 August 1979 in Mesa, Arizona. She was b. 15 March 1955 in Chicago, Illinois. Five children:
   3. Alisha Carrie Gardner, b. 23 September 1980 in Mesa, Arizona.

2. RONALD GARTH GARDNER, b. 11 March 1953 in Mesa, Arizona, md. CYNTHIA FAYE HALTON 4 August 1978 in the Arizona Temple [divorced]. She was b. 14 August 1955 in Landstuhl, Palatinate, West Germany. Five children:

1. Ronald Stacy Gardner, b. 23 October 1979 in Mesa, Arizona.
2. Schevon Afton Gardner, b. 5 May 1981 in Mesa, Arizona.
3. Valynn Amber Gardner, b. 16 March 1983 in Mesa, Arizona.
4. Caitlin Maye Gardner, b. 16 September 1986 in Mesa, Arizona.
5. Ryson Keith Gardner, b. 24 October 1987 in Mesa, Arizona.


4. **HOWARD LANCE GARDNER**, b. 9 August 1959 in Mesa, Arizona, md. MARTHA ANN EBERLE 24 March 1990 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 20 October 1954 in Butler, Pennsylvania. Two children:

2. Dillon Tanner Gardner, b. 28 April 1994 in Mesa, Arizona.

5. **LISA ELIZABETH GARDNER**, b. 27 April 1963 in Mesa, Arizona, md. DANIEL ELIJAH DEWITT 7 September 1985 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 7 December 1962 in Mesa, Arizona. Five children:

2. Chelsi Elizabeth Dewitt, b. 27 April 1988 in Mesa, Arizona.
3. Lisa Capri Dewitt, b. 17 August 1989 in Mesa, Arizona.
3. DORIS VEON GARDNER, b. 2 August 1926 in Mesa, Arizona, md. WAYNE JULIUS PETERSON 21 October 1944 in Mesa, Arizona. They were sealed ____________ in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 1 September 1926 in Mesa, Arizona. Two children:

1. DENNIS WAYNE PETERSON, b. 8 October 1945 in Tempe, Arizona, md. MARIE BETH BUNNELL 30 August 1968 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b. 28 August 1945 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Four children:
      1. Brielle Peterson, b. 7 October 1995 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

2. GAIL DWIGHT PETERSON b. 6 December 1952 in Salem, Oregon, md. JENNIFER DOROTHY LINDGREN 1 September 1977 in the Oakland Temple, California. She was b. 9 August 1958 in Spokane, Washington. Four children:
   1. Aaron Wayne Peterson, b. 25 January 1979 in Salt Lake City, Utah.
   3. Melissa Mae Peterson, b. 8 March 1982 in Salt Lake City, Utah.
   4. Elise McKenna Peterson, b. 26 September 1987 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

4. DELWIN ALFRED GARDNER, b. 24 July 1930 in Mesa, Arizona, md. LARAE JEAN ANDRE 16 March 1952 [divorced]. She was b. 6 February 1931. Delwin d. 9 March 1996 in Mesa, Arizona. One child:

1. ROY ANDRE GARDNER, b. 20 December 1952 in Tucson, Arizona.

Delwin Alfred Gardner md. second DEANNE DEWITT 16 January 1959 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 20 January 1938 in Mesa, Arizona. Three children:

1. MARCY GARDNER, b. 19 September 1960 in Mesa, Arizona, md. RODNEY LUCAS BARTLETT 26 March 1982 (divorced). He was b. 22 April 1954. One child:
   1. Tatum Bartlett, b. 22 September 1982 in Mesa, Arizona.

Marcy Gardner md. second STEVEN DALE YOUTSEY 31 May 1984 in Phoenix [divorced]. He was b. 15 September 1958. One child:
   1. ______________ Youtsey.

Marcy Gardner md. third MARK GREGORY SETLOW 15 October 1997. He was b. 9 March 1956 in Alameda, California.
2. BRENT DEWITT GARDNER, b. 10 October 1961 in Mesa, Arizona, md. DINA MARIE DARGER 13 April 1984. Five children:  
1. Dustin Dewitt Gardner, b. 23 October 1985 in Mesa, Arizona.  
2. Brienna Lee Gardner, b. 28 February 1988 in Mesa, Arizona.  
3. Danielle Nicole Gardner, b. 1 August 1989 in Mesa, Arizona.  
4. Braydon Scott Gardner, b. 16 October 1990 in Mesa, Arizona.  
5. Bailey Rae Gardner, b. 2 February 1998 in Mesa, Arizona.  

3. DIRK ALLAN GARDNER, b. 15 October 1965 in Salt Lake City, Utah, md. SHARLA RAE WILLIAM 27 December 1988. She was b. 7 August 1967. Three children:  
1. Emmi Mikelle Gardner, b. 11 October 1990.  
3. Sam Allan Gardner, b. 20 September 1996.  

3A3 ANDERS MORTENSEN, b. 25 March 1862 in Parowan, Utah, bpt. 24 April 1875, md. SINA CAROLINE HEISALT 1 October 1886 in the Logan Temple by Apostle Merriner W. Merrill. She was b. 19 January 1868 in Pleasant Grove, Utah, bpt. 9 September 1886. Her parents were Hans C. and Larsene Larson Heiselt.  

SETTLING THE SAN LUIS VALLEY  

During the winter of 1883-1884, I (Anders Mortensen) attended the Brigham Young Academy at Provo, Utah, under Karl G. Maeser. After returning from Provo, Ephraim and I decided to go to the San Luis Valley, Colorado, for the purpose of making our future home there. We left Parowan April 22, 1884, in company with William C. McGregor, Junior and William Lyman of Parowan and others. When we reached Bluff City, San Juan, Utah, we found the water so high in the San Juan River we were compelled to stay there a month.  

Peter Mickelsen of Bluff City accompanied us to San Luis Valley, arriving at Manassa, Colorado, July 4, 1884. We spent the summer hauling timber from the west mountains. We purchased an interest in a threshing machine with Soren C. Burthelson, and worked at this for the fall season.  

On the night of October 13, Peter, Ephraim, and I, Anders, were together on the La Jara, west of Richfield, but we could not sleep, and wondered why. The morning of the 14th, we received a telegram that our father had passed away at home in Parowan, October 13, 1884. I was not married and my mother requested that I return to Parowan, which I did at once. I arrived at Parowan on October 17, 1884, two days after my father had been buried. He died at the age of 51 years and 22 days. Soon I went north into the small range of hills and quarried out two nice sandstone slabs suitable for headstones. I gave the largest one to Thomas Hickman plus about $2.00 to smooth and shape the other one as a tombstone for Father’s grave which still stands there.
After my father Ander’s death, all the family decided to sell the home at Parowan and move to the San Luis Valley, Colorado. After selling the land and home property during the winter of 1884 and 1885, arrangements were made to move the family. Ephraim, one of my brothers, came from Colorado to help move the family out there. On May 20, 1885, mother Christine, and her youngest son, Alma, and Aunt Elmina and her youngest son, Hemming, went by train to Manassa, Colorado.

On May 23, 1885, the rest of the family started for Colorado by teams and wagons. We reached the San Luis Valley July 14, 1885, a distance of 600 miles, with very poor roads and poor feed and water most of the way. When we arrived in Manassa, Colorado, we first heard that Aunt Wilhelmina had died on July 8, 1885, from the effects of a cancer of the throat. She had suffered terribly before she passed away. The Lord in his kindness had taken her out of this suffering world.

Aunt Wilhelmina was a very faithful and devoted Latter-day Saint, true to every trust and met life’s ills without finding fault. Her nature was to be rather proud, or self-confident, that her station or calling in life was equal to the best, though she was afflicted with rheumatism, her hands and feet were drawn out of shape from the severe pain that accompanied the rheumatism. She had a great many friends.

For a time her four children made their home with my mother and myself, as I had been appointed guardian of both families at the suggestion of Aunt Wilhelmina. I tried to fill this appointment with honor and honesty, and I think all concerned were very satisfied.

We first settled in Richfield. When the town of Sanford was started, we moved there with the first of those who settled in that place. My older brothers and I, and cousin Francis Marion Mortensen played music for most of the dances in that part of the country. Naturally we had an easy time becoming acquainted with the young people.

COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE

It was at a dance in Ephraim that I first met Sina C. Heisalt. We became quite friendly. No particular romance, but a friendly meeting which became more friendly each time we met. We decided to become partners for life. My sister Mary was married to William Orson Crowther at the same time and place. We attended the conference at Salt Lake City. After returning home, we made our home at Sanford, Colorado.

Ephraim and I arranged to buy 2000 acres of land east of Manassa, from an English company, the United States Freehold Land and Emigration Company. This
was for a colony of about twenty families. The Land was located on the Costilla Creek bottom west of Costilla town. We established the town of Eastdale and built a reservoir that was a wonderful help for irrigating the land. At the time we made considerable success of the undertaking.

MISSION TO SOUTHERN STATES

During the summer of 1900, I received a call to go on a mission to the Southern States. As I was preparing to start for the south in October 1900, my wife’s mother, Larsena Heiselt, suddenly became very ill and died on 17 December 1900. She had been very poor for a number of years. It left a feeling of sadness in and around the home. She had been and was a noble wife and mother, very devoted to prayers, in attending meeting, and all church duties. At her death she left her husband, Hans C. Heiselt, and four daughters: Annie, Mariah, Sina C., my wife, and Mary E.

I started on my mission December 20, 1900, for North Carolina, where I labored four months. I was transferred to Richmond, Virginia, to preside over the Virginia Conference until released by President Ben E. Rich the latter part of 1902. I had a great pleasure of uniting 45 persons to the church by baptism, some very faithful souls.

An incident which happened at the close of the first conference is worth mentioning. After the elders had received their appointments of labor, as a final goodbye and hand shake, all forty-five elders were standing together in a row. I was standing in front giving a little advice and encouragement to them before separating. I looked each one in the eye as I scanned over the entire group of very fine young men. As I came to one stalwart looking elder and looked into his face his countenance rather fell and the Lord spoke to me and said, “This elder is guilty of adultery.” I was somewhat startled and looked him straight in the eye again, then passed on and bade them all goodbye with the Lord’s blessing.

The first week’s report came in one week. In reading that elder’s report the same testimony came to me. I said “I will visit him at the end of the following week.” In approaching the home where we sent their mail, the elder saw me coming and told his companion to stay at the house and he came to meet me. His first words were, “I know why you have come, and it is true. I know the Lord revealed it to you when you were giving counsel to us just before leaving the conference. When you looked at me I knew the Lord revealed to you that I was in transgression.”

I said, “Yes, He did. That is why I have come to see you. Now tell me all about it.” He then told me in detail, and said, “I have not had the spirit of my mission one minute since I came out here, shall I go home?” His voice failed and he could not speak, so I told him to wait until morning and I would give him an
answer.

When morning came I took him and we strolled off together. We had prayer, then I told him what to do, and said, “If you will do it, I promise you that you will receive the spirit of your mission.” The finish of the counsel was to be true in every walk of life, and when he returned home to marry the girl.

I wrote a personal letter to President Ben E. Rich, and told him the whole happening. President Rich wrote a letter back, and this is part of what he said:

“I thank God that there are still some men in the church who want to save men, though they step aside from the path of virtue. I also thank the Lord for the great principle of repentance. If you had sent that elder home, he would have gone to Hell, and would have been an outcast, a broken-hearted and disappointed man. As you in your heart being the President of the Conference, having the inspiration and the right so to do, you gave him another chance through his sincere repentance, so our Heavenly Father still forgave him and the mistake will not be heralded from the housetops.”

I was perfectly sure that I was right in deciding to do what I did, for the same spirit prompted the decision that had told me he was in adultery. It made me feel better when such an answer from the President of the Mission came to me, endorsing all that I had done, with the blessing of the Lord sealed on me for doing so.

After twenty-five years, I met the elder as I was attending conference in Salt Lake City. He walked thirty miles to see me and took me to his home. When we entered the house I saw a beautiful woman, a mother of ten children: The elder said, “This is the girl. I have done everything you told me to do.”

I have thanked the Lord many times for his guiding hand and spirit of truth, and thank Him that He gave me the spirit of love which helped that man all through his life. A beautiful theme to keep in mind is: “Have I done any good in the world today, if not I have failed indeed.” I love the great principle of repentance and forgiveness that will follow, turning away from sin. I am more thankful that our Heavenly Father is big enough to see and understand that we are in an imperfect world, that we, as His children: are imperfect. For as God is, it is possible for man to become, by doing the works that He did.

My only object or desire in reflecting on the foregoing is to point out the necessity of living, acting, saying, and doing the things that always point upward and onward to a higher state of living.

MOVE TO MESA
Soon after I returned from my mission, I purchased an interest in a sawmill in the Conejos Canyon. We would spend most of the winter in cutting and hauling logs to the mill. For two winters I did this kind of work very unwisely and contracted a very bad cold which settled in my bronchial tubes, which caused great choking spells to overtake me, causing the agony of death over and over. Finally we spent about everything we had paying doctors which did not seem to do any good.

Brother Francis M. Lyman and John Henry Smith came to Manassa about March 1 to attend conference. I asked them to administer to me, which they did. Brother Lyman, during the anointing, said, “Brother Mortensen, if you abide in the faith you shall be healed and made well every whit.” Then Brother Smith sealed and confirmed the blessing with wonderful faith and power.

Then Brother Lyman said, “I think it would be well for you to move to a lower warm country.” So in about two weeks from that time, on March 15, 1906, my wife and I started for Mesa, Arizona. We arrived there on March 18 and stayed more than three months. I improved so much that we made arrangements to buy forty acres of land there, then returned home and sold our holdings in Eastdale for almost nothing. We took two teams of horses and wagons and arrived in Mesa October 14, 1906.

In the latter part of 1907, my mother Christina Mortensen, came to make her home with us and continued to live with us until her death June 11, 1910, at the age of 76 years, 6 months, and 15 days. My wife, Sina C. Mortensen, waited on her with as much feeling and tenderness as if it had been her own mother. In fact they trusted each other as mother and daughter. Mother promised Sina many blessings for her kindness to her.

MISSIONARY AT MESA TEMPLE

I, Anders, was set apart by the presidency of the Maricopa Stake as a missionary to labor around the Mesa Temple before it was dedicated in 1927. I spent the greater part of two-and-a-half years doing such missionary work. To me that was a great experience, meeting all classes of people from all parts of the world. There were about 200,000 registered as visitors to the Temple during the time before it was dedicated.

On one occasion a couple came about sun down one evening to go through. They belonged to the Catholic Church. They were in a great hurry to go through. They came just as we were ready to leave for the day, but I consented to stay to take them through. When they saw the beautiful rooms and heard the explanation, they said, “Please don’t hurry, we want to hear the principles taught here.” They became so interested that we spent three hours, though they had fifty miles to go,
they said they would rather travel all night than miss this visit.

Another time there were about forty-five in a group from California. They were of a very high-minded class, some of them very selfish. A very fine dressed man who seemed to be a leader, at least he would ask a great many questions, after we reached the second room he said, in a tone that was not very refined, “How about Brigham Young and polygamy?”

I told them they were invited to hear what we taught in the Temple to visitors and that polygamy was not a principle that was taught now. Then when we reached the third room, he said again, “We want to know about your polygamy.” After each question he would look at his group and bow, with an unpleasant smile on his lips. At this time I said to him, “As a leader of your company, you undoubtedly are a religious man and a very devout Christian.”

“Yes, sir, I claim to be such,” was the reply. “Then,” I said, “What do you think of the Savior?” He said, “Oh, He was the Christ.” “Do you think He always spoke the truth?” “Oh, yes, by all means.” “Then do you think He would hold men as great teachers who were corrupt men morally?” “No, indeed not,” was the answer. “Then,” I said, “what do you think of Abraham and Jacob? The Savior held them up as great teachers and an example to all men. They were recognized as suitable for His Father’s Kingdom.”

“Oh, they were recognized as the fathers of the faithful,” he said. “Now, please, tell this group of people what extra work they did and the manner of their living that gave that great distinction, as recognized by the Great Master?” At this question he began to step backward and began to get weak in the knees, whereupon one of the group said, “Oh, we better not ask any more questions. Let’s go on through.”

I said, “Since you have brought up the subject, now, let us go just a little further, for the outstanding features of their whole lives was the fact that they reared very large families by plural wives and promised by God that their descendants were to be the means of blessing mankind in all the earth, and Christ, the Son of God, was an offspring of these very families. If God is the same yesterday and forever, why could he not direct prophets in later times to live the laws and practice the same principles?” They had no questions.

After this query we had the most lovely time that could be had. This leader did not say any more until we reached the door, ready to go out of the Temple. When I offered them some of our tracts, he said, “I don’t think I will read any of them, I am afraid I will believe them.” All of the rest took different tracts, most all of them said, “We believe it right now.” They stayed at the door asking questions for another hour. After they went out to their cars, about a dozen came back and
asked me to go out to their cars and answer some more questions. Which I did.

After spending nearly another hour, they finally shook hands and left with all the blessings they could speak of, and said that was the happiest time of their lives. So we bade goodbye.

The dedication of the Temple was a most enjoyable time. All the general authorities of the Church were here and all spoke, which was broadcast to the world. The different choirs of the stake in the temple district did the singing. I was set apart as one of the workers in the Temple by George Albert Smith and worked the first year.

We owed some money on our home. I then was offered a position in the Superior Court for Judge Joseph Jenckes’ division which I accepted. I was fortunate enough to pay all our debts for which I am very thankful.

Our record would not be complete without stating the work done in the Temple by Sina C. Mortensen. The first year that the Temple was open and work being done in it, she did the laundry work. The second year she and Jane Johnson did the janitor work. The next year, President Udall set her apart as an ordinance worker. She has worked as an ordinance worker continuously since. She has taken a delight in doing her part as near perfect as it could be done. She always is on time and ready to do what ever part is assigned to her, striving to sustain and support those in charge.

Our eight children:

3A3-1 SINA MEDA MORTENSEN, b. 9 September 1887 in Sanford, Colorado, bpt. 9 September 1895 by Anders Mortensen, md. GEORGE EDGAR BEST 18 May 1910. He was b. 3 July 1886. Sina d. 29 March 1942 in Phoenix, Arizona. Four children:

1. GEORGE KENNETH BEST, b. 25 September 1911 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 25 September 1919 by Joseph Anders Mortensen, md. JULIA WRIGHT.

2. DEAN BEST [twin], b. and d. the same day in February 1925.

3. JEAN BEST [twin], b. and d. the same day in February 1925.

4. RICHARD EDGAR BEST, b. 21 September 1926 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 3 October 1934 by Anders Mortensen, md. ALICE DOUGLAS. She was b. 29 October 1926.

3A3-2 JOSEPH ANDERS MORTENSEN, b. 12 December 1889 in Sanford,
Colorado, bpt. 3 April 1898 by Christian Jensen. He was ordained an elder 20 February 1918, md. SUSIE MAE PORRITT 20 February 1918 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b. 14 February 1894 in Clifton, Idaho, d. 23 September 1972. Joseph d. 10 November 1978 in Mesa, Arizona.

Joseph Anders Mortensen md. second HAZEL BRINKERHOFF. She was b. in 1889.

Joseph Anders Mortensen’s parents, of pioneer stock, moved their family to Mesa, Arizona, in 1906 because of the father’s health. At the age of seventeen, Joe was a young man, “almost on his own.” He attended both grade and high schools in Colorado, and one year of college at BYU in Provo, Utah. From 1914 until 1916 he served in the Southern States Mission. He spent most of his two years in the state of Georgia. Apostle Charles A. Callis was president of the mission at that time. Joe was released at the conference in Atlanta, Georgia, in June of 1916. At this same conference he met Susie Mae Porritt, also a missionary, from Clifton, Idaho, who later became his wife.

Back in Mesa, Joe worked at the LeSueur Grocery Store until September 1917 when he entered military service during World War One. On his first furlough, during February of 1918, he went to Clifton, Idaho, and married Susie Mae Porritt. A week later he returned to Camp Funston, Kansas. On May 21, 1918, he sailed for South Hampton, England, then to St. Helen, France. On July 1, he was sent to the front lines. He fought in the battles of St. Michael, Benney Woods, Verdun, Sedan, and Muse Orgian. On November 11, 1918, he was sent to Germany with the Army of Occupation where he remained until May 20, 1919, when he returned to New York, then to Fort Russell in Wyoming, where he was discharged on June 4, 1919. Joe had been gassed during this time and had no sense of smell from that time on.

He joined his wife Mae in Clifton, Idaho. After visiting in Clifton for a month, they returned to Mesa, Arizona, where Joe again worked in the LeSueur Grocery for two or three months, leaving it to go to the farm. He and his father, his brother Azel, his sister Meda and her husband George Best, farmed for several years south of Tolleson, Arizona. Joe also raised cattle during this time. Joe and his wife attended church in Phoenix where there was only one ward at that time.

In 1929 he sold his ranch and the family moved to Phoenix with their five children: Joe went into partnership in a grocery store. The partner ran the meat department and Joe the grocery store part. This business was lost and in 1935 he went into the building business, building large smelters at Morenci and Douglas, Arizona; houses and churches in the Phoenix area and in Yuma, Arizona.

In 1947 Joe built a new home at 1989 E. Yale St., which was their family
home until 1969 when it was sold

In July of 1956, Joe Mortensen and Mae were called by the church to go to Hawaii to help build the Church College. They remained there until the spring of 1959, almost three years. It was a glorious experience. In 1961, at the age of 72, Joe was working on the Phoenix 14th Ward Building when he fell off the roof and landed in a pile of cement block. He had a little cut and a little bruising, otherwise, he was just fine. Not one broken bone.

In August 1962, Joe and Mae were called by the church to build in Central America. They were met at their destination by Bro. and Sr. Virge Butler, the superintendent of Central American Missions. After a two-day rest, they were taken to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, where Bro. Mortensen and his eight to ten labor missionary young men completed a lovely chapel. Bro. Earl Echols had had the construction of this chapel well on its way, but because of poor health was forced to abandon it and return to California.

As Mae wrote: “We met many wonderful people, and made many new friends.” When the work was through, a thanksgiving service and banquet were held the last week of May 1963. Many joined the church there when they saw the fine work being done by the membership. Some of the U S. Embassy members took part in the program and many of the business people attended the thanksgiving service. A non-member orchestra consisting of three brothers and two sisters took part in the program and later joined the church. (When Apostle Romney came to Central America in November 1963, Joe and Mae flew back for the dedication.)
On June 1, 1963, the Mortensens were transferred from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, to San Jose, Costa Rica, to build another church building. The architect and his wife, Bro. and Sr. Afrado Leon, were at the airport to see them off, as were many of the members, elders and lady missionaries. Joe asked Bro. Leon what the charge would be for the church to use his plane again. He replied, “No charge, use all you like!”

In Costa Rica they stayed at the Royal Dutch Hotel for two weeks, then the Lincoln Apartments, and finally a nice home across from where the new church was to be built. With the building well on the way, they received word from Superintendent B. de St Jeor in Guatemala that he would need Joe in Guatemala City. “Bro. and Sr. Feit, of Chandler, Arizona, came to take our place,” Mae tells us, “and on September 27, 1963, we flew to Guatemala City. Bro. and Sr. B. de St. Jeor met us and took us to the Biltmore Hotel near their apartment and the Central American Building Office. In eighteen days, we moved into a lovely home near the building lot in Zone 7, for Branch 4. In November we attended the dedication of the new Quezaltenango Church Building, also the new building at Santa Anna, El Salvador.

On January 5 Bro. and Sr. Dyke Walton of Salt Lake City, and Bro. and Sr. Virge Butler of Mexico City, called a building superintendents’ meeting in Guatemala City. Bro. and Sr. Walton spent Sunday and Monday with us and mentioned that next week they would be in Mesa, Arizona. We asked them to visit Joe’s mother, Sina Mortensen, age 96, who had recently been released from the hospital, the result of a fall. They did visit Mother” and as a result of this visit, we received word from Bro. Walton the following Monday that we were to go home. We left Guatemala City by plane on January 30, 1964, at 5:30 p.m. We took care of Joe’s mother until her death on June 1, 1965. She was buried next to her eternal companion, Anders, who had passed away in 1943.

On April 30, 1964, we moved from our home in Phoenix to 123 East 1st Street, Mesa, Arizona, and are now engaged in building a lovely building for the Mesa 16th and 20th wards and the Maricopa Stake — at 845 North Westwood, in the northwest part of Mesa At present we have four labor missionaries to help us. The members of the wards are turning out very well. Forty-four members this morning, June 29, 1964, at 5:00 a.m.

At the time of Mae’s passing in 1972 she had fourteen grandchildren: five great-grandchildren with two more on the way. Needless to say, this population explosion has not stopped. At the time of this writing their posterity numbers six children: fourteen grandchildren: twenty-nine great-grandchildren: and eighteen
great-great-grandchildren:

Joe passed away one month short of his 89th birthday. He remained healthy and on the go until September 1978 when he “just didn’t feel good.” He had pancreatic cancer. He was able to hear about his eighth great-grandchild’s birth just two days before his death. He was buried next to Mae, his eternal companion, in the Mesa Cemetery, November 14, 1978, with full military honors.

Both Joe and Mae filled their lives with church works and love for all mankind. Mae worked in the temple until her death, and Joe worked until they released him because of his age. That was really a sad day for him, for he enjoyed it more than anything else he did. They truly were and still are “children of God.”

Their six children:

1. **CLAUDE JOSEPH MORTENSEN**, b. 10 April 1920 in Tolleson, Arizona, bpt. in 1928 by J. Ruddy, md. KARRYE BERGER 10 June 1943 in San Antonio, Texas. She was b. in Sequin, Texas, and d. in 1961 or ’62 in San Antonio, Texas. Claude d. 8 July 2000 in Phoenix, Arizona. No children:

   Claude graduated from Phoenix Union High School and enlisted in the Army Air Force July 23, 1941. Claude retired from the military after twenty-one years and four months and he and Pauline moved to Phoenix, Arizona. Claude worked at odd jobs until he got on with the post office. Here he worked for 20 years, then retired. Claude is now a diesel engineer.

   **Claude Joseph Mortensen** md. second VIRGINIA PAULINE NORTON October 1962 in Waco, Texas. She was b. in Ardmore, Oklahoma, d. in January 1988. Two daughters:

   1. **TERRI LYNN MORTENSEN** [adopted], b. 30 June 1960 in Santa Rosa, California, md. JAMES CLARKE in Phoenix, Arizona in 1990.

   2. **BRENDA JO MORTENSEN**, b. 15 September 1963 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. SAM WOODWARD in 1985. Four sons:


2. **ELDON DELON MORTENSEN**, b. 13 December 1921, bpt. 4 January 1930 by Anders Mortensen, md. DOROTHY GENE FAUCHIER 22 August 1943 in Enid, Oklahoma. She was b. 24 November 1923 in Medford, Oklahoma.

   Eldon graduated from Phoenix High School and finished two years at Phoenix Junior College. He joined the Army Air Corps January 1942. He graduated from Cadet School in September of 1942 with high honors. He was in the service of his country for
almost thirty years. He retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel July 31, 1971.

Two daughters:

1. **JANET MAE MORTENSEN**, b. 30 January 1945 in Enid, Oklahoma, md. OTIS BERNARD LATOUR JR. 13 April 1973 in Las Vegas, Nevada [divorced]. No children:

   1. Lisa Charene Howard, b. 15 December 1968 in Canoga Park, California, md. Robert Showers. Two boys:
      1. Jordan Lee Showers, b. 4 March 1987 in Mesa, Arizona.
   2. Nicole Lynn Howard, b. 6 November 1974 in Thousand Oaks, California. She was killed April 13, 1987 in Mesa, Arizona, when a truck struck and crushed her on the way to school.


   He attended high school and took up the trade of carpenter and is very proficient. He was drafted into the Army in March 1943. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium and was wounded in Frankfurt, Germany, and came home after a year in government hospitals. Three sons:

1. **DENNIS NEIL MORTENSEN**, b. 11 June 1947 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. first THERESA ____________.
   Dennis Neil Mortensen md. second, SUZANNA _________, b. in Germany.
   Dennis Neil Mortensen md. third, JO LYNN SHUMWAY, b. in Show Low, Arizona.
   Dennis Neil Mortensen md. fourth, AMY HUNTINGTON. No other record and no children.

2. **JOHN TERRELL MORTENSEN**, b. 23 June 1949 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. SHIRLEY ANNE MOTES 22 March 1969. She was b. 14 July 1951 in Ajo, Arizona. Two girls, both b. in Phoenix, Arizona:
   2. Kristy Sue Mortensen, b. 5 November 1972 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. Michael Louis Tauber 1 May 1991 in Phoenix, Arizona. He was b. 20 August 1972. Two boys:
3. **THOMAS ANDERS MORTENSEN**, b. 13 June 1951 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. TRACY LORRAINE MERIDETH January 1969 in Phoenix, Arizona. She was b. 13 October 1953. One son:

   1. **Jennifer Mortensen** [adopted], b. 3 August 1988 in Phoenix, Arizona.

**Jeremy John Mortensen** md. second Frances ___________ and had a daughter.


**Thomas Anders Mortensen** md. second CHERYL BUTLER. One child:


**Thomas Anders Mortensen** md. third CARIL LYNN PATTERSON 12 October 1996 in Show Low, Arizona. She was b. 18 May 1961 in Frankfurt, Germany. One child:

1. **Britney Marie Mortensen**, b. 1 January 1999 in Show Low, Arizona.


   Zona attended two years at Phoenix Junior College. She was a very successful businesswoman and owned and ran the independent telephone company in Salome and Quartzsite, Arizona. Two sons:

1. **JAMES ANDERS SMITH**, b. 4 May 1950 in Blythe, California, md. BARBARA _________ in 1978 in Quartzsite, Arizona. Three daughters:

2. **WILLIAM JEFFREY SMITH**, b. 15 September 1952 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. SANDY MORGAN in 1980. Two children:
   1. **Megan Smith**, b. April 1981 in Phoenix, Arizona. Two sons:

**William Jeffrey Smith** md. second LAURA FRIEDLE.

**Zona Mae Mortensen** md. second LEROY KAMRAR in 1960 in Blythe, California. He was born in 1900 in Nebraska and died January 1983 in Phoenix, Arizona. No children:

5. **LYLE PORRITT MORTENSEN**, b. 5 March 1929 in Tolleson, Arizona, bpt. by Claude Mortensen, 5 June 1939, md. JOYCE LORENE DOTSON (PYLANT) 14 November 1960 in Phoenix, Arizona. He lives in Phoenix, and has followed in his father’s and brother Robert’s footsteps in the building trade.

Agnes lives on a ranch in Apache Co., Arizona, since 1996. She retired after working almost thirty-four years in the accounting field, the last twenty-two years for a CPA firm in Phoenix, Arizona. All of Agnes’ children: as well as Kari Michelle, her first grandchild, were baptized and confirmed by their grandfather and great-grandfather, Joseph Anders Mortensen.

Agnes June Mortensen md. second JOHN ALAN McDOWELL 30 January 1952 in Las Vegas, Nevada. John adopted Candace Mae. Five children:

1. CANDACE MAE McDOWELL, b. 9 October 1951 in Phoenix, Arizona, [adopted in 1956], bpt. 4 August 1962, md. JAMES FREDERICK HINDS 10 October 1968 [divorced]. One daughter:

Kari Michelle Hinds md. second Timothy J. Bunker 30 May 1991 in Phoenix, Arizona. Two daughters:

Candace Mae McDowell md. second BRUCE BARRETT KNIGHT Sr. 10 November 1971. He was b. 22 December 1947 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Two children:
   1. Bruce Barrett Knight II, b. 17 September 1971 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. Rebecca L. Ellison 12 October 1996 in Mountain Home, Arkansas [divorced]. She was b. 4 October 1974 in Missouri. They moved to the ranch in Apache Co., Arizona in May 1997. One son:
      1. Bailey Alan Knight, b. 10 October 1997 in Show Low, Arizona.

Bruce Barrett Knight II md. second __________ Perez, 25 July 2002 in Springville, Arizona. She was b. 27 March 1955 in Springville, Arizona.
   2. Lara Cheree Knight, b. 20 December 1972 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. Christopher Pietrangeli July 1999 in Las Vegas [divorced]. Lara lives in Phoenix. One son:

Candace Mae McDowell md. third ELDON WAYNE SMITH 1 April 1978 in Escondido, California [divorced]. Two children:
   1. Mandy Lynn Smith, b. 21 March 1979 in Longview, Washington.
Candace Mae McDowell md. fourth HOWARD BRUCE SOMMER 7 May 1991 in Phoenix, Arizona. He was b. 1 February 1952 in Rexburg, Idaho, bpt. 30 April 1960. One son:


Candace is now living on a ranch in Apache Co., Arizona. She is a veterinarian technician and breeds horses.

2. DELON LOUISE McDOWELL, b. 29 January 1953 in San Jose, California, bpt. 4 August 1962, md. JACK WALTER WORKMAN 11 August 1973 in Phoenix, Arizona. He d. 6 June 1979 in Tucson, Arizona. No children:

Delon Louise McDowell md. second CHARLES ROGER DALRYMPLE 23 February 2002 in Tucson, Arizona. He was b. 22 January 1947 in Silent Springs, Missouri. They reside in Tucson, Arizona. Delon is a certified public accountant and works for Thomasville Furniture Store. Charles is a pharmacist.

3. TERESA McDOWELL, b. 3 August 1954 in San Jose, California, bpt. 4 August 1962, md. ALEX LOPEZ GARCIA 28 September 1973 in Phoenix, Arizona. Three sons:

1. Matthew William Garcia, b. 8 November 1978 in Phoenix, Arizona. Matthew and his partner, Partreri Sonia Martinez have three children:
2. Jacob Stephen Garcia, b. 20 January 1986. He lives with his mother and Mr. Duran in Ovieda, Florida.

Teresa McDowell md. second FRANK DURAN 3 July 1999 in Tucson, Arizona. He was b. 16 May 1952 in Tucson, Arizona.

3. JOHN ALAN McDOWELL, b. 9 November 1955 in San Jose, California, bpt. 1 August 1964, md. BENITA MARIE SAVORY 25 June 1989 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Nita d. 18 January 1999 in Edmond, Oklahoma. They have one son:


John Alan McDowell II and his partner Tammy Bonneville live in McKinney, Texas. John served six years in the Air Force. He is now a chief maintenance coordinator for one of the Texas Instrument buildings in the Dallas area.

4. LIESEL MARIE McDOWELL, b. 5 March 1969 in Phoenix, Arizona, bpt. 26 March 1977, md. MACARIO HERRERA CANDIA Jr. 28 April 1990. He was b. 31 May 1967 in Phoenix, Arizona. He is the assistant grocery manager for one of the Fry Markets. Liesel works for a CPA firm in Scottsdale, Arizona. Four children:


Those pictured in the family group on the following page (p. 1029) are as follows:

Children in front, beginning at left front, Ramon Joseph Candia, Riley Marie Candia, Brooke Bunker, Sydney Bunker, Rio Candia (Macario III), Joshua Alan Candia, Cody Mack Sommer, Selena Garcia, Damon Garcia, and Alicia Garcia

Behind children: starting at left, Frank Duran (in gray shirt), Terese McDowell Garcia Duran, Agnes Mortensen McDowell, Kari Hinds Bunker and Timothy Bunker, Delon McDowell Dalrymple and Chuck Dalrymple, Zachary Garcia and Brittany Hinds

Back row, starting with young man in gray tie, John Alan McDowell III, Tammy Bonneville, John Alan McDowell II, Macario Candia II, Liesel McDowell Candia, Mandy Smith, Adam Millard, Jacob Garcia, Lara Knight Millard, Matthew Garcia and Sonya Garcia
3A3-3 LOVINNA MAE MORTENSEN, b. 21 December 1891 in Sanford, Colorado, bpt. 21 December 1899, md. REN DEPRIEST, sealed in 1916. Lovinna d. 2 November 1918 in Mesa, Arizona.

3A3-4 DELBERT THATCHER MORTENSEN, b. 8 June 1894 in Eastdale, Colorado, bpt. 8 June 1902 by Ephraim Mortensen, md. GERTRUDE BROOKINS 24 December 1918 by Rev. Edwards in Peoria, Arizona. She was b. 9 June 1898 in Fort Morgan, Colorado, d. 5 January 1989 in Mesa, Arizona. Delbert d. 1 October 1959 in Mesa, Arizona.

Delbert was a very careful man in his transactions and labors. He was quite successful in his endeavors, a first-rate electrician. In working on one of the line poles about twenty feet above the ground, his foot slipped and in falling his left foot struck a cement curb completely crushing his left foot. The doctors worked very skillfully for more than a year and finally got it in shape so he could walk on it, but it was not like it was before breaking it. He spent the remainder of his working life engaged in farming and stock raising.

Gertrude and Delbert have one child:

1. LOIS MARY MORTENSEN, b. 18 September 1924 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 16 November 2000, graduated from Mesa Union High School in 1942, md. VINCENT GANN. He was b. 9 August 1920. Lois d. 28 May 1999 in El Cajon, California. She was employed at J.C. Penney’s in Mesa. Two children:

   1. DEBORAH GANN, b. 16 September 1949 in El Cajon, California, md. DAVID RAY LEADINGHAM [divorced]. He was b. 28 August 1948 in Florida. Two children:
      2. Lindsay Gann Leadingham, b. 29 December 1981 in San Diego, California.

   Deborah Gann md. second WILLIAM CARSTENS.

   2. DOROTHY GANN, b. 30 April 1953, md. ____________ EMERSON [divorced].
      One child:

3A3-5 LAURA LUCILLE MORTENSEN, b. 9 October 1896 at Eastdale, Colorado, bpt. by Anders Mortensen, 6 November 1904 and confirmed the same day by C. Jensen. Laura md. FRANCIS ROLLIE POMROY 23 September 1916 in Florence, Arizona, by Judge Westfall, sealed 6 September 1996 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 5 August 1893 in Mesa, Arizona. Laura d. 21 December 1964 in Mesa, Arizona. Two children:
1. LAURA NORENE POMROY, b. 1 November 1917, in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. by Anders Mortensen 6 December 1925, md. ROBERT AITCHISON TEMPLE.

2. FRANCIS ROLLIE POMROY Jr., b. 24 September 1925 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 30 September 1933, by Anders Mortensen, md. JUNE BELL, d. 19 October 1995 in Mesa, Arizona.


1. LOVINNA BUSH MORTENSEN, b. 19 February 1930 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 19 February 1938 by Anders Mortensen and confirmed the same day by William. O. Crowther.

2. AZEL JACK MORTENSEN, b. 10 August 1931, bpt. by Anders Mortensen. Azel has chosen the occupation of an electrician.

3. CLIFFORD THOMAS MORTENSEN, b. 4 May 1937 in Rocky Ford, Colorado. Clifford and family moved from Rock Springs, Wyoming, to Mesa, Arizona, in January 1939. He took up the vocation of auto repairing and bought a good garage. He did splendid work in this undertaking. He sold his repairing outfit and bought an auto supply house in a very desirable location in town, handling all kinds of parts for automobiles.

3A3-7 VIDELLA FERN MORTENSEN, b. 27 July 1903 in Eastdale, Colorado, bpt. 27 July 1911, by Ephraim Mortensen, md. LEDYARD WILCOX OTTO 10 July 1923 in Phoenix, Arizona, by Judge Struckmyre, sealed 19 April 2000 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 15 August 1894 in Osage, Iowa, bpt. 25 March 2000, d. 19 December 1963 in San Marino, California. Vidella d. 8 November 1998 in Irvine, California.

   Vidella was successful in her school work, music, playing the piano, and also in shorthand, typing and bookkeeping. Otto was a splendid school teacher and successful in all of his undertakings. He was manager for the Citrus Growers for several years. He was the manager of a branch of the Federal Bank in Los Angeles, California.

3A3-8 CLIFFORD HANS MORTENSEN, b. 10 August 1906 in Eastdale, Colorado, bpt. 10 August 1914, md. LILLIAN WORTHINGTON 15 August 1928 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b. 30 March 1905 in Nephi, Utah, bpt. 7 September 1913, d. 1 May 1935 in Spanish Fork, Utah. Clifford d. 18 April 1953 in Mesa, Arizona. Two children:
1. COLLEEN MORTENSEN, b. 24 April 1930 in Spanish Fork, Utah, bpt. 1 May 1938, md. SHELDON CUTLER ROGERS 7 October 1949 in Mesa, Arizona and sealed 11 February 1954 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 8 March 1928 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 4 April 1936. Five children:


Palma Lucile Rogers md. second CAL JAY JOHNSON 4 February 1990 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was b. 4 February 1947 in Tucson, Arizona, bpt. 4 February 1955. One son:

2. VIRGINIA LILLIAN ROGERS, b. 13 January 1953 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 28 January 1961, md. BRUCE DENNIS BURNHAM 15 June 1972 in the Arizona Temple. Bruce was b. 22 June 1949 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 6 July 1957. Five children:
   1. Bridget Burnham, b. 28 May 1973 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. N/A.


4. CLIFFORD SHELDON ROGERS, b. 19 August 1960 in Mesa, Arizona, md. KELLI ANNETTE JONES 7 January 1982 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 16 December 1963 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 25 December 1971. Six children:
   3. Sadi Rogers, b. 7 October 1989 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 7 October 1997.
   5. Sheldon Riley Rogers, b. 19 April 1996 in Mesa, Arizona.

5. SHELEEN ROGERS, b. 26 February 1963 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 27 February 1971, md. LAUREL STERLING LEAVITT 3 September 1981 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 18 May 1961 in Mesa, Arizona. Five children:
   1. Laurel Buckley Leavitt, b. 1 June 1983 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 1 June 1991.
   2. Joleen Leavitt, b. 8 February 1985 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 8 February 1993.
   3. Forrest Sterling Leavitt, b. 8 December 1987 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 8 December 1995.

2. LILLIAN MORTENSEN, b. 24 April 1935 in Spanish Fork, Utah, bpt. 1 May 1943, md. ALVIN DENZIL ARRINGTON 7 August 1953 in Mesa, Arizona, and sealed 11 February 1954 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 11 December 1931 in Gilmer, Texas, bpt. 1 August 1940. They had six children:

1. SHEERIE DEANNE ARRINGTON, b. 30 May 1954 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 2 June 1962, md. RICHARD WAYNE HINTON 6 May 1976 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 18 May 1950 in Cedar City, Utah, bpt. 5 July 1958. Seven children:
   4. Travis Denzil Hinton, b. 12 November 1981 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 18

2. JEANETTE ARRINGTON, b. 16 July 1956 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 1 August 1964, md. FRED LEON CLARE Jr. 2 June 1978 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 5 November 1956 in Phoenix, Arizona, bpt. 4 December 1964. Four children:
   2. Fred Vernon Clare, b. 18 November 1980 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 21 November 1988.

   2. Lucinda Marie Arrington, b. 18 September 1981 in Phoenix, Arizona.

4. DAN DENZIL ARRINGTON, b. 8 June 19559 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 17 June 1967, md. SHARON BARNEY 9 October 1981 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 15 May 1963 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 12 June 1971. Six children:
   1. Daniel Denzil Arrington, b. 30 July 1982 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 1 August 1990.

5. WENDY JANE ARRINGTON, b. 6 August 1965 in Mesa Arizona, bpt. 11 August 1973, md. STEVEN RAY NANCE 2 August 1991 in Lake Tahoe City Nevada. He was b. 19 April 1956 in Eldora, Iowa. Three children:
   1. Jory Kaitlyn Nance, b. 23 May 1992 in Yuma, Arizona
   2. Shani Jade Nance, b. 7 March 1994 in Mesa, Arizona.

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3. Trey Michael Washburn, b. 6 December 2000 in Mesa, Arizona.

Clifford Hans Mortensen md. second THELMA FINCH 25 August 1936 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b. 22 February 1908 in Spanish Fork, Utah. Deceased.

Clifford Hans Mortensen md. third FLORENCE GLADYS VIRGINIA ANDERSON 6 November 1937 in Denver, Colorado. Sealed 4 May 1976 in the Arizona Temple. One child:

1. CAROL LUCILE MORTENSEN, b. 20 August 1938 in Rock Springs, Wyoming, bpt. 2 November 1946, md. STEPHEN DENTON SOLOMON 14 September 1956 in Mesa, Arizona and sealed 27 March 1959 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 4 August 1938 in Mesa, Arizona. Four children:

1. CINDI ANN SOLOMON, b. 18 March 1957 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 20 March 1965, md. RUSSELL ALAN BECK 29 December 1977 in the Arizona Temple. Five children:
   5. Ryan Scott Beck, b. 25 March 1993 in Mesa, Arizona.

2. WADE CLIFFORD SOLOMON, b. 8 January 1960 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 20 January 1968, md. ELIZABETH BROWN 11 June 1985 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 4 March 1961 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 15 March 1969. Four children:
   4. Hannah Jayne Solomon, b. 29 April 1997 in Grapevine, Texas.

3. STEPHANIE LYNN SOLOMON, b. 27 June 1962 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 27 June 1970, md. CURTIS JORDAN BEESLEY 20 April 1985 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 21 November 1959 in Sal Lake City, Utah, bpt. 5 January 1968. Four children:
   1. Courtney Lyn Beesley, b. 20 February 1988 in Newport Beach, California.
   2. Meredith Anne Beesley, b. 30 November 1990 in Corona, California.

4. STEPHEN TODD SOLOMON, b. 3 February 1969 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 12 February 1977, md. ALISON MARIE HALLS 11 October 1991 in the Las Vegas
Temple. She was b. 2 November 1971 in Mesa, Arizona, bpt. 5 November 1979. Two children:

1. Cassidy Marie Solomon, b. 23 June 1995 in Salt Lake City, Utah.
2. Maryn Carol Solomon, b. 4 February 1998 in Mesa, Arizona.

Descendants of Anders and Sina Caroline Heisalt Mortensen

Back row, left to right:
Rebecca Ann Mortensen Leverton, Carol Lou Mortensen Solomon, Clifford Thomas Mortensen,
Lillian Mortensen Arrington, Agnes June Mortensen McDowell, Azel Jack Mortensen,
Colleen Mortensen Rogers, Lola Lovinia Mortensen Bosch, Richard Edgar Best,
Zona Mae Mortensen Kamrar, Lois Mary Mortensen Gann, Eldon Delon Mortensen,
and Claude Joseph Mortensen

Front row (seated), Ruth Beck Mortensen (Azel Mortensen’s widow), Gertrude Brookins Mortensen
(Delbert Mortensen’s widow) and Francis Rollie Pomeroy, Jr.
OLENA CHRISTINE MORTENSEN, b. 25 February 1864 in Parowan, Utah, fourth child of Anders Jorgen Mortensen, bpt. 22 June 1873, md. WILLIAM THOMAS MORRIS 24 March 1882 in the St. George Temple. He was b. 17 May 1861 in Duckingfield, Cheshire, England, bpt. 16 May 1875 by John A. West.

Olena was very active as a girl in housework and in her school work. She was very studious and learned well the two or three months in each year that was given her for this purpose. She was a very good dressmaker and helped Mother in all that kind of work. When the first Young Ladies’ Organization was effected in Parowan, she with her cousin were chosen as officers. Adella Mortensen, Uncle Lars’ oldest daughter, was chosen president and Lena first counselor.

About the first night after they were chosen, Lena had a dream that she and Adella were walking on high stilts. Father told her to be very careful not to fall over. He said the dream she had represented the nice calling that had come to her, but that she must not feel that it made her taller nor above the other girls. It was a warning to her to be very humble and prayerful, for no one could be a successful leader in any organization in this church, unless they were meek and humble and willing to be servants and do more in the organization than they would ask anyone else to do. He told her if she did not do these things she would fall from those stilts.

Father said, “If you will take this advice and follow it, it will be a guide to you through life.” She heeded the advice and always had it in mind. In her callings and work she was very devoted and thorough in all of her endeavors.

There was a group of us generally together in clean, pure associations with thoughts of achieving a higher standard of social life. William T. Morris, F. M. Mortensen, and I played on the violin together for the young folks’ socials and dances. Among those taking part in dramatics were Lena and Adella Mortensen, Mary Hansen, Sarah Mitchell, and a great many more of the boys and girls.

During the springtime of 1882 in those happy days, Olena and William T. Morris decided to continue their friendship and become true companions for life. I, William Morris, emigrated to Utah May 2, 1862 when one year old with my parents who had joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It was the time of the Civil War and we took the northern route up the Hudson River into Canada, across the great Lakes to St. Louis, Missouri, to Winter Quarters, Nebraska, where I learned to walk.

We were in the ox team train where John Murdock was Captain. My father carried me one thousand miles in his arms. One of my sisters, only ten years old, was sick and died on the way and was buried at Rocky Ridge in Wyoming. We reached Parowan in October 1862. I resided in Parowan until 1886.
Lena acted as a Sunday School teacher from 1901 to 1913. She was appointed secretary to the stake Relief Society board in 1905. She was senior teacher in the Young Ladies’ Mutual Improvement Association in 1911.

I was elected County Clerk of Iron County in 1903 and held the office for eight successive years; elected a member of the City Council in 1909; in 1915 elected City Recorder and reelected again in 1917.

During the time we lived in the San Luis Valley, Colorado, I acted as the ward clerk for some time under Bishop Berthelsen. We organized a dramatic association and the ward built a new brick hall where we put on some very heavy dramas. We lost our second boy, Anders, while here. He was buried in the Sanford cemetery.

My health failed me for sometime. Thinking it was the high altitude we decided to return to our old home in Parowan, Utah. Love and attachments never grow old.

William and Olena were more than faithful in working in the St. George Temple. Olena died February 4, 1922. They gave faithful service together, both as ordinance workers and in doing endowment work for a great number who have gone to the Great Beyond.

Olena told me of one special endowment taken for a rather noted lady. She said that on entering each one of the rooms, it seemed to her that she was met by the lady for whom she was being endowed, met with the most pleasant look, and the spirit of acceptance of the glorious work done, and appreciation for the service rendered. Olena said that she felt paid a thousand times in seeing and feeling that spirit of love and appreciation. She said, “I feel so deeply impressed with the great good accomplished by our labors in the Temple and services rendered for and in behalf of others.”

After Olena was taken by death, William T. Morris md. Wilhelmina Cannon Cullivan who was born October 29, 1875. They were married in the St. George Temple. They, together, continued the work in the Temple without wavering. Wilhelmina was a wonderful companion, and a great source of comfort to him after losing Olena. William T. Morris served in the recorder’s office in the Temple, which he filled with success and honor. He held that position of trust until the Temple was remodeled.

After the death of Wilhelmina, William T. Morris married Eliza May Robinson of Paragonah, Utah on May 1, 1872.

Olena and William had eight children born to them:
3A4-1 WILLIAM THOMAS MORRIS JR., b. 9 May 1883 in Parowan, Utah, bpt. 9 May 1891, md. RUBY ELLEN McADAMS. To them were b. four children:

1. WILLIAM DEGENE MORRIS, b. 12 June 1909 in Minersville, Utah, md. ALBERITA HALSEY.

2. WILLA RUTH MORRIS, b. 16 July 1912 in Minersville, Utah, md. PRESTON ERNEST HAFEN. Six children:

   1. BROOKSBY ERNET HAFEN
   2. MORRIS KIM HAFEN, b. September 3, 1936 in Santa Clara, Utah.
   3. PRESTON LON HAFEN, md. DOROTHY KAY LYTLE.
   4. PENNY RAE HAFEN, md. GORDON EUGENE BARBEN.
   5. JANET HAFEN, md. KENNETH STAHELI JOLLEY.
   6. ____________HAFEN.

3. EARL JACKSON MORRIS, b. 25 October 1914 in Minersville, Utah.

4. AUDREY OLENA MORRIS, b. 14 January 1925 in Beaver, Utah, md. STANLEY JOHN RANQUIST.

3A4-2 ANDERS MARION MORRIS, b. 7 December 1885 in Parowan, Utah, d. 30 December 1895, buried in Sanford, Colorado.

3A4-3 LENA ISABELLE MORRIS, b. 27 March 1888 in Sanford, Colorado, md. JOHN STANLEY BURKE 24 December 1908. He was b. 1888 in New Harmony, Utah. Lena d. 2 December 1970 in Caliente, Nevada. They had thirteen children:

1. TRUMAN MORRIS BURKE, md. and had a child:
   1. GAYLE STANLEY BURKE, md. CANDY JO BAILEY.

2. NELMA BURKE.

3. ANDERS RAYMOND BURKE.

4. LULA BURKE, md. ____________JORGENSEN and had a child:
   1. JOHN ROGER JORGENSEN, md. YVONNE MARIE ENTERLINE.
5. JOHN ELDER BURKE.

6. WILLIAM DELONID BURKE.

7. ROBERT STANLY BURKE.

8. PATRICIA MARIE BURKE, md. DEE WILLIAM RODERICK.

9. MARJORIE ISABELLA BURKE.

10. PEGGY COLEEN BURKE, md. LYLE PARIS STEWART.

11. RICHARD ALLEN BURKE.

12. CONSTANCE ROWINA BURKE, md. LELAND “E” NELSON. Four children:
   
   1. WENDY ROWINA NELSON.

   2. DENISE NELSON.

   3. COLLEEN NELSON.

   4. TRACY LEE NELSON.

13. ROGER GENE BURKE, b. 14 August 1936 in Caliente, Nevada.

3A4-4 CORA MAY MORRIS, b. 25 December 1890 in Sanford, Colorado, bpt. 27 February 1899, md. GEORGE SAMUEL ROWLEY 14 January 1909 in St. George, Utah. He was b. 12 October 1887 in Parowan, Utah. Six children:

1. ________ ROWLEY, (stillborn) 2 October 1909 in Parowan, Utah.

2. RAMONA ROWLEY, b. 14 October 1912, md. WARREN T. MUNFORD 9 September 1931.

3. GEORGE MORRIS ROWLEY, b. 6 June 1916, md. AUDREY MILLER 6 December 1940.

4. RICHARD MELVIN ROWLEY, b. 3 March 1919, md. LOIS PEARL ROBISON 27 June 1947.

5. THOMAS LEONARD ROWLEY, b. 22 February 1924, md. WANDA WHITMORE 9 September 1949 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

6. SHIRLEY MAY ROWLEY, b. 16 October 1928, md. LYLE OSBORNE EVANS 26 November 1947 in St. George, Utah.
3A4-5 **EARL RAYMOND MORRIS**, b. 7 May 1893 in Eastdale, Colorado. He was killed by a falling tree 30 August 1912 in Parowan, Utah.

3A4-6 **UNA MILLICENT MORRIS**, b. 20 October 1896 in Sanford, Colorado, md. JOSEPH PAUL GRAY 21 August 1918. Una d. 23 July 184 in California. Two children:

1. **CAROLINE GRAY**

2. **J. PAUL GRAY JR.**

3A4-7 **ALFRED SERENUS MORRIS**, b. 18 February 1899 in Sanford, Colorado, md. ALBERTA WALKER 27 November 1918 (divorced). Alfred d. 9 May 1963 in St. George, Utah. Three children:

1. **OLENA CREMONA MORRIS** [twin].

2. **MARTHA ANNE MORRIS** [twin].

3. **VIRGINIA MORRIS**.

**Alfred Serenus Morris** md. second JOSEPHINE SULLIVAN 16 June 1923 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Three children:

1. **WILLIAM THOMAS MORRIS**, b. 21 September 1923 in St. George, Utah.

2. **BETTY JOSEPHINE MORRIS**, b. 25 March 1925 in St. George, Utah.


3A4-8 **ANGUS MORTENSEN MORRIS**, b. 7 August 1903 in Parowan, Utah, md. LUCILLE PARCELL 2 January 1928. Four children:

1. **BOBBY SON MORRIS**, b. 12 March 1929.

2. **JAMES PRICE MORRIS**, b. 28 January 1930.


3A5 SARAH ANN ELSENA MORTENSEN, b. 12 March 1866 in Parowan, Iron, Utah, bpt. 16 August 1874, md. PETER "MILLER" JENSEN 20 February 1884 in the St. George Temple. He was b. 6 December 1842 in Raadved, Denmark, d. 29 March 1930 in Union, Utah. Sarah d. 24 February 1955 in Union, Utah. Seven children:

3A5-1 GLEN ALPINE JENSEN, b. 24 July 1894, bpt. 25 July 1902, md. NORA ESTELLA GREENWOOD 8 August 1919 in the Logan Temple. Six children:

1. HELEN ESTELLA JENSEN, b. 6 June 1920 in Murray, Utah, md. LYLE MELVIN JOHNSON 11 October 1942.

2. MARGARET JENSEN, b. 13 January 1922 in Midvale, Utah, md. GENE HANSEN 25 December 1942.

3. DORIS MARIE JENSEN, b. 8 June 1924 in Union, Utah, md. MERLE SAVAGE BRADEN 31 January 1944 in an LDS Temple.

4. GLEN WAYNE JENSEN, b. 17 September 1928 in Murray, Utah, md. MARGIE RUTH WARR 28 April 1949 in an LDS temple.


6. LORIN PAUL JENSEN, b. 3 October 1934 in Murray, Utah, md. NORMA JENE SHELTON 27 September 1957.

3A5-2 UNA FLORIZELL JENSEN, b. 4 August 1896 in Tetonia Idaho, bpt. 26 August 1904, md. LEONARD LEROY HATHAWAY 29 September 1920 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 23 September 1877 in Millville, Utah, d. 20 December 1960 in Union, Utah. Nine children:

1. UNA SARAH HATHAWAY, b. 22 May 1922 in Tetonia, Idaho, md. ELLIOT EDWARD HIRST, 6 March 1941.

2. LEONARD JENSEN HATHAWAY, b. 22 October 1923 in Union, Utah, md. CORA SIEVERTS NEERINGS, 22 May 1946.

3. CLIFFORD MILLER HATHAWAY, b. 5 October 1925 in Tetonia, Idaho, md. ILA M.
NELSON, 10 September 1950.

4. JOHN HATHAWAY, b. and d. the same day, 11 January 1928 in Union, Utah.

5. ZOLA JANE HATHAWAY, b. 24 February 1929 in Chester, Idaho, d. 28 October 1935.

6. VANDIS JENSEN HATHAWAY, b. 2 January 1931 in Salt Lake City, Utah, md. CLARA CORINNE PATIENCE 11 January 1950 in a temple.

7. ZENIFF LEROY HATHAWAY, b. 10 May 1933 in Salt Lake City, Utah, md. RUTH WANDA TOLMAN 14 September 1951 in a temple.

8. GWENDA HATHAWAY, b. 21 October 1939 in Murray, Utah, md. DOUGLAS GLEN DALEY 29 August 1960 in a temple.

9. DONNA ANN HATHAWAY, b. 17 October 1941 in Salt Lake City, Utah, bpt. 4 December 1949.

3A5-3 OREL JENSEN, b. 24 February 1899 in Parowan, Utah, md. LESTER CHARLES SJOSTROM 19 March 1924 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 1 October 1902 in Rockford, Idaho. Five children:

1. LOIS MARION SJOSTROM, b. 13 April 1925 in Murray, Utah, md. BRUCE “D” BARTON 11 December 1942.

2. BERNISS SJOSTROM, b. 24 May 1928 in Rockford, Idaho, md. MURAY FERDINAND ANDERSON 21 May 1947 in the LDS temple.

3. RAONA ANN SJOSTROM, b. 25 April 1931 in Union, Utah, md. RONALD LYNN CLARK 25 July 1950 in an LDS temple.


5. CHERYL ORELL SJOSTROM, b. 6 February 1944 in Blackfoot, Idaho, bpt. 2 March 1952.

3A5-4 ROIVA MILLER JENSEN, b. 20 August 1904 in Union, Utah, bpt. 29 September 1912, md. VENICE LUCILLE FARNSWORTH 8 July 1930 [divorced]. She was b. 18 October 1905 in Elsinore, Utah. Six children:

1. LUCILLE JENSEN, b. 28 April 1931 in Salt Lake City, Utah, d. 7 June 1931.

2. VERNICE JENSEN, b. 7 May 1932 in Salt Lake City, Utah, md. JARED R. CHRISTENSEN 22 October 1950 [divorced].
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**Vernice Jensen** md. second BERRY DEAN STABER 7 October 1959.

3. **ROIVA MERWIN JENSEN**, b. 8 January 1934 in Salt Lake City, Utah, md. SHARON ELIASON 23 March 1954.


5. **BARBARA NADINE JENSEN**, b. 29 October 1937 in Salt Lake City, Utah, md. RICHARD PHILIP BURDEN 20 August 1958 in an LDS temple.


3A5-5 **ANTHON UDELL JENSEN**, b. 31 October 1907 in Union, Utah, bpt. 5 December 1915, md. ALTA JEPPSON 4 May 1931 in the Salt Lake City Temple. She was b. 16 April 1911 in Perry, Utah. Seven children:


2. **PHILEMON VIRGIL JENSEN**, b. 25 August 1940 in Rockford Idaho, bpt. 4 September 1948.


5. **MARIYNN JENSEN** [twin], b. 23 March 1948 in Blackfoot, Idaho.


3A5-6 **TRUMAN VIRGIL JENSEN** [twin], b. 8 March 1911 in Union, Utah, bpt. 3 August 1919, md. RHEA STEPHENS 15 May 1934 in a temple. She was b. 10 June 1916 in Henefer, Utah, d. 14 July 1965. He d. 13 July 1936. One child:


3A5-7 ___________ JENSEN [twin, stillborn son], b. 8 March 1911 in Union,
3A6 MARY CAROLINE MORTENSEN, b. 21 February 1868 in Parowan, Utah, md. WILLIAM ORSON CROWTHER 1 October 1886, by Marriner W. Merrill in the Logan Temple.

In my youth I grew up under hardships naturally following early pioneering in Utah. I was born of goodly parents who had made great sacrifices for the Gospel of Jesus Christ as restored in these latter days through the Prophet Joseph Smith and carried to them by the Latter-day Saint elders in their faraway home in Denmark.

Their home was established in Parowan, Utah. There they lived and prospered owning their own home and farm which they had made and paid for through their industry and thrift. Schooling was limited in those days as parents had to join together and employ school teachers and pay them tuition which was usually about two dollars and fifty cents per month per student. So large a family as ours was, we can see it was a real hardship to give them the required training they should have. The home therefore was the real training school after all.

This home was and became to these children a versatile factory where they had training in dressmaking, milliner shop, a shoe shop, a tannery, woolen mill, cooper shop, a laundry, a dairy, a broom factory, a kindergarten, a pickling and bottling works, a brewery, a soap factory, a flour mill, a meat packing establishment, a tailor shop, a knitting mill, a dance hall, a theater, a garden and farm. Plus a University of Hard Knocks.

Above all in this home was a religious atmosphere. Prayers were had morning and evening. I was taught to pray at her mother’s knee when a child, to trust in God, to be honest, straight forward and above all to prize virtue dearer than life. I was quite active as a girl in taking part in Sunday School, Primary and attended Sacrament meeting with the family.

My grandfather died in 1866 before I was born. Grandmother Mortensen lived just next door south of us on the same block, and I used to go and sleep with her quite often.

I used to go quite often and stay with the children of Uncle Thomas and Aunt Caroline Durham while they attended parties. I took care of their children while they attended General Conference in Salt Lake City, where they were when my father, Anders Jorgen Mortensen, died. At the time of my father’s death, 13 October 1884, my three brothers Peter, Ephraim, and Anders, were in the San Luis Valley, Colorado. Anders came home but too late to attend the funeral.
MOVE TO SAN LUIS VALLEY

After Father was laid to rest, the family decided to all move to Colorado. Ephraim came home in the spring and everything belonging to Father’s estate was sold or traded for horses and cattle and other property and all the children who were past the age to go free on the railroad came over land with the teams.

We left Parowan May 23, 1885, and arrived in the Valley on July 14, 1885. My Mother and Elmina, the plural wife, came on the train arriving in Manassa, May 24, 1885. Aunt Wilhelmina (we always called her Aunt Elmina) the mother of Holm, Francis, Laura, and Hemming, was troubled with cancer on her tongue. She was taken seriously ill and died before we arrived in Manassa and was buried in the Manassa Cemetery.

COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE

About six weeks after we arrived in the San Luis Valley, a young man by the name of William O. Crowther, with his brother-in-law and sister, who had two small children: came through with teams from Fountain Green, Utah, arriving on September 1, 1885. During the winter as we attended the dances and meetings, we got very well acquainted. This young man, being a Latter-day Saint of goodly parents who came from England in 1856, the year before my grandparents, was reared in a home and community about the same environment as I was.

He had been trained in the art and playing of the violin, in which nearly all of my brothers were quite proficient, so they associated together. This brought me more in contact with William. Just after Christmas, I had gone to the dance with Frank Orton, a friend of ours who came with us from Parowan and made his home with us. Dancing with William Crowther, he asked me if he could accompany me home. I told him yes, but he had better speak to Frank about it.

He paid his attentions to me frequently after that and asked my mother if she had any objections to him keeping my company. These were our courting days. There were not many girls of marriageable age in this little town of Richfield, but a great many boys. Mary Agard, Mary Valentine, Sena Nielsen Jensen, and I, were the main girls. In forming a quadrille, we were matched up with Erastus Beck and Mary Valentine, Swen Petersen and Mary Agard, John F. Morgan and Sena Nielsen Jensen, and W.O. Crowther and I. Beck, Morgan, and Crowther finally were matched up for life with their partners.

During the spring and summer I worked out with different families who needed a hired girl. During these stays with these families this young man would come on Sunday afternoon and sometime write me a letter so I always knew where
he was and what he was doing. Later on in the summer my two brothers, Ephraim and Anders, took a hay contract on the La Jara bottoms. I did the cooking for the crew and W. O. Crowther helped with the hauling of Hay. There it was that we plighted our love for each other and agreed to accept each other as husband and wife and go to the temple of the Lord in Utah and be married for time and eternity.

At October Conference time there were cheap rates on the railroad, or half fares. When we settled up for our work on the haying job, I had made sufficient to buy me good clothes and William had made sufficient to buy him clothes and pay our fare to Conference, and to the temple. Anders, my brother and his bride, Sena Heiselt of Ephraim Town, also went to be married. Uncle Lars Mortensen, Margaret Rasmussen and a number of the Priesthood went to Conference.

We arrived in Logan just in time to go through the Temple before it closed for October Conference 1886. We were all day in the Temple. The next day we returned to Salt Lake City and attended the Conference session on Sunday. We heard Heber J. Grant speak who was then just an Apostle. We remember a part of his sermon to this day, now 1940. He spoke on the Word of Wisdom and home industry, keeping money at home instead of sending it away for things that were costly and injurious which we could get along without. He made an illustration of what money would do if it was kept at home and circulated among ourselves.

He told of attending a minstrel show where there were two Darkies on the stage, a third one came running in with a ten dollar bill he had just found and he said, “Who ob you fellows hab los’ ten dollars?’ They both answered, “Not me.” He put it into his pocket, saying, “By golly I’se glad,” when one of these two said, “Hea’, John Jones, pay me dat ten dollars you owes me.” Then the other man said to the one who had just been paid, “Hey, Erastus, pay me dat money you owes me!” Where upon Erastus paid over the ten dollar bill. At that instant the third man who has found it exclaimed, “Hea’, Samuel, pay me dat money you owes me!!” The man handed over the money. Just then another man came running in saying, “Who ob you fellows hab foun’ ten dollars?” The man that found it shouted, “Here am your money and we all hab paid our debts.”

MARRIED LIFE

We went to Fountain Green and visited my husband’s father and mother and family. We had, in a way, promised to go there and make our home and tend the Crowthers’ farm and take care of his father and mother as long as they lived and pay each of the brothers and sisters $100 and keep the farm and home. But, that looked like it was unfair to the rest of the family. We did not want to be placed in this light and bring us in disfavor with all the children of the Crowther family. Love and good will of the family was worth more than any farm and home. So we proposed to my husband’s father and mother that we go back to Colorado and take...
Rozille, the sister next in age to William O., with us, and that they come out and visit the children already in Colorado, with a view to making their future home there and sell their farm, so we put out for Colorado and spent our honeymoon there.

Brother and Sister Crowther later came to Colorado and soon the whole family were located in Sanford, Colorado — all but one, the oldest girl who lived in Manti, Utah.

We traded for a little one-room log cabin and moved it onto the lot we had chosen in October 1886. Four children were born here in this humble home. We built a new brick house and through our economy and industry had it ready to move into by April 1895.

Soon thereafter another girl, Clara Emily, was born unto us. Here we lived and loved and by 1905 five more children were born in this house.

There were births and deaths during this period. Our little boy, as fair as an angel, came and stayed with us thirteen months, then was called home by death. Grandmother Crowther had passed away leaving Grandfather Crowther alone. He came and made his home with us from the latter part of 1896 until October 2, 1898, when he passed away.

**CHURCH SERVICE**

On April 15, 1888, the Sanford Ward was organized with Soren C. Berthelsen as bishop, W.O. Crowther as second counselor, a position he held for about eight years. Then he was called to take the stake choir and the Sanford ward choir. We had many good times while he was in this position.

I, Mary, worked in the YWMIA as counselor to Sister Dora Sprague for a number of years. In January 1889, my husband was sustained as Bishop of the Sanford Ward with Orlando Funk and Herman H. Christensen as Counselors. This heaped a great responsibility on me, but we were glad to have this influence in our home. The Lord was good to us and it brought many blessings upon our heads.

In 1908 William went on a mission to Germany. The way was opened up that we had means to see him through.

I was a counselor in the Relief Society in Sanford and again in Manassa and also an officer in the Stake Primary under Horace Clive Crowther.

We were asked to fill a six-month mission to the Mesa Temple. We were set apart as regular workers in 1933 by President Udall and Frank Andersen. After the
first winter we returned for five succeeding winters. We stayed home one winter and worked in the ward with the genealogical workers helping to get each family to make a complete family record. In the fall of 1939 we came to the Mesa Temple and assisted the work again.

I am now getting along in years but am healthy and active. I am proud of my heritage and all the Mortensen families and their posterity. There is no wealth to quarrel over but love and affection for each and an abiding faith in the God that created them.

Our ten children:

3A6-1 WILLIAM ALMA CROWTHER, b. 18 October 1887 in Sanford, Colorado, md. MARCELLA ADELAIDE CHRISTENSEN 4 October 1911 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b. 20 April 1889, d. 8 December 1986. William Alma d. 21 July 1970 in Sanford, Colorado.

Sanford was a farming community. The winters in the San Luis Valley were very cold with deep snow on the ground. It was sometimes quite a trial to walk several blocks to attend school and all our church activities. I went to school for several years before they were graded. In 1906 and 1907 my sister Estella and I spent one year at the B.Y. Academy in Provo, Utah. I spent two winters in the San Luis Stake Academy.

Grandfather Crowther, Thomas Crowther, had given me a patriarchal blessing when I was a young boy of about 12 years. It promised me that in the future I would be called to the nations of the earth to preach the gospel. In 1908 I was called to the Swiss and German Mission. This was one of the greatest blessings I ever received in my life, though at that time I thought it was a great sacrifice. The greatest testimony I ever received in my life came to me at this time.

I received a patriarchal blessing from the presiding Patriarch, John Smith, prior to leaving on my mission. He pronounced that I would be successful in learning the German language, fill my mission in honor, and return home safely. Patriarch Smith also promised that angels would go before me and raise up friends and that I would be known when people saw me coming. One good man in the mission field, Herr Gross, told me when I knocked on his door, “I know who you are; I have seen you in a dream.” I spent two years up in East Prussia. I filled an honorable mission and mastered the German language. The way was opened up that the family had means to see me through. I left March 30, 1908, and returned December 1, 1910.

Cella’s father died in Vernal, Utah, when she was only six years old. He was on a trip from Colorado to Vernal where he hoped to teach school and make a
home for his family. After his death, Cella’s mother took over and provided a good living for the family of ten children: Cella attended school in Manassa and the academy in both Sanford and Manassa. When in her second year of high school and there was a great need for school teachers in Manassa, she was persuaded to leave school and become a teacher. She secured a teacher’s certificate from the Conejos County Superintendent of Schools.

We worked hard with my father who formed the W. O. Crowther and Sons Company. We went into the ranching and sheep raising business. After about ten years we dissolved our partnership with each of the boys going for himself. It was a privilege and blessing to have this training under such a wonderful man as my father.

My father was a great lover of music. He taught us children to sing and play musical instruments, and we enjoyed many happy evenings together. Father and I, Walter and Eugene Mortensen sang in a quartet and entertained in many meetings and public gatherings. My sister, Mabel, played the piano, Father and I played the violin and we used to play together and sing together and pray together.

After the partnership was dissolved, Cella and I moved to the McGee Ranch north of Sanford where we lived about ten years and worked very hard. We were blessed with good health and strength and with the comforts and advantages of life. We acquired a telephone and one of the first Ford cars that came out. We bought one of the first radios that came into the country. We were fortunate in having nine healthy children born to us. In 1930 we moved to Sanford and purchased the Hanmer Mortensen home and land west of Sanford.

I always tried to be active in my church work. I spent 12 years in a bishopric, six years as a counselor and six years as bishop of the Sanford Ward. I was ward chorister for the ward choir. I worked as counselor of the stake Sunday School, taught Sunday School and was group leader in a high priests’ quorum. I served as secretary and treasurer of two school boards, served several years in the Conejos County Wool Growers Association and also in the Rio Grande Wool Growers Association. I was engaged in the sheep business for some 20 years. In 1947 I went into farming and dairying. Eventually I built a modern dairy with 100 cows and worked with my son, Bob.

Alma did a lot of reading and was a great scholar. He subscribed to the Reader’s Digest in three languages, German, Spanish and English. He also read the Book of Mormon in these three languages. During the last three years of his life he read and studied the 26 volumes of the Journal of Discourses in their entirety. He loved the Lord and His Gospel. He loved people and shared the Gospel with them whenever the opportunity was presented.
Cella and I have worked hard in the rearing of our family but it has been a very happy and pleasant life. Every blessing we have received has come through great sacrifice. We are happy that our children are all faithful Latter-day Saints and have filled many important positions in the different wards and stakes where they reside.

We are told to “search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life.” The Savior said, “They are they which testify of me.” Through studying the scriptures, by keeping the commandments of the Lord, and having great faith, it is possible to receive an individual testimony. I would like to bear record that my testimony will live on, that it will encourage my posterity to live and keep the commandments of the Lord and be active and energetic in doing the things that we are asked to do in this life. I have a firm testimony, I absolutely know that Joseph Smith was a true prophet of God and that David O. McKay is the true prophet and leader of this Church. I know that this is the only true Church of Christ upon the earth, and I hope that each and everyone of us can live so we will be permitted to continue our associations, mingling together through all eternity.

Nine children:


   Oneita was born in Sanford in the little log house across the street from the red brick home built by her grandparents. Her Aunt Jane Anderson was her first teacher. Along with being a housewife and a mother, Oneita has had several careers. She was a hairdresser for twenty years. She always owned her own salon and worked mostly at home where she could be near the children while they were growing up. She has always studied and worked hard to better herself professionally. She won an International Award in hair cutting in 1942 in New York City. She was a secretary at Colorado Medical Center in Denver for a few years while living there the children graduated from high school.

   She was Relief Society president in the Crestmoor Ward in Denver and also a class leader. In 1953-54 she filled a stake mission in the Denver area.

   After their children completed their schooling in Denver, Oneita and Floyd were at home again in La Jara, Colorado. As a change of pace from her work, she has traveled widely, including most of the European countries, Hawaii and a good portion of the United States and parts of Canada. They have had their explorations and jaunts in a motor home for many years.

   In 1969 Scottsdale, Arizona, became their place of residence, the milder climate and sunshine bringing much improvement in Oneita’s health. She gave up hairdressing and affiliated with cosmetics and sales which gave her an outlet for new-found talents and a
fulfillment which she had not found in other professional endeavors. This business gave her the freedom to keep active in the Church and pursue other activities as she desired, one being temple work.

She has always had a strong testimony of the gospel and has tried to live up to what was expected of her. At a very tender age she received her patriarchal blessing which told her she should do temple work in her later years. That was a deciding factor in her move to Arizona. While residing in La Jara she devoted about six years to intensive genealogy work. She put together several family reunions and raised funds for considerable research. She did quite a bit of research and, with the help of the group, had funds to hire more research done. Both of her mother’s lines were extended back several generations and temple work was done for them. Oneita has been president of the William Orson Crowther Family Organization.

In the Scottsdale 5th Ward she was the Spiritual Living class leader for four years. Reading is her favorite pastime but she also enjoys playing the organ, has written a book and done some painting. She loves people and it gives her pleasure to entertain in her home.

Oneita and Floyd had three children:

1. **FRANCES LORRAINE REED**, b. 14 April 1932 in Sanford, Colorado, md. **WILLIAM PETTIT PERRY** 24 October 1953 [divorced]. He was b. 2 April 1931 in Ogden, Utah. Frances served in the church as teacher trainer leader, Primary in-service leader, and on a YWMIA stake board. She graduated from BYU with a BA. Four children:
      1. **Derek Willenbrecht Perry**, b. 1 March 1985 in Aurora, Colorado.
      2. **Christopher Willenbrecht Perry**, b. 15 December 1987 in Walnut Creek, California.
      3. **William Willenbrecht Perry**, b. 9 July 1989 in Walnut Creek, California.
   4. **Steven David Perry**, b. 21 April 1968 in Sacramento, California.

2. **MAXINE REED**, b. 6 March 1935 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. **RICHARD ALLEN LOUDON** 16 April 1961 in Redlands, California [divorced]. He was b. 10 August 1935 in California and d. 19 May 1983. Maxine worked as a stewardess, travel agent, and homemaker. Her church service includes Primary teacher, in-service
leader, ward genealogy records examiner. She attended United Airlines Stewardess Training school, and BYU. Two children:

1. Randall Steven Loudon [Arrington], b. 11 May 1964 in San Gabriel, California.

Karen Elizabeth Loudon md. second Timothy Charles Seibert. He was b. 25 June 1960 in Hershey, Pennsylvania. One child:

1. Jamie Allison Seibert, b. 21 August 1990 in Redlands, California.

Maxine Reed md. second GAYLEN CLAUDETTE A Arrington 12 June 1970 in Los Vegas, Nevada [divorced]. He was b. 27 March 1935 and d. 6 January 1987.

Maxine Reed md. third Walter Wilson Sant 26 January 1985 in Richland, California, sealed 24 May 1986 in the Los Angeles Temple. He was b. 5 May 1927 in Los Angeles, California.

3. Donald Wayne Reed, b. 9 November 1936 in Alamosa, Colorado. md. Fern Joy Hill 23 October 1964 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b. 23 December 1937 in Ely, Nevada. He worked at Lockheed as a data processor. Church service includes ward clerk, president of an elders quorum, and in the New Zealand Mission. Attended BYU and received a B.A. in math. Two children:

1. Shauna Kay Reed, b. 30 October 1965 in Redwood City, California, md. Greg Romney Sperry 1 August 1987 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 5 October 1964 in Ogden, Utah. Three children:
   1. Trevor John Sperry, b. 7 May 1989 in Provo, Utah.
   2. Chandler Reed Sperry, b. 16 December 1991 in Franklin, Tennessee.
   3. Aubrey Kay Sperry, b. 23 March 1994 in Gilbert, Arizona.

2. Delsie Crowther, b. 3 December 1914 in Sanford, Colorado, d. 7 February 1931.

Her mother has stated that they were too hard up to afford a doctor. Her birth was attended by Aunt Em Kirby. Delsie grew to be a lovely young girl of sixteen when she became ill and passed away. At her passing a special spiritual manifestation came to her grandfather, W. O. Crowther. This was related by her father, Alma.

He said Grandfather Thomas Crowther, came to his window in the night while Father and Mother were sleeping. Grandfather knocked on the window and told Father (W.O.) that Delsie was very sick and in a serious condition. He told Father to get up and go down and administer to her.

Father did this and Delsie received a great blessing, but it was the Lord’s will that she should be called home and she passed away shortly after. Father said he heard his Father’s voice as plain as he ever did at any time.
when he was alive and here with us. It was a great testimony to all of us.


I attended my first seven years of school at Excelsior and then we moved to Sanford. There I completed my schooling and graduated from Sanford High School in 1934. I attended Adams State College in Alamosa for two years where I met Walter Roy Johnson. We have lived in Colorado all these years — in Alamosa, Center, Pueblo, Colorado Springs, and Florence, Colorado. We attend church in the Canyon City Ward. We like this area and have lived here since 1958 and plan to make this our home.

My husband, Walter, has a Phillips 66 service station and enjoys his work. He loves people and has been very successful in his business. I have worked for a number of years and enjoy working in stores as a cashier. I love people and enjoy that type of work. I have been president of the Florence Business and Professional Women’s Club. I have been active in civic affairs. I enjoy bowling, reading, singing in groups, baseball and various sports together with my husband. We also enjoy traveling together.

My church jobs have consisted of working in the Primary, Sunday School and Relief Society. I was Primary president and music director as well as teacher in these organizations at different times. I was also choir director for a number of years, and Sunday School music director. I especially enjoy the music department.

Four children:

1. BEVERLY JO JOHNSON, b. 10 October 1936 in Alamosa, Colorado, d. 21 April 1937.

2. WALTER ALEX JOHNSON, b. 10 February 1938 in Alamosa, Colorado. He has never married and usually works in restaurants

3. BUNNY LEROY JOHNSON, b. 6 September 1939 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. SONYA KENNEDY 29 September 1962 in the Manti Temple. She was b. 6 October 1942 in Brady, Texas. LeRoy filled a mission in Texas and Louisiana. He is employed by Frontier Airlines. He has served as YMMIA president, stake athletic director, counselor in a branch presidency, Sunday School counselor, chorister, teacher, seventies group leader and president of a stake mission, ward clerk, ward executive secretary. They live in Layton, Utah and have six children:

   1. Rhonda Sue Johnson, b. 17 August 1963 in Long View, Texas, md. Jeffrey Alan Teter 12 October 1983 in Canon City, Colorado. He was b. 1 September 1964 in Craig, Colorado. One child:
      1. Ashley Manie Teter, b. 11 October 1986 in Canon City, Colorado.

   2. Laura Lee Johnson, b. 18 April 1966 in Pueblo, Colorado, md. Robert L. Cary Steiner 16 March 1991 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was b. 19 October 1965. One child:
      1. Kara Ashley Steiner, b. 21 March 1991 in Salt Lake City, Utah.
5. Rachel Ann Johnson, b. 1 October 1979 in Florence, Colorado.

4. TERRY WILLIAM JOHNSON, b. 18 October 1950 in Monte Vista, Colorado, md. DIANE VERLENE DRAKE 14 December 1970 in Loma Linda, California, while attending college at San Bernardino, California. She was b. 3 December 1948 in Long Beach, California. They live in Mesa, Arizona. He is a salesman. Two children:
   2. Chad Michael Johnson, b. 15 March 1985.

4. NADINE CROWTHER, b. 19 June 1921 in Excelsior or Sanford, Colorado, md. BRIGHAM FARRIS JOHNSON 6 June 1938 in Heber City, Utah [divorced in 1966]. He was b. 14 April 1912, d. 29 April 1978.

   I attended the public schools there through the 11th grade. At that time my parents moved us to Provo, Utah, where I finished my schooling and met Farris Johnson. We moved around a great deal until he was drafted in the army for World War II. After he was discharged, we settled down in Redlands, California, in 1945. I worked in the retail business as saleswoman, manager and buyer for about 25 years. Being unable to have children: we adopted our first daughter in 1952, Paulette, a most adorable baby. Then, in 1955 we adopted Janet Lee, another precious and lovely girl. These two girls were surely two of God’s choicest spirits. During this period I was actively working in the Primary as teacher, counselor, and as president. I was also a counselor in the Relief Society. Later as the girls grew older I worked in the MIA as teacher and secretary.

   Robert Dale Denny was a dentist from Riverside. Robert was b. August 14, 1924 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Robert’s wife had died and left him with three lovely children: Kathryn Millan, Jeffrey Dale and Helen Ruth. We bought a house in Redlands and combined our families, which worked out beautifully. Our children enjoyed each other and had a very good relationship. I gave up my job as manager of women’s wear in the J.C. Penney store and learned the profession of dental assisting and started working for my husband. We had two dental offices, one in Redlands and one in Riverside, but that proved too hard for us so we sold the one in Redlands as he had the practice in Riverside the longest. On April 10, 1971 we were married in the temple. My girls had been sealed to me in 1963. At this time I legally adopted his three children so we were a complete family unit.

   Kathy married my nephew, Gary Crowther, son of my brother, Richard, in October 28, 1970. They were all three married in the temple, which gave us great joy and happiness. After Bob and I were married we both served on a Sunday School stake board. He later held the position of high priest group leader for about six years, then served as first counselor in the ward Sunday School. I was meeting house librarian for several years and have been called back as secretary to the APYW, a position which I had held before.

Nadine Crowther md. second ROBERT DALE DENNY 2 December 1968 in Redlands,
California, sealed. Robert d. 6 February 1995. Five children:

1. **PAULETTE JOHNSON**, b. 24 October 1952, md. DOUGLAS MEL STEINHOUR 16 April 1971 in the Los Angeles Temple [divorced]. He was b. 23 April 1949 in Safford, Arizona. Six children:
   3. Amber Lyn Steinhour, b. 8 March 1976 in Redlands, California.
   5. Eric Neal Steinhour, b. 10 April 1979 in Redlands, California.
   6. Marcella Ruth Steinhour, b. 15 August 1985 in Bakersfield, California.

Paulette Johnson md. second JEFF DARWIN BAGLEY 14 July 1989 [divorced].


3. **JEFFREY DALE DENNY**, b. 21 April 1955 in Indianapolis, Indiana, md. TAMARA RENAE SIKES 1 April 1977 in Phoenix, Arizona. She was b. 12 June 1956 in Bellflower, California. He has spent over three years in the army, serving over a year in South Korea. Four children:

4. **JANET LEE JOHNSON**, b. 7 October 1955 in Los Angeles, California, md. LEON MICHAEL KEDING 20 March 1976 in the Los Angeles Temple [divorced]. He was b. 15 October 1949 in Logan, Utah, a returned missionary. Four children:

5. **HELEN RUTH DENNY**, b. 29 October 1959 in Indianapolis, Indiana, md. ANDREW DEVERE BOYD 28 December 1979 in the Los Angeles Temple. He was b. 7 December 1952 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Five children:
   2. Daniel Andrew Boyd, b. and d. 6 August 1982 in Redlands, California.
   3. Holly Chrestine Boyd, b. 3 March 1984 in Loma Linda, California.

Nadine Crowther md. third HAROLD HERMAN DEGNER 5 December 1995. He was b. 22
January 1914.

**5. WILLIAM RICHARD CROWTHER**, b. 6 April 1923 in Excelsior Sanford, Colorado, md. SHIRLEY HAIR 18 August 1942 in Santa Fe, New Mexico [divorced December 1970]. She was b. 31 October 1924 in Provo, Utah.

I, William, was raised on a farm with many happy memories. Most of my education was in Sanford, then two years in Durango, Colorado, at Ft. Lewis Jr. College. We moved to Provo, Utah, where I worked two years and went to school two years.

When our first child, Karen Ann, was six months old, I left for the army and served overseas on the island of Okinawa. I was in that invasion. After I was released from the service I worked on my father's farm. We moved to Utah where my son, Richard Gary, was born in 1947. Then we moved to Redlands, California, and two more children were born, Lana Kay and Sheri Jo. I have worked for 28 years and raised my family in Redlands.

My family have been active in the church. I have since moved to Westminster, have been divorced, and am in business for myself. Four children:

1. **KAREN ANN CROWTHER**, b. 3 October 1943 in Provo, Utah, md. JOHN MARCUS PICKETT Jr. 18 March 1966 in Redlands, California [divorced]. He was b. 4 December 1944 in Long Beach, California. Karen attended BYU and worked as an office manager. Two children:
   1. Pamela Maria Pickett, b. 22 January 1968 in Eaning, California.

2. **RICHARD GARY CROWTHER**, b. 7 February 1947 in Provo, Utah, md. KATHRYN MILLAN DENNY 28 October 1970 in the Los Angeles Temple. She was b. 15 December 1952 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. **See p. 1056 for Kathryn Millan Denney.** Richard worked in food brokerage sales. His church service includes Sunday School counselor, speech director, athletic director, and a stake mission. He attended San Bernardino Valley College.
   3. Amy Michelle Crowther, b. 2 June 1976 in Redlands, California.

3. **LANA KAY CROWTHER**, b. 13 May 1953 in Redlands, California, md. TIMOTHY J. COFFEY 4 June 1976. He was b. 11 June 1947 in Lowell, Massachusetts. One child:
   1. Timothy Scott Coffey, b. 15 April 1981 in Redlands, California.

4. **SHERI JO CROWTHER**, b. 1 August 1957 in Redlands, California, md. MICHAEL HARVEY BEGGS 27 October 1979 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was b. 26 October 1957 in San Bernardino, California. Two children:
   1. Jenna Earlene Beggs, b. 27 August 1981 in Redlands, California.
   2. Megan Nicole Beggs, b. 7 January 1984 in Oxnard, California.
6. ALICE MAE CROWTHER, b. 13 May 1926 in Excelsior or Sanford, Colorado, md. WESLEY PERRY STEVENS 1 April 1945 at the home of my parents, sealed 21 October 1950 in the Arizona Temple.

I graduated in 1944 from the school in Sanford. I had a wonderful childhood and have always been thankful I grew up in Sanford. We had such fun playing with cousins and our family get-togethers meant a great deal to us. It was also very special living close to Grandpa and Grandma Crowther.

While in high school I dated Wesley P. Stevens. During the first twelve years of our marriage we lived mostly in Sanford and Alamosa where Wesley worked at various jobs and where our first four children: Dennis, David, Lorraine and Kenny were born.

In 1957 we made a trip to Redlands, California, to visit Richard, Nadine and Fern and their families. Wesley was very impressed with this area and was tired of the snow and cold weather in Colorado. We sold our home in Alamosa and returned to Redlands where Wesley was able to find a job. Our fifth and last child, Curtis, was b. here in 1959.

Wesley served a stake mission while both sons were serving full-time missions giving us three missionaries at one time. It was a wonderful spiritual experience.

Our children are all good children and we are proud of them as well as of our in-laws and grandchildren: Wesley has served on two stake missions, served as Sunday School president, counselor, and has held other church positions. I have served as Sunday School secretary twice, Primary president, counselor, Junior Sunday School coordinator, work director, visiting teacher, and social coordinator. We have tried to stay active in the Church and have received many wonderful blessings during our lifetime.

Five children:

1. DENNIS WAYNE STEVENS, b. 16 December 1946 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. ALICE MAY LINCOLN 24 April 1971, sealed in the Los Angeles Temple 10 January 1973. She was b. 22 September 1943 in Rochester, New York. Dennis served a mission in Northern California 1967 to 1969. He attended San Bernardino Valley College and served in the army. Seven children:


   2. Edward Michael Stevens, b. 18 December 1968 in Oakland, California.


2. **DAVID LYNN STEVENS**, b. 6 April 1949 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. BERTHA LETICIA RODRIGUEZ 14 July 1972 in the Los Angeles Temple. She was b. 15 October 1952 in Mazatlan, Mexico. David served a mission in Southeastern Mexico. For a period of ten months he was serving in the field with Dennis. He served as a Sunday School teacher, bilingual translator, and a stake mission. Attended San Bernardino Valley College. Four children:
   1. **Ann Leticia Stevens**, b. 22 August 1973 in Redlands, California, md. Benjamin Wade Lambert. He was b. 29 January 1973 in Alamosa, Colorado. One child:
      1. **Ashlee Pauline Lambert**, b. 21 March 1991 in Redwood City, California.
   3. **James Ricardo Stevens**, b. 29 June 1978 in Redwood City, California.
   4. **Cynthia Brianne Stevens**, b. 26 August 1986 in Redwood City, California.

3. **LORRAINE STEVENS**, b. 7 March 1951 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. THOMAS HARRISON LUDDEN 11 March 1971 in the Los Angeles Temple. He was b. 17 January 1946 in Santa Barbara, California. Lorraine is a homemaker and worked in a bank. Thomas is an electronic engineer. Six children:
   1. **Erin Lorraine Ludden**, b. 7 January 1972 in Newport Beach, California, md. Timothy Richard Scott Lewis 17 October 1990 in El Toro, California. He was b. 15 July 1966 in North Berkeley, California.
   2. **Steven Harrison Ludden**, b. 12 December 1973 in Newport Beach, California.
   3. **Kathryn Suzanne Ludden**, b. 1 April 1975 in Newport Beach, California.
   4. **David Hyatt Ludden**, b. 16 August 1978 in Newport Beach, California.
   5. **Robert Charles Ludden**, b. 10 May 1984 in Newport Beach, California.
   6. **Stephanie Marcella Ludden**, b. 26 July 1986 in Orange, California.

   1. **Rae Lynn Stevens**, b. 31 March 1986 in San Bernardino, California.
   2. **Samuel Dillon Stevens**, b. 16 October 1989 in San Bernardino, California.

**Kelly Duane Stevens** md. second TERI LYNN RACKLEY 15 April 1984, sealed 19 July 1994 in the Denver Temple. She was b. 16 October 1959 in San Bernardino, California.

5. **CURTIS PERRY STEVENS**, b. 1 October 1959 in Redlands, California, md. AUDRY KASUMI BAKER 19 June 1982 in the Logan Temple. She was b. 28 June
1962 in Frankfort, Germany. Five children:
1. Derek Michael Stevens, b. 20 May 1983 in San Bernardino, California.
2. Kristy Marie Stevens, b. 15 May 1985 in Redlands, California.
3. Alex Keith Stevens, b. 30 April 1987 in Redlands, California.
4. Julia Elise Stevens, b. 20 September 1989 in Fairfield, California.

7. FERN CROWTHER, b. 12 July 1928 in Excelsior, Colorado, md. DON VAN SICKLE 16 November 1947 at her parents’ home in Sanford, Colorado, by her uncle, Vernal Anderson. He was b. 12 May 1929 in Alamosa, Colorado.

When she was six weeks old, the family moved to another ranch within walking distance of the town of Sanford, Colorado. Fern attended the first three years of school in Sanford and when she was eight the family moved to Provo, Utah. Her father continued to farm in Sanford and was away from the family much of this time. In less than two years the family returned to Sanford to live. Fern liked Provo but was happy to return home to her old friends. She spent the rest of her school years there and graduated from Sanford High School.

The family was very close and enjoyed many precious moments together. The church played a very important part in their lives. Alma and Marcella had deep spiritual convictions and lived exemplary lives which proved a strong influence for Fern and her brothers and sisters. The family prayed, played and worked hard together.

Following graduation from Sanford High School, Fern moved to Denver with her sister Oneita Reed and family, where she attended a business college for one year. She then returned to Alamosa, Colorado, to work as a secretary for Dr. Strong. Fern also wanted to be closer to Don Van Sickle, whom she had known for many years and had dated and corresponded with the previous 18 months.

They made their home in Alamosa where Don worked with his father in a machine shop and automotive parts business. In 1949 they were blessed with a daughter, Sharon Elaine. The family moved to Farmington, New Mexico, in 1950 and established an automotive parts business. Within a year after moving, Don and Fern were married in the Mesa Temple and Sharon was sealed to them 21 October 1950. Fern's sister, Alice Stevens, and husband, Wesley, attended and were also married in the temple. In 1951, a son, Leon, was born to the Van Sickles.

The city of Farmington was expanding with considerable oil and gas drilling and a rough environment existed. Don and Fern wanted to raise their family in a better environment. Following a vacation with her sister and brother in Redlands, California, they moved there where Don worked as a machinist supervisor with the Air Force.

A third child, Donna Lee, was born in 1956 and a fourth child, Brent Neal was born in 1959. Two boys and two girls kept the family busy for a number of years. The family was active in the church and enjoyed many choice experiences. Fern was grateful for her parents' guidance and inspiration.
Fern enjoyed various jobs in the church although the greatest was in the Primary. She served as teacher, secretary and in the presidency for several years. Her sisters, Nadine and Alice, also worked with her and they enjoyed many rich experiences together. Don and Fern were dance instructors in the Redlands Ward and enjoyed taking a group to participate in the Dance Festival in Salt Lake City.

After living in Redlands 21 years Don and Fern moved to Anaheim, California, to be close to Don's employment with the Defense Contract Administration, Don left the Air Force and worked one year as an engineer with North American Aviation and eight years as an Industrial Specialist with the Defense Contract Administration. He has had many opportunities to travel in many parts of the United States while with the Federal Government. He was nominated and chosen as the “Industrial Specialist of the Year” in the Los Angeles Region. Don has a very creative mind and has received two patents for mechanical devices. He also operated a small wood products business for about eight years besides his regular job. This was discontinued to provide more time for his family. Don enjoys a multitude of hobbies—woodworking, machine work, building, gardening and landscaping, hunting, fishing and is engaged in church activities.

Fern has been employed as a secretary for Chem Mark International. She enjoys various hobbies. Don and Fern are grateful to their Father in Heaven for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for their parents, relatives and family, the good things life has provided for each other and children and grandchildren:

Don and Fern have four children:

1. **SHARON ELAINE VAN SICKLE**, b. May 1949 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. MONTY FOSTER 8 September 1972 in the Los Angeles Temple. He was b. 3 March 1949 in Burley, Idaho. Sharon graduated from BYU and then Utah State, receiving her teaching credentials. Sharon met Monty Foster at Utah State. Sharon and Monty both taught school in Roy, Utah. They were blessed with three children:
   2. Jonathan Alma Foster, b. 10 September 1975 in Ogden, Utah.
   3. Alisa Ann Foster, b. 8 September 1977 in Ogden, Utah.

2. **LEON C. VAN SICKLE**, b. 12 June 1951 in Farmington, New Mexico, md. MARILYN JOHNSON 5 September 1974 in the Los Angeles Temple. She was b. 20 August 1951 in Provo, Utah. Leon was an Eagle Scout in the church troop. Following graduation from Redlands High School and one year at San Bernardino Valley College, he served a two-year mission in Northern Ireland and then attended BYU for two years. Leon has a construction business in Provo, Utah. Six children:
   3. Leon Rob Van Sickle, b. 5 April 1979 in Price, Utah.
3. DONNA LEE VAN SICKLE, b. 21 March 1956 in Redlands, California, attended school one year in Provo, md. RANDY ALLEMAN 26 September 1975 in Springville, Utah [divorced].

Donna Lee Van Sickle md. second KEITH QUE SORENSEN 6 February 1982 in Ferron, Utah. He was b. 20 February 1952 in Price, Utah. Three children:
2. Nathan Que Sorensen, b. 10 December 1989 in Price, Utah

4. BRENT NEAL VAN SICKLE, b. 7 April 1959 in Redlands, California, md. NYOKA OLINE TRIPP 9 September 1980, sealed 18 October 1983. Nyoka was b. 3 October 1952 in Jasper, Georgia. Seven children:

8. ROBERT GRANT CROWTHER, b. 5 January 1931 in Sanford, Colorado, md. MARY LOU REYNOLDS 13 October 1950 in the Salt Lake Temple. Mary Lou was b. 23 October 1932 in Sanford, Colorado, d. the first part of 2000.

I was the next-to-youngest of nine children: the older two being old enough that I have no memory of them in the home. I grew up on a farm and have memories of my father farming with horses and driving sheep, with which I helped him considerably. The family moved to Provo, Utah, for two years where I attended school in the first and second grades. Dad remained on the farm and we would come home for the summers. My next ten school years were in Sanford where a new school building had just been completed.

When I was about eight or nine years old I milked cows. We would get up early and milk, then spend ten hours in the hay field, then milk the cows again after dark. We had sheep until I was 16 or 17 years old. It was always a good trip to visit the sheep camp, especially when the sheep were in the mountains and the sheep herder would fix us a meal of lamb and chili.

I graduated from high school in a class of twelve. I was salutatorian and received a one-year joint honor scholarship which was good in any school in the state. I attended the Agricultural College at Ft. Collins for two quarters, then dropped out to do the farming in the spring as my father needed me at home.
Mary Lou and I moved into a log house that had been moved from the Ephraim settlement when Sanford was settled. We gradually remodeled the house until it was quite comfortable. In 1963 we built a new brick home where we were living when the youngest of our seven children was born.

Dad and I worked together in the dairy business, trying to raise the feed, milk the cows, process and bottle the milk and then deliver it. Dad worked and delivered milk as long as he was able. In 1973 we quit processing and bottling milk and also discontinued the retail routes, but have a wholesale milk route. The boys and I are able to do this without any extra help.

I started singing in public when in high school. I have sung for a lot of special occasions, funerals, church meetings, and I like to sing in the choir when I can find the time. My church assignments have been mostly secretarial positions. I spent five years as secretary of the elders quorum, six years as MIA secretary and ten years as ward financial clerk. I have also served as home teacher, Sunday School chorister and two years as counselor to the stake MIA superintendent.

Seven children:

1. **ROBERT ELLIOT CROWTHER**, b. 10 June 1952 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. KATHERINE LORRAINE MARTINEZ 24 October 1970 in Alamosa, Colorado. She was b. 7 February 1952 Alamosa, Colorado. Robert attended Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado. He works as a bookkeeper. He is an Eagle Scout. His church service includes Primary Guide Patrol Leader, YMMIA secretary and junior coach, elders quorum secretary, and stake finance clerk. Four children:
   1. Tracy William Crowther, b. 5 February 1972 in La Jara, Colorado, md. Abby Lou Champlin 4 October 1995 in Salida, Colorado. She was b. 1 July 1971 in Salida, Colorado.

2. **WARREN DAVID CROWTHER**, b. 17 July 1953 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. KATHY ANN JONES 13 September 1975, sealed in the Arizona Temple 23 October 1976. She was b. 31 January 1959 in Alamosa, Colorado. He attended Adams State College and BYU. Church positions include YMMIA ward and stake youth choir, junior and senior coach, elders quorum secretary. Five children:
   1. Aaron David Crowther, b. 23 July 1976 in La Jara, Colorado.
   2. Gregory Warren Crowther, b. 11 March 1979 in La Jara, Colorado.
   3. Andrea Dawn Crowther, b. 16 April 1981 in La Jara, Colorado.
   5. Mandy Lou Crowther, b. 16 April 1989 in Alamosa, Colorado.

3. **CARL GRANT CROWTHER**, b. 17 March 1955 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. GERALDINE ANN GALLEGOS 22 October 1988 in Sanford, Colorado. She was b. 16
May 1958 in Alamosa, Colorado.
Carl Grant Crowther md. second SANDRA MAE McGINNIS, 22 April 1994 in Sanford, Colorado. One child:


4. KENT STEVEN CROWTHER, b. 25 March 1960 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. DONITA MARIE HOSTETTER 24 October 1981 in the Logan Utah Temple. She was b. 13 April 1962 in Pueblo, Colorado. See p. 1175 for Donita Marie Hostetter. Six children:

1. Nicholena Marie Crowther, b. 2 July 1982 in Alamosa, Colorado.
2. Steven Colton Crowther, b. 2 September 1983 in La Jara, Colorado.
3. Brandalyn Michelle Crowther, b. 16 April 1987 in La Jara, Colorado.
5. Thomas Colter Crowther, b. 11 April 1994 in Pendelton, Oregon.
6. Jacob Cody Crowther, b. 16 May 1997 in Denver, Colorado.

5. WILLIAM BRIAN CROWTHER, b. 17 May 1961 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. VALERIE KAY GLYNN 14 October 1983 in the Logan Utah Temple. She was b. 27 April 1962 in Alamosa, Colorado. Six children:

4. Avery Kay Crowther, b. 8 May 1991 in Alamosa Colorado.

6. LISA ANNETTE CROWTHER, b. 6 July 1962 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. TIMOTHY MAURICE SANDOS 9 May 1986 at Lookout Mt., California. He was b. 28 July 1957 in Denver, Colorado. Three children:

1. Megan Jean Sandos, b. 18 October 1986 in Denver, Colorado.

7. JONATHAN ALAN CROWTHER, b. 9 January 1969 in La Jara, Colorado, md. ANGELA RAE MARTIN 10 June 1993 in the Denver Colorado Temple. One child:

1. Jolie Paige Crowther.

9. JENETTE CROWTHER, b. 26 July 1934 in Sanford, Colorado, md. EMERY CLIFFORD BLACK 4 October 1966 in the Salt Lake Temple on my parents’ 55th wedding anniversary. Clifford was b. 10 October 1931 in Savannah, Georgia.

I was the last of nine children: seven girls and two boys. My father, William Alma Crowther, was bishop of the Sanford Ward at the time of my birth, and my mother, Marcella Christensen Crowther, was a faithful wife and mother who always set a good example.

My schooling through high school took place in Sanford, Colorado, where my home was (except for a brief span of time spent in Provo, Utah, when I was three and four years
old).

I left home at the age of 18 and attended one quarter at BYU in 1952. I decided I was more interested in the field of business (stenographic work) and went back to Colorado and attended Midwest College of Commerce at Pueblo in stenotype (machine shorthand) which I used in secretarial work for several years to follow.

From 1951 to 1958 I worked at several jobs in Pueblo, Denver, Alamosa, Provo, and Salt Lake City. I had roving blood and didn’t stay with any one job for a very long period of time.

In June 1958 I received and accepted a call to the Southern States Mission with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, which comprised four states Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, and Florida. I spent 11 months of my mission in the mission office doing work, two months as a mission recorder, six months as secretary to President Bunker and three months as secretary to President Ravsten. (It was a test of my faith in the beginning to labor in the mission office, but I had a desire to serve where needed and had many special and spiritual experiences from working with such dedicated and spiritual leaders.)

I labored in Hollywood and Miami, Florida, for seven months before I returned home from my mission December 23, 1959, and spent a very joyous and happy Christmas with my anxious parents.

I went to Redlands, California for about nine months and worked for Grand Central Rocket Company in the security office. I enjoyed living among my sisters, Nadine, Alice, Fern, my brother, Richard, and their families during this time.

I felt a yearning to go back to Provo again. In September 1960 I enrolled in BYU for a semester and then started working full time as secretary to the Dean of the College of Religion for six-and-a-half years. I enjoyed my associations with three deans; David H. Yarn, Jr., B. West Belnap, and Roy W. Doxey.

While living in Provo I met Emery Clifford Black, originally from Savannah, Georgia. We met in October 1961 at an LDS socials dance and dated occasionally until about 1965. In May of 1966, he invited me and my parents to go on a trip with him back to Savannah, Georgia. We enjoyed his family very much (apparently the feelings were mutual), and we became engaged on July 25, 1966. Emery filled a mission to Western Canada from 1956 to 58 and came to BYU after this time. Prior to his mission he spent four years in the U.S. Air Force. While he was attending the Y, he worked full time as a postal clerk in the Provo Post Office. He liked this work so much that he has continued with the post office even after his graduation in 1964 with a degree in Sociology.

Our first child, Julaine, was born in 1967, after the purchase of our first home in Provo. We adopted our second daughter, Jennifer Ruth, on May 22, 1970. We were so thrilled and excited for this new addition to our family. Our next daughter, Janelle, was born to us in 1973. We have been grateful for each spirit and feel that each is special.

Music has always been an important part of my life. I have enjoyed playing the piano, organ, and singing in duets, trios, or larger groups. I started playing the piano at the age of
seven and soon started accompanying my dad when he sang or played the violin.

We have both been active in church jobs. I became an organist in the MIA at the age of 13 and have served as organist in every organization of the Church since that time. I have also served as chorister, teacher in the MIA, Sunday School, Primary, and Relief Society, as well as activity counselor in the MIA, supervisor in charge of all visiting teaching, and was the visiting teaching message leader and not satisfied unless and until every sister in our ward was visited each month.

I have a strong testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and know, as my patriarchal blessing indicates “that the Gospel as it is taught by the Latter-day Saints is the power of God unto Salvation.” I know that a testimony of the true Gospel is the greatest treasure one can possess, along with a strong conviction of Gospel principles.

I have seen the power of the Priesthood exercised in my own family and among close friends, and I know that it is the greatest power we have on the earth, because it is a connecting link between heaven and earth. On one occasion I had acute pains in my back, over a kidney, and felt that it must be a kidney stone. My father and brother-in-law, Wesley Stevens, administered to me. I was later admitted to the hospital where X-rays were taken. The doctor found where a stone had been, but there was no trace of it nor had it been passed. The doctor could not figure out the experience, but I knew the problem had been taken care of through the power of the Priesthood. In fact, I felt no need to even go to the hospital after being administered to but went because of the urging of others.

Mine is a great heritage, left by noble ancestors, and I hope and pray that my posterity will have a desire to “carry on” with faith, determination, and courage!

Three children:

   2. Courtney Paige Hubenthal, b. 3 December 1995 in Layton, Utah.

2. **JENNIFER RUTH BLACK** [adopted], b. 29 March 1970 in Provo, Utah, md. DINO L. GLOVER. He was b. 31 July 1968 in Gardena, California. One child:

3. **JANELLE BLACK**, b. 22 January 1973 in Provo, Utah, md. SELBY BIGGS MARSHALL 14 July 1990 in Springville, Utah [divorced]. Selby was b. 28 February 1972 in Provo, Utah. Two children:
   1. Trent Selby Marshall, b. 6 May 1990 in Provo, Utah.
**3A6-2 MARY ESTELLA CROWTHER**, b. 3 September 1889 in Sanford, Colorado, md. BARTLETT WEST DALTON 8 June 1910 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 3 September 1886 in Manassa, Colorado, d. 24 January 1971. Stella d. 3 May 1952.

Known to her loved ones and friends as “Stella,” she graduated from the San Luis Stake Academy after attending Brigham Young University for a short time. She majored in grammar, penmanship, domestic science, and music. There was a close and loving relationship with her parents and brothers and sisters which continued throughout her life. Estella’s love for music was fostered in her home. She had a sweet alto voice which was an inheritance.

While attending a church-sponsored dance at Richfield, Colorado, she met Bartlett West Dalton, and they were immediately attracted to each other. Bart served in the Northern States Mission, leaving in 1907 for twenty-eight months.

Bart served in the church and community. He was a city councilman in Manassa where he was responsible for the building of the first city hall. Both Stella and Bart taught school in a one-room school. Bart graduated from San Luis Stake Academy in June 1911 and immediately desired to go to Salt Lake City to attend the University of Utah to study law. He left September 3, 1912, just after their second child, John, was born. Stella followed as soon as she was able to travel. Their life during the university years was one of toil and privation.

During this time they were faithful in attending their church duties. Bart, in talking of this says,

“She (Stella) was a believer in God’s word. The last of the year the bishop gave a fervent talk on tithing and the need to attend tithing settlement. I had come to the conclusion we needed the money a little more than the Church. Stella leaned over to me and said that I should make a settlement. I suggested that she should wait in the corridor while I went into the office. The bishop and I talked and I explained my position. He then said, “Brother Dalton, if you will pay your tithing, I promise you in the name of the Lord you will never miss it.” I talked to Stella about this as I thought we had no money. She said, “I have $1.00 which I have been saving to buy young John a pair of shoes. You take this and pay it for tithing.” We paid our last dollar on tithing. This was her way of urging me to do what was right. The next morning the judge for whom I was working changed my condition in the office and I made from $2.00 to $10.00 more each week. Whenever we did what she thought was right, we prospered.”

After graduation in 1915, they moved to Castle Dale, Utah. Bart became the
County Attorney for Emery County and built a small law practice there. They remained active in the Church.

In December 1918 they moved to Price where they lived until 1936. Here Stella served as Ward Relief Society president and later as stake Relief Society President. Bart serve principally in MIA and taught one of the largest Sunday School classes in the entire Church.

They were both conservative in politics but extremely active, being members of the Republican State Committee. Stella was Republican Committee Woman, Chairman of the Republican Women, President of the Women’s Club, County Chairman of the Red Cross, and had time to take care of many poor and needy. No one ever came to her home or was shown to be in want without her responding immediately to their needs.

Bart was active in his law practice and became one of the foremost lawyers in the state. While a fair and ethical attorney, he had a high sense of honor and responsibility and on many occasions was appointed by the court to represent, without fee, men accused of serious crimes when the court felt they needed a man to represent them who would be a courageous and militant counsel. He also served Price as Mayor and under his leadership Price organized its first hospital and eventually built its first modern community hospital.

In all of these accomplishments Bart and Stella maintained a close relationship and worked as a team in all they did. Their family was a close unit and love was in their home.

Their only son, John, went on a mission to South Africa in 1931 to 1934. At this time they were providing all the necessary material comforts for Dottie and Jane and seeing to their education as well as training in music and other cultural endeavors.

In 1935, Bart and Stella and their two daughters, Dottie and Jane, moved to Los Angeles (Westwood Village), California where John was attending law school with financial help from his parents and living with his wife and daughter. Here they built an apartment house and Bart intermittently engaged in building and selling some houses, though he had ostensibly retired from the practice of law.

Their activity in the Church continued, and Stella became the president of the Los Angeles Stake Relief Society. Their home was a center for gatherings of Church people, including many of the General Authorities and some presidents of the Church as they visited in the Los Angeles area. It was always open to their friends and the friends of their children as well as countless servicemen during World War II,
Dottie continued her education at the University of California at Los Angeles in Westwood, Jane attended the University of Utah and John attended and graduated from the University of Southern California and eventually became a member of the State Bar of California.

In the early 1940s, as the war progressed, they moved to Norwalk, California, where Bart and John operated a chicken ranch taken over from some interned Japanese and eventually built a ranch of their own where they raised about 25,000 chickens at a time.

While living in Norwalk after the war, the chicken ranch was subdivided and Bart returned to the practice of law. Stella desired a new home planned exactly as they wanted, and John built it. Community service still attracted them. Stella was an active member of the Women’s Club, Bart served as president of the Kiwanis Club and president of the Chamber of Commerce. They were also active in Church service. Stella served as a counselor in the Stake Relief Society presidency and Bart was called to be a member of the high council of the East Long Beach Stake, a unique situation since they were serving under their son, John, who was the stake president.

Stella became terminally ill with cancer. After several months she passed away in Norwalk, California, in the home which she had lovingly planned, decorated and lived in.

Bart again retired from his law practice and voluntarily, without pay, spent over a year as the manager of a large Church welfare ranch near Perris, California. He remarried and lived in Fullerton, California, where he passed away.

Five children:

1. **MARY ESTELLA DALTON**, b. 10 March and d. 11 March 1911 in Manassa, Colorado.

2. **JOHN CRANMER DALTON**, b. 1 September 1912, in Manassa, Colorado, md. MIRIAM SMITH 12 September 1935, daughter of Presiding Patriarch, Hyrum G. Smith, in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b. 7 June 1913, d. 28 June 1939 in Los Angeles, California. John d. 28 April 1978 at Truckee, California.

A few days after my birth, my mother and I traveled to Salt Lake City to join my father who had preceded us there to enter law school at the University of Utah. Following his graduation, we moved to Castle Dale, Utah, and in 1918 to Price, Utah.

In Price I attended school and graduated from Carbon County High School in 1929, following which I attended Brigham Young University (1929-31) before going on a mission to South Africa, 1931 to ’34 (where I also attended the Capetown Technical College learn-
During my mission to South Africa, I served as mission secretary for two years, handling the mission records and finances, and in addition did regular proselyting in Cape(town) and Johannesburg Districts, serving as District President, led choirs in many presentations, and played on the mission baseball team (with which we introduced baseball to the Union of South Africa).

On returning home, I again enrolled at Brigham Young University for one year and then in 1935 moved to Los Angeles, California, to attend the University of Southern California Law School, graduating in 1938 with an L.L.B. degree.

In high school I was active in student affairs, also in music, singing, in choruses and leads in school operettas, playing in band and orchestra, and was on the debating team. My music interests led to professional engagements, and I played and sang professionally in stage and dance hall engagements and played in the theater pit for vaudeville and accompanying silent pictures before the advent of “talkies.” Musical interests continued at the BYU, in the school band, symphony orchestra and professionally with a dance band, and I studied voice for two years, also singing in school musical groups. I was also active in student affairs, being president of my social unit (fraternity), cheerleader of the college, and a member of the school debating team. At USC I was a member of one of the foremost bands on the Pacific Coast for three years.

For our honeymoon, we moved to Los Angeles so that I could attend law school. During my law school days, I was active in the Hollywood Stake, leading musical groups, and also served as president of the YMMIA in the stake. Our daughter Juana was born December 1936, and I graduated in 1938 I was admitted to the State Bar in December of that year. Following law school, jobs were scarce for young lawyers and I worked at Hartford Insurance as an adjuster for two years and then for an insurance broker for one year.

To my deep sorrow, Miriam became ill and passed away in 1939.

Marrying Maxine Jensen was one of the great blessings of my life. Maxine raised Juana and our entire family, and has been a loyal, loving and devoted wife and mother, and is an inspiration and source of strength to all of us.

Within a week of the return from our honeymoon (Maxine and I), I was called to be a member of the high council of the Los Angeles Stake, organized by Elder Harold B. Lee. During the World War II years, Maxine and I moved to Bellflower, California, to work with my father in Norwalk, California, on a large chicken ranch, which had been left by some Japanese during their internment. Later we built our first home in Norwalk. During this time, I served in the Bellflower Ward YMMIA superintendency and led the ward choir. I was then called to be a counselor in the ward bishopric, and in 1945 was called to be the bishop of Bellflower Ward, being ordained by Elder Spencer W. Kimball. During this period, the new ward chapel was built. After about two years as bishop I was called by Elder Joseph Fielding Smith to be a counselor in the Long Beach Stake Presidency, and in 1950, that stake was divided and I became the first president of the East Long Beach Stake, being set
apart by Elders Stephen L Richards, Ezra Taft Benson, and Spencer W. Kimball (who was then convalescing from an illness in Los Angeles).

This Stake grew from five wards to thirteen, and was then divided again. Our family had moved to Fullerton, California, so on this division I became the first president of the Orange County Stake. During this period it was my privilege to actively participate in the groundbreaking, building and dedication of the Los Angeles Temple, the acquisition of the large Perris Ranch of the Church Welfare System, and serve as chairman of the Southern California Welfare Region of the Church.

Following some heart trouble in 1959, I was released as stake president, and had a hiatus in holding church offices, though I served a short time on the high council of the Fullerton Stake (the result of a division of the Orange County Stake), but in 1967 was called to be one of the first group of Regional Representatives of the Twelve and served as such until 1973, being assigned in succession to the Bakersfield and Mojave Regions, Burbank and Glendale Regions, San Diego Region, all in California; and the Phoenix and Yuma Regions (Arizona).

In 1941 I commenced and still continue to actively practice law in Bellflower and Fullerton and served in community activities on the Board of Directors of the Bellflower Chamber of Commerce (before incorporation of the city, it was the equivalent of the City Council), and the United Way.

I also became active in the Bellflower Club of Rotary International serving as club president in 1955-56, and then the governor of District 530, presiding over 35 clubs in the east part of Los Angeles and Southern Nevada. This was followed by appointments to various committees of Rotary International. In 1971-73 I was elected a member of the International Board of Directors of Rotary, serving on the Board with men from eight countries.

My family and church have been my life; however, travel has been an avocation. My companion and I spent three months in Europe before reporting to our mission in South Africa, and then spent five months, following our release, visiting southern Africa, Rhodesia, the East Coast, Palestine (now Israel), Egypt, India, China, Hawaii (where my folks met us for a short time) before arriving back in Utah, a trip around the world. Since then, on special assignments for Rotary, Maxine and I have again gone around the world, and have filled assignments in India, Pakistan, Tahiti, Australia, Japan, Hong Kong, Hawaii, Europe (including Sweden, Germany, Holland, France, Switzerland, and traveled in many of the adjoining countries to those mentioned), Canada, Mexico, and many states of the U.S.A.

My hobbies are music, reading, and carpentry.

In closing, God has blessed Maxine and me abundantly in our heritage through fine parents, in our family, in our church activity which I have mentioned above, and I hasten to include that Maxine has taught a Primary class continually for 25 years besides being anchor and a guiding light to our family in devotion to the Church, and above all in the opportunity to serve others. We testify to the divinity of this Restored Church and this guiding and loving hand in the few things we have accomplished together.
John and Miriam had one child:

1. **JUANA MIRIAM DALTON**, b. 9 December 1936 in Los Angeles, California, md. THOMAS HOWARD WHITE 30 January 1959 in Los Angeles Temple [divorced]. He was b. 2 September 1933. Two children:
   1. Michele Lynn White, b. 25 October 1964 in Bellflower, California.
   2. Nicole Ann White, b. 16 December 1966 in Fullerton, California.

**Juana Miriam Dalton** md. second LEE MESTRES 17 December 1973 in Fullerton, California. Two children:
   1. Michele Lynn Mestres, b. 25 October 1964 in Bellflower, California.
   2. Nicole Ann Mestres, b. 16 December 1966 in Fullerton, California.

John Cranmer Dalton md. MAXINE JENSEN 17 May 1941 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 7 July 1920 in Manti, Utah. John and Maxine had five children:

1. **KATHRYN LOUISE DALTON**, b. 4 February 1942 in Los Angeles, California, md. GARY EDMUND MORDOCK 20 June 1964 in Fullerton, California, sealed 13 March 1965 in the Los Angeles Temple. He was b. 21 March 1937 in Los Angeles, California. Four children:
   1. Christina Marie Mordock, b. 5 June 1965 in Los Angeles, California.

2. **JOHN CRANMER DALTON, Jr.**, b. 29 January 1970 in Los Angeles, California, md. LOUISE DEAN 9 September 1966 in the Los Angeles Temple. She was b. 5 March 1945 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Four children:
   2. Matthew Joseph Dalton, b. 5 May 1972 in Fullerton, California.
   3. Heather Elizabeth Dalton, b. 10 April 1976 in Fullerton, California.
   4. Justin West Dalton, b. 27 February 1979 in Fullerton, California.

3. **BARTLETT GLEN DALTON**, b. 18 September 1949 in Downey, California, md. MARIE CONCEPCION MORALES 30 April 1976 in Mexico City, Mexico. She was b. 8 December 1950 in Puebla, Mexico. Three children:
   2. Felicia Maxine Dalton, b. 13 August 1979 in Fullerton, California.
   3. Christopher Glen Dalton, b. 21 February 1982 in Anaheim, California.

4. **MICHAEL STEPHEN DALTON**, b. 17 July 1951 in Downey, California, md. DEBRA WOODREN ELAINE PHELPS 20 February 1971, sealed 8 December 1973 in the Los Angeles Temple [divorced]. She was b. 4 July 1954 in California. Three chil-
PATRICIA ELAINE DALTON, b. 4 May 1971 in California.
2. MICHAEL STEPHEN DALTON, b. 17 February 1974 in Fullerton, California.
3. STACY LEIGH DALTON, b. in September 1976 in Fullerton, California.

MICHAEL STEPHEN DALTON md. second NANCY WOOD 6 August 1982 in the Los Angeles Temple. She was b. 2 September 1955 in Orange, California. Four children:
1. AMANDA ELIZABETH DALTON, b. 26 June 1983 in Orange, California.
2. TRAVIS WESLEY DALTON, b. 2 April 1985 in Anaheim, California.
3. MEREDITH TERESA DALTON, b. 11 August 1986 in Anaheim, California.
4. HANNAH SMITH DALTON, b. 27 December 1990 in Fullerton, California.

MELISSA ANN DALTON, b. 3 January 1957 in Whittier, California, md. REID JOHN GOETTSCHE 29 December 1977 in the Los Angeles Temple. He was b. 20 March 1955 in Ogden, Utah. Three children:
1. JOHN TYLER GOETTSCHE, b. 25 August 1982 in Orange, California.
2. ERIC REID GOETTSCHE, b. 26 January 1985 in Orange, California.
3. ALLISON NICOLE GOETTSCHE, b. 12 January 1989 in Orange, California.

3. BARTLETT WEST DALTON, b. and d. 1 September 1915 in Castle Dale, Utah.

4. DOTTIE DALTON, b. 29 December 1918 in Price, Utah, md. RICHARD HUGHES ANDERSON 4 October 1941 in Los Angeles, California. He was b. 25 October 1916 in Modesto, California.

After completing high school at Carbon County High, Price, Utah, she attended the University of California at Los Angeles. Dottie enjoyed reading, music (piano, instrumental and vocal). She attended University of California in Los Angeles. Dottie d. 19 June 1968 in Los Angeles, California.

Four children:
1. JAMES DALTON ANDERSON, b. 22 April 1947 in Los Angeles, California, d. 12 June 1948.

2. MARY ELIZABETH ANDERSON, b. 9 July 1949 in Los Angeles, California, md. KEITH ALLAN KINCAID 5 June 1982 in Hudson, North Carolina. He was b. 24 December 1953 in Hickory, North Carolina. Two children:
   1. RICHARD ALLAN KINCAID, b. 6 December 1983 in Hickory, North Carolina.
   2. MARY ALLISON KINCAID.

3. JANE ESTELLA ANDERSON, b. 18 May 1951 in Los Angeles, California, md. RICHARD LUCAS 9 August 1975 in La Canada, California.

JANE ESTELLA ANDERSON md. second WALTER WILLIAM PHALER 21 October 1978 in Anaheim, California. He was b. 26 October 1941. Two children:
1. TIMOTHY WILLIAM PHALER, b. 12 April 1980 in Santa Ana, California.
2. SEAN RICHARD PHALER, b. 24 September 1983 in Santa Ana, California.
4. **RICHARD HUGHES ANDERSON**, b. 17 March 1953 in Los Angeles, California, md. **ROBIN ELIZABETH HUMPHREY** 22 May 1982 in Orange, California. Robin was b. 8 May 1954. Two children:

5. **JANE DALTON** b. 4 February 1923 in Price, Utah, md. **HARVEY MONTGOMERY PATTON** 14 May 1943 in the Los Angeles Temple. He was b. 24 January 1921 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Jane d. 3 July 1986.

Harvey was active in the military service of our country, serving in World War II, the Korean War, and in the early part of the Viet Nam conflict. He served with distinction in the U.S.M.C. (Air Corps) finally retiring with the rank of Colonel. Jane, after completing high school in Los Angeles, California, attended the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah. Jane was a homemaker and her hobbies were community service work, and reading.

Three children:


2. **BARTLETT WEST PATTON**, b. 19 May 1951 in Port Hueneme, California, md. **JOANNE IZU** in 22 June 1997, sealed 11 February 1989 in the Los Angeles Temple. She was b. 2 December 1951 in Indio, California. Two children:

3. **KATHLEEN PATTON**, b. 18 September 1958 in Cherry Point, North Carolina, md. **CHARLES ALAN SHREIBER** 25 August 1979 in Dona Point California [divorced]. He was b. 6 January 1958 in Pasadena, California.

3A6-3 **SARAH MABEL CROWTHER**, b. July 18, 1891 in Sanford, Colorado, md. **HEBER HOUSTON DePRIEST** 27 June 1911 at the home of stake president James P. Jensen, in Sanford, Colorado. He was b. 3 February 1890 in Manassa, Colorado, the eighth child of James Houston and Margaret E. Talley DePriest. Mabel d. 24 September 1971, graduating, we are sure, to provide music in a higher realm.

I had a happy childhood and home life. We were kept busy and taught to work. I used to carry water from the Funk’s well across the street south of our home. When I was five or six years old, I went after a pan of water and reached down in the deep well box where the artesian pipe flowed into it to fill the pan. I fell in head first with my arms reaching the bottom of the well box and my feet sticking
up in the air above the box. My sister, Estella, was coming home from Aunt Lena Norris’ on the sidewalk across the street and saw my feet, so she ran over and pulled me out of the well. If I had stayed in there longer, I would have drowned for my head was down in the water. I think the Lord sent her to save my life. I know the Lord watches over His children and protects them in times of need.

I started playing the piano at an early age and sometimes got out of washing the dishes because Father needed me to practice with him. Most of my time was spent with music so I did not receive the training in sewing and cooking that my sisters did.

At the age of twelve I was made Stake Sunday School organist visiting all the wards and branches with Uncle Holm Mortensen, who was stake chorister. We went by horse and buggy. The next few years I was Sanford Ward organist as well as Sunday School and MIA organist. Since this time I have never been without a church position and most of the time I have held two or three. I have worked many years as Relief Society organist both stake and ward; Primary organist, both stake and ward; at different times stake YWMIA first counselor and ward YWMIA president; ward Relief Society chorister for a number of years; Sunday School kindergarten teacher; Sunday School organist and ward organist most of my life; Primary teacher for the Larks’ class; and Relief Society visiting teacher.

After graduating from the district school, I attended the Stake Academy in Manassa for four years, graduating in May 1910, and paid my tuition by playing the piano for the choirs and special programs, including operas “Merry Milk Maids,” “The Pinafore,” and “See America First,” written and conducted by King Driggs, Helen Greenwood, George Barrett and, one of the outstanding ones, Spencer Cornwall, who taught during the four years.

When I first came to Manassa to attend the Academy, I met Heber Houston DePriest. We went together all through the four years.

*Both Heber and Mabel loved music. They played in the Academy orchestra, played for church and community parties and dances, and Heber played in the Manassa town band.*

In October that year, our first child was born and died the same day in 1911. Manassa had a real flood. After raining for more than thirty days, there was a cloudburst up at Elk Creek. Water came down in torrents and the town was deeply
covered. We couldn’t get out of the house for several days after this flood.

Heber clerked in his father’s store during the winters, and farmed on the ranch north of town in the spring and summers. In the fall we moved to Manassa where Opal was born in 1912. In October we bought our present home from Christen Jensen. Vaughan was born in 1915; Edith was born January 19, 1918, and Mary was born in 1921. In June 1924 we went to the Salt Lake Temple where we were sealed together as a family.

During these years Heber and I played in a dance orchestra for many dances. Soon after we bought our home in 1912, we purchased a piano and I started giving private lessons. Very few children grow up in Manassa who have not had lessons from me. For a few summers I drove to Sanford two days a week, giving lessons.

For Mabel the Church has always come first. Many, many hours has she spent practicing with the choir for ward and stake conferences, quartets, trios, and soloists for programs, funerals and weddings. Accompanists seldom get recognition but they spend more time than anyone else preparing for these things. There are many of her former piano students who have gone on to become good music people in the Church, so her good work is being carried on.

The San Luis Valley and many other areas of this country have been touched by the musical talents of Mabel and Heber’s family. These two people spent most of their lives in the San Luis Valley where they met while students at the San Luis Stake Academy.

She has taught her three daughters music so they have been able to do much in the Church and this is carrying on down through the grandchildren. She has honored her parents by being strong in faith and integrity and by being a good example for her children:

Mabel and Heber’s five children:

1. **LELAND DePRIEST**, b. and d. 28 June 1911 in Sanford, Colorado.

2. **OPAL DePRIEST** b. 11 October 1912 in Manassa, Colorado, md. NIELS GANTZEL THUDE 29 December 1928 in Phoenix, Arizona [divorced]. He was b. 28 February 1903 in Hillerup, Denmark, d. 10 January 1960.

   Opal had normal LDS rearing and training, attending Primary, Sunday School and school at Manassa, Colorado, until 1928 when the family moved to Mesa, Arizona. Opal’s church service includes Sunday School chorister for 23 years, branch and ward music and choir director for 20 years, MIA music director, teacher, Primary pianist, Relief Society counselor, chorister, Singing mothers director, stake Primary board member. She served a
mission to Albuquerque Stake Lamanites 1968 to 1969.

Opal worked for the Civil Service for twelve years and sixteen years for the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory. She retired in October 1975.

Two daughters:

1. **CHARLOTTE ANN THUDE**, b. 8 April 1931 in Manassa, Colorado, md. DONALD GEORGE HARDY 21 July 1947 in Santa Fe, New Mexico [divorced]. He was b. 12 August 1926 in Grant City, Missouri. One child:
   1. **Linda Kay Hardy**, b. 22 June 1949 in Mesa, Arizona, md. GEORGE NELSON. 

   **Linda Kay Hardy** md. second ROBERT THEODORE McCUNE St. in Tulsa, Oklahoma [divorced]. He was b. 1 July 1936 in Kansas City, Missouri. Four children:
   1. **Hardy McCune**, b. 3 January and d. 5 January 1965 in Helena, Montana.
   2. **Larry Matthew McCune**, b. 3 March 1971 in Sheridan, Montana.

2. **Charlotte Ann Thude** md. second LARRY CARL CHALBERG 19 May 1950 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He was b. 6 March 1924 in Austin, Texas and d. 4 April 1962. Four children:
   1. **Mary Christine Chalberg**, b. 21 February 1951 in Santa Fe, New Mexico, d. 15 September 1993.
   2. **Albert Lee Chalberg**, b. 9 December 1952 in Austin, Texas, md. Joanne Marie Jasper 26 July 1975 in Zion, Illinois [divorced]. She was b. 5 May 1951 in Waukegan Lake, Illinois. One child:
   3. **Clifford Mark Chalberg**, b. 29 October 1954 in Pecos, Texas, md.Cynthia Marie Faist 26 September 1979 in Taos, New Mexico [divorced]. She was b. 12 July 1955 in Billings, Montana. Two children:
      1. **Christopher Mark Chalberg**, b. 16 May 1981 in Billings, Montana.
   4. **Clifford Mark Chalberg** md. second Janet Kathryn Deegan January 1990. She was b. 20 October 1958 in Lewistown, Montana. Two children:

**Charlotte Ann Thude** md. third HENRY LUKEZIC 27 May 1976 [divorced].

**2. CAROLYN SUE THUDE**, b. 25 August 1933 in Manassa, Colorado, md. GUILLERMO (WILLIE) BENITO MARTINEZ 8 December 1950 in Taos, New Mexico, sealed 6 October 1970 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 4 September 1927 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Carolyn Sue d. in Los Alamos in 1969. Four children:

1. **William Wayne Martinez**, b. 16 April 1951 in Los Alamos, New Mexico, md. Tember Giger 13 December 1975 in Anchorage, Alaska. She was b. 18 September 1954 in North Hollywood, California.


3. **Steven James Martinez**, b. 22 September 1954 in Los Alamos, New Mexico, md. Dawna Ruth Wade 25 March 1978 in Los Alamos, New Mexico [divorced]. She was b. 7 May 1953 in Corona, California. One child:

   1. **Heath Wayne Martinez**, b. 29 August 1979 in Los Alamos, New Mexico.


**Opal DePriest** md. second MARK ISADORE JASINSKI 21 February 1946 in Santa Fe, New Mexico, sealed 13 June 1962 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 24 April 1911. One child:

1. **MARK HEBER JASINSKI**, b. 10 February 1947 in Los Alamos, New Mexico, md. JANENE ELIZABETH SEAL 20 December 1972 in the Provo Temple. She was b. 10 August 1953 in Tacoma, Washington. Mark was an Eagle Scout and earned a Duty to God award. He attended Brigham Young University and served in the Central America Mission 1966 to 1968. He was a music instructor at Rock Valley College, Rockford, Illinois. Mark has served in the church as counselor to a bishop, and an elders quorum president. Seven children:


He attended schools in Manassa, then graduated from Mesa Union High School in Mesa, Arizona, in 1935. He spent time with his father on the farm. After high school he went into construction work for a vocation.
He served in the military and was stationed in Germany and France in WW II. He took part in the Battle of the Bulge where both feet were frozen, from which he has suffered a great deal. After the war he moved his family to Los Alamos, New Mexico. There he worked as carpenter/foreman for the Zia Company for thirty years. He is also an excellent watch repairman. He was counselor to Bishop Ulisus Guthrie, a branch clerk, and home teacher.

Three children:

1. **PEGGY LAVAUGHN DePRIEST**, b. 4 December 1937 in Antonito, Colorado, md. JAMES ROSS BRADBERRY 28 December 1957 in Los Alamos, New Mexico. He was b. September 1936 in Manila, Arkansas. Received education at BYU, and Arkansas State College. Vocation: Assistant to Financial Manager Officer, Los Alamos Science Lab. Church service includes Relief Society teacher, MIA counselor, Sunday School pianist, Junior Sunday School coordinator.

2. **ROXYE LEE DePRIEST**, b. 2 July 1940 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. JAMES CHARLES PAUL McNEIL 22 August 1964 in Los Alamos, New Mexico [divorced]. He was b. 7 August 1935 in Los Angeles, California. Church service includes Sunday School teacher, Primary counselor, assistant ward librarian. Roxye d. 27 March 1975. One child:

3. **CLARENCE HOUSTON DePRIEST**, b. 8 March 1942 in Manassa, Colorado, md. VICKY LYNN GRAY 25 September 1970 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b. December 1946 in American Fork, Utah. Four children:
   1. Cheryl Lynn DePriest, b. 6 August 1971 in Bitburg, Germany, md. E. Matt Marshall 30 April 1993 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 1 April 1971 in Prosser, Washington. One child:
      1. Matt Tyler Marshall, b. 27 April 1996 in Salt Lake City, Utah.
   2. Julie LaVonne DePriest, b. 8 May 1973 in Bitburg, Germany, md. Stephen Smith 5 October 1993 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 20 September 1970 in Ogden, Utah. One child:
   3. David Alan DePriest, b. 12 May 1975 in San Antonio, Texas.


The doctor didn’t arrive in time to deliver me because of the deep snow but I came anyway. I had the usual schooling and church background and was stake Sunday School organist at age 15.
Our family had the opportunity of living just a block from both sets of grandparents. I spent many hours running errands for them and helping them clean house, etc. Grandpa DePriest always had me play his favorite song “Come, Come Ye Saints” on the piano for him and Grandpa Crowther had me play the piano while he played the violin, expecting me to chord, transpose and play as well as my mother, but I never could.

I remember the Thanksgiving dinners and many get-togethers of all the aunts and uncles and cousins on both sides of our family. Christmas was with the DePriests as that was Grandpa’s birthday.

I graduated from seminary and always got good grades in all subjects in school. My most pleasant memories of my childhood were listening to Mama at the piano and Dad playing the cello, violin, saxophone or other instruments that he played and of the many practices of singing and instruments of others in our home and the hours of piano lessons that Mama gave to all ages of people in our home.

We spent several years in Mesa, Arizona. In 1934, my brother Vaughn and I went to Mesa with Opal and started high school as our parents were to come down later for the winter. We both graduated from Mesa High School in 1935.

We lived there but visited the folks in Colorado and they would visit us in the winters. We lived in the same house for 17 years, then moved within a mile to our present home where we have lived 18 years, living in the same ward but having it divided several times.

When I came to Mesa there were four wards and now there are over 40 wards. I have worked in all the auxiliaries of the church, was ward Primary president in my late 20s, then served on the Primary stake board. I was ward Relief Society counselor five years and a visiting teacher 38 years. Gus and I were both MIA secretaries together for eight years. I had been on the Relief Society Stake Board for 17 years when we received our mission call. I had attended almost every October conference in Salt Lake City during the seventeen years of being on the board.

I worked in the Arizona Temple Bureau Visitors Center for over two years, greeting the visitors and showing films, etc. Our greatest experience was serving in the Oklahoma Tulsa mission for eighteen months from 1975 to 1976, which included part of Arkansas close to the Missouri line.

My hobbies include sewing, knitting, crocheting, and painting. Our greatest blessings are our two children:

1. GERALD LEROY O’BARR, b. 26 January 1936 in Mesa, Arizona, md. KATHLEEN FERRIN 3 December 1959 in the Logan Temple. She was b. 2 March 1934 in Ogden, Utah.

Gerald was educated at West Point, New York and at BYU, Provo, Utah, obtaining a master’s degree in physics. Gerald was a physicist for nearly 30 years at General Dynamics in San Diego and Kathleen was a nurse, but was a devoted stay-at-home mom. His church service includes Scout leader, priesthood leader, and counselor in
the bishopric.

Kathleen and I work at the San Diego Temple once a week. We could not have things better than that!

Our eight children:

1. Carolyn O’Barr, b. 26 September 1960 at Fort Ord, California, md. James Johnathan Kleske 24 October 1984 Honolulu, Hawaii. [divorced]. He was b. 26 September 1956 Buffalo, New York. She is teaching computer/internet type classes for local colleges and others.

   1. Kristen Bree O’Barr, b. September 1979 in San Diego, California, md. Hakim Wakil. Two children:
      1. Yasmine Bree Wakil, b. 1 March 1995 in Escondido, California.
      2. Sam Germain Wakil.

   2. Nasreen Issam Atassi, b. 8 July 1985 in San Diego, California.

   3. Nedda Issam Atassi, b. 21 August 1987 in San Diego, California.

Nancy O’Barr md. second Roger Frantz. Nancy and Roger, are raising her three kids, and, part time, her husband’s two kids. She has had Federal Grand Jury duty one day a week for more than a year, and works full time as an office manager for a private school. Her husband is an economics professor at San Diego State.

3. Marianne O’Barr, b. 16 October 1963 in Provo, Utah, md. Raymond Mark Persinger 19 August 1995 in Fountain Valley, California. Marianne is teaching part-time at Laguna Art Institute, where her husband teaches sculpture. Two girls:
   1. Kathleen Persinger.
   2. Rachael Persinger

4. David Ferrin O’Barr, b. 11 January 1966 in La Jolla, California. David and Crystal _______ have a baby girl. He works as an assistant city attorney for the city of Anaheim.
   1. Amber O’Barr, b. 1 February 1999.

5. Robert Alan O’Barr, b. 9 March 1967 in La Jolla, California. Robert is still at home, working as a physicist, and investing in everything!

6. Stephen Angus O’Barr, b. 29 July 1968 in La Jolla, California. Stephen and Veronica ____________ were md. in January 1999 and are expecting their first child in February 2000. Stephen is working as a professor at Western University in Pomona, California.


I am the youngest of eight children and spent my whole life until the age of 18 in San Diego. I had perhaps the best childhood anyone could imagine with so many older brothers and sisters to spoil me and give me attention.

As a young boy I needed all the supervision I could get. I liked to play with water and get dirty in the mud. I also wanted to be a construction man and loved to garden in the back yard. I remember often being with my mother shopping, visiting teaching, and going to my favorite place, Sea World. Mother always made me feel like I was her baby and favorite. I think all of her children feel that way.

My father always taught us about science, engaged our minds, and could seem to answer any question we could dream up. He often said we could each become rich if we invented something useful and encouraged us to think. He liked to play the piano, especially on Sunday mornings.

Our parents taught us not only practical things but also spiritual. They ingrained in me a strong sense of right and wrong and taught us by example. Church activity has always been the center of their lives. Oftentimes they were busy with callings or gone for a Saturday to the temple. They are a solid anchor in a stormy sea.

As a young boy I developed an interest in gardening and planted a garden in our back yard for several years. We also had a few fruit trees and I developed a love for growing things. I always enjoyed mowing the lawn and keeping things up around the house and I don’t remember anyone else in the house complaining about that.

As a teenager I started a lawn service business which gave me some spending money. I also learned about sprinkler systems and installed a few of those around our neighborhood. I was involved in Scouting, Young Men, and participated in high school sports running in track and cross country. In 1992 I attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

In 1993, I graduated from University City High School and attended Brigham Young University. The love I developed for growing things when I was young stayed with me as I pursued a B.S. degree in Agronomy.

After my first year at BYU I served a mission in the Spain Bilbao Mission from May 1994-June 1996. This was a very challenging but exciting time for me. My testimony grew as I taught the gospel. I learned Spanish and about another culture. I developed a love for the people there and could not classify my mission as a sacrifice because I had profited more from it than I gave up.

When I returned home I returned to BYU in the Fall of 1996. I worked on the grounds crew at BYU for three years (one of those years was prior to my mission) doing maintenance and landscape work during the school year. My sen-
ior year I obtained a job working at the Agronomy Department’s Soil and Plant Analysis Laboratory. In the summers I worked at various jobs including an internship at a church-owned farm in Ruskin, Florida, pesticide applicator, and working at Fred Meyer’s garden shop.

While at BYU in 1997 I met my beautiful wife Raquel Lodeiro Manchon from Bilbao, Spain. Though she was from Bilbao and I had served in the Bilbao Mission we had never previously met. Raquel was living with some sister missionaries in Provo, Utah, I had served with and often visited. We quickly became friends. I would bring her ingredients for a tasty Spanish dish called the “tortilla de patata,” which she would make.

We found out we had a lot in common and began dating. In April 1998, Raquel completed her M.A. in Linguistics and graduated from BYU and worked at a few private schools teaching Spanish. Soon her visa expired and she was required to return home to Spain without a marriage proposal in October 1998. The day she left I missed her so much I knew I had to propose and could not live without her. I bought a plane ticket for the Christmas holiday to Spain and we decided to marry the following May.

I graduated from BYU in April of 1999. I’m not sure there are two people who are as happy as we are together. Raquel has many strengths and abilities. She is a modern-day pioneer in her family as the only member of the church. She found out about the church from a pair of bold elders who contacted her on a train in Bilbao. She soon began receiving the discussions and after six months she was baptized in January of 1995. Less than a year later in December 1995 she went to Provo, Utah, to BYU.

After a short honeymoon to Catalina Island in California we drove to Fargo, North Dakota, where I am currently pursuing a master’s degree in plant science with a focus in weed science at North Dakota State University. Raquel is a full-time Spanish professor at Minnesota State University-Moorhead, which is about four miles away from our home. We are expecting our first child in February 2001 and look forward to becoming parents and seeing our family grow. I hope to graduate in May of 2001 and then begin a Ph.D. program at a yet to be determined location.

My hobbies and activities include camping, gardening and working as an assistant Scoutmaster with our ward scout troop. Raquel and I both serve as first counselors in the Young Men’s and Young Women’s organizations respectively.
2. MARY COLLEEN O'BARR, b. 9 April 1938 in Mesa, Arizona, md. NOLAN ROYCE PETERSEN 29 October 1957 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 8 April 1933 Ferron, Utah. Nolan was in the military, USAF. Five children:
1. Denise Petersen, b. 7 October 1958 in Mesa, Arizona, md. Kevin Robert Miller 13 July 1978 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 21 August 1954 in Coronado, California. Four children:
   2. Rachelle Miller, b. February 1981 in Nürnberg, West Germany.
   3. Christy Miller, b. 7 March 1984 in Petersburg, Virginia.
   4. Kent Richard Miller, b. 4 April 1988 in Cedar City, Utah.
2. Lorene Petersen, b. 31 March 1960 at Camp Kue, Okinawa, Japan.
   1. Melissa Bateman, b. 11 February 1986 in Rexburg, Idaho.
4. Julie Petersen, b. 27 March 1968 at Hahn Air Base, West Germany, md. Craig Randal Mason 1 May 1987 in the Seattle Temple [divorced]. He was b. 14 July 1965 in Calgary, Canada.
   Julie Petersen md. second John Francis Wheeles 30 October 1991 in Portland, Oregon [divorced]. John was b. 14 February 1959. Two children:
   1. Steven Mark Wheeles, b. December 20, 1988 in Cedar City, Utah.

Edith DePriest md. second RAYMOND PARKER 14 October 1968 in Mesa, Arizona.

5. MARY MARGARET DePRIEST, b. 10 June 1920 in Manassa, Colorado, md. WARREN COOMBS SHAWCROFT 22 October 1941, sealed 17 March 1942 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 5 June 1916 in Colorado, d. 19 May 1993. Mary d. 21 June 1967 in La Jara, Colorado.

The youngest child of Sarah Mabel Crowther and Heber Houston DePriest, she graduated from Manassa High School, then attended business college at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Warren entered the Army during WW II. While Warren was overseas, Mary worked in California. Upon his return from the Army they built a home north of La Jara, Colorado, and engaged in cattle raising and farming. Mary was a homemaker, and Warren was a rancher.

She served the church in several positions at a time in the music capacity of the various organizations. She loved most directing the stake choir and working with the Singing Mothers as stake director. She gave herself to many community activities: PTA, Fair board, Cattlemen’s Association and Rotary Club organist. Two children:

1. RODGER WARREN SHAWCROFT, b. 7 July 1949 in Denver, Colorado, md. KATHLEEN BETH SHORT 6 December 1969, sealed 25 January 1976 in Manti

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Temple [divorced]. She was b. 23 October 1950 in Macomb, Illinois. Four children:
2. Cristina Marie Shawcroft, b. 28 May 1974 in Denver, Colorado.
3. Diana Lynn Shawcroft, b. 22 February 1977 in Denver, Colorado.


2. MARTILLE SHAWCROFT, b. 6 _________ 1951 in Denver, Colorado, md. STANLEY WARREN HENDERSON 25 July 1970 in La Jara, Colorado [divorced]. Stanley was b. 28 September 1947 in Aurora, Illinois. Martille served as Relief Society cultural refinement teacher. Martille was a hand weaver. Stanley was a construction supervisor. Two children:
   2. James Triston Henderson, b. 26 June 1980 in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Martille Shawcroft md. Second ARTHUR RAY RICE 29 February 1992 in Greeley, Colorado. Arthur was b. 9 April 1940.

3A6-4 THOMAS WALTER CROWTHER, b. July 26, 1893 in Sanford, Colorado, md. CORA ESTELLA GUYMON PETERSON 12 June 1914. in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b. 2 March 1894, the third child and only daughter of Peter and Cora Estella Guymon Peterson, d. 4 July 1975. Walter d. 8 January 1975.

I was the fourth child and second son of William Orson and Mary Caroline Mortensen Crowther who were living in a small log house in the north part of Sanford. Later a red brick house was built and the family lived there for several years. Mother was always kind and loving and was always busy caring for her home and family and did a lot for other people and the Church. Father was a kind and loving father. He was always busy and he set us all a good examples.

Grandpa Crowther (Thomas Crowther) lived with us. Even though I was only five years old when he died, I well remember many things about him.. His hair was snow white, with just a little rim of hair around his head. He had a grey beard. I have lived in Sanford all my life, except for the last several winters we have spent in Mesa.

As soon as I was big enough to work I was kept out of school to help with the farm and sheep. I would start to school late in the fall and would have to stop early in the spring. I never got to attend school after the seventh grade except for a short time at the Academy in Manassa. I remember Orin Beck and I driving to Manassa night and morning with a horse and buggy. Lots of mornings it was around 20 below zero.
I was baptized on my eighth birthday, July 26, 1901, by my father, and was confirmed by Brother Wm. H. Kirby. As a deacon I helped the janitors. I passed the sacrament and, with a horse and buggy, gathered fast offerings such as flour, vegetables, and now and then a chicken. Brother Leroy Martin was my first ward teaching companion. He was a really good man with one very badly crippled hand. I worked with him a lot in later years on county roads, bridges, and headgates.

I was ordained an elder on the 17th of May, 1914, by Joseph F. Smith, Jr. In the Aaronic Priesthood I was president of my deacons and teachers quorums and a leader in the priests quorum. I later taught in the Sunday School. I was a counselor in the MIA and served as superintendent of the Ward MIA. During the time I was superintendent we financed all the amusements for the ward, along with the upkeep of the buildings, lights, fuel, and maintenance for the ward.

MARRIAGE

I met Cora Estella Peterson, who lived just west of La Jara. We have fond memories of going with Randall Mortensen and Helen McIntyre and also Bert Johnson and Louie Davis. We went to Salt Lake City by train to get married.

Estella was born on a ranch north of Richfield, Colorado. Her mother died when she was only eight days old and grandmothers helped take care of the small children until Estella’s father remarried two years later. Estella’s father was killed in an automobile accident in Salt River Canyon, Arizona, January 28, 1938.

In the fall of 1914 we moved into the old family home, the big red house in the northwest part of town. In the spring of 1915 we built a small two-room house on the ranch north of Sanford. We had some good times together with Father, Mother, Alma and Cella, Eugene and Effie while working together in the W. O. Crowther and Sons Company for twelve years.

Orin and Clara lived on the Newcomb Ranch just west of us. We lived there until we built a house on the ranch we purchased from Swen Peterson, now known as the Hanks Ranch. We made several moves. In 1940 we moved to Sanford into the home of Estella’s father. We also have a home in Mesa, Arizona, where we spend the winters. Louise and Millie were born in the little two-room house on the ranch. Howard, Reba, Leland, and Donald were born while we lived at the home place on the ranch.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

I belonged to the LaJara Rotary Club and was president of the local Rotary in 1940-41. I belong to the Cattlemen’s Association both in Colorado and New Mexico and was president of the San Luis Valley Cattlemen’s Association for one year.
was president of the Sanford Boosters Club. I was finance chairman for the Red Cross during World War II in Conejos County. We were first in the nation for three years to raise our quota.

My occupations through the years have been farming, ranching and livestock raising and feeding. I have always loved hunting and fishing. I have loved good horses, both saddle and work horses.

In October 1966 we all gathered in Mesa for Father’s 100th birthday and went through the temple.

I would like to relate here an experience I had that was very comforting and faith-promoting to me. It was soon after Mother passed away. Father appeared to me one night in a dream. It was so real. I talked to him and asked him several questions. I asked him where he was. He said, “I cannot tell you that, but it isn’t far and it doesn’t take long to come.” I said, “I’ll bet it was a wonderful reunion when Mother came to join you.” He said, “It certainly was. I had been waiting for her.” I asked him about Grandpa Crowther, Aunt Laura Morgan and others. He said, “They were all fine, only we are all busy.” At that time I woke up. I think now of those of our relatives who have gone since that time to help out with that work.

We were both born and spent most of our lives in the San Luis Valley of Colorado, although for sixteen winters Estella and I have been in Mesa working in the temple there. The opportunity to help in the temple has been choice. Estella and I have done work for around seventeen hundred people.

I have seen and felt the power of the priesthood for myself and in my family many times. I am grateful for the many goodnesses of life and the many prayers our Heavenly Father has answered many times in our behalf.

Estella suffered a slight heart attack soon after we returned from Mesa in 1968. It was hard on her not to be able to be on the go, working in our home and helping others.

Walter and Estella’s six children:

1. **ANNE LOUISE CROWTHER**, b. 8 December 1915 in a small house on the Crowther Ranch, md. GRANT CURTIS MORTENSEN 17 June 1933 in Del Norte, Colorado, sealed 25 October 1959, in the Mesa Temple. He was b. 29 August 1914 in Payson, Utah, d. 6 August 1988 La Jara, Colorado. See p. 1395 for Grant Curtis Mortensen and sons.

   I grew up on the ranch about five miles north of Sanford, Colorado. I loved being on the ranch and lived there until I was married. I have happy memories of my childhood at home. My parents were very kind and considerate of all their children: They did everything they could for us all their lives, always encouraging us to live the Gospel and to do as we
Uncle Eugene Mortensen and Aunt Effie and their family were our neighbors all the time I was growing up. We enjoyed being with them very much. We had lots of fun and choice experiences with their family. Their children were about the same ages as all us children: We have always enjoyed visiting with our relatives on both sides of the family. I have many pleasant memories of good times spent with members of the families all through my life.

I attended school in Sanford, graduating from Sanford High School. One of my special friends was Marie Miller Westbrook. I married my school day sweetheart. We have lived on a ranch all our married life, except for a few months in Sanford. I have enjoyed the peaceful, quiet life that living on a ranch brings. Grant has been and still is a wonderful husband and father.

Our sons have given us a full and rewarding life. All our boys were married in the temple or have had their families sealed to them.

Most of my life has been spent taking care of my family and home. I spent several summers helping operate our drive-in restaurant. I have worked in the different organizations of the church, which have helped in raising our boys. Some of the jobs were counselor in the Primary two different times. I was stake and ward Trekker leader, a job I enjoyed very much working with the young boys. I was counselor in the stake YWMIA two different times. I was ward YWMIA president for three years. Grant and I served as stake missionaries and I was released to be ward Relief Society president for five years. I have been a visiting teacher for most of my married life. I have been an officer in the PTA during our boys’ school years.

I enjoy working in my yard. I like to cook and do home canning. I enjoyed attending general conference in Salt Lake City while working in the different organizations of the Church. We have gone on many enjoyable trips. I especially enjoy riding through the beautiful mountains. All of our families bring us much satisfaction and happiness and I hope we can always be a close family.

2. CORA MILLIE CROWTHER, b. 30 September 1918 in Sanford, Colorado, md. FRANCIS FAUCETTE 11 September 1937 in Sanford, Colorado. He was b. 20 August 1917 in Sanford, Colorado.

I was born on a ranch north of Sanford, Colorado, at the home across from Uncle Gene’s. Most of my memories were in the home we lived in after my grandparents moved to Manassa. We had many wonderful times as a family. I also enjoyed Mama’s and Daddy’s folks. Some of the things I treasure most as memories of childhood were of all of us working together feeding pet lambs, helping in the hay and pea fields, the pea shed at Star, helping mother cook for hired hands during shearing, thrashing and putting up hay.

Because of the Depression, Sanford was unable to continue school so I graduated from Manassa High School. During this time I stayed with Aunt Almorine and Uncle Horace. I became better acquainted with Grandpa and Grandma Crowther, Aunt Jane’s, Aunt Mabel’s and Aunt Laura’s families. I went the following year to Adams State College. The following fall we married. We had gone together during most of our high school years.
All of our posterity are members of the Church. This has been a great asset to us in raising our family.

I have been a visiting teacher most of my married life, and have served as Primary teacher and Mutual teacher and the health lesson teacher in the Relief Society. I helped cook at school four years and have worked at Conejos County Hospital ten years as a cook. I have fond memories of my parents, their loving care during our childhood and the hard work and help they gave us with our family. We truly miss them and our grandparents and appreciate all of our posterity.

We have ten children: nine living and one son who passed away from an accident which occurred in the spring of his kindergarten year:

1. **DIXON ALLEN FAUCETTE**, b. 22 May 1938 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. SANDRA KAY GOIMARAC 26 December 1956 in Taos, New Mexico [divorced]. She was b. 8 December 1940. Dixon attended Adams State College, Alamosa, Colorado and is a college instructor at Kearney College Arizona. He has served as Sunday School teacher. Two children:
      1. Lindsey Renee Anderson, b. 13 February 1985 in Mesa, Arizona.
   2. Cindy Sue Faucette md. second Steven Gary Taylor 1 October 1977 in Arizona [divorced].

   2. Becky Lynn Wakefield, b. 8 October 1986 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Dixon Allen Faucette md. second ROSE MARY RICE HEMMIE 11 August 1969 in Sanford, Colorado [divorced]. One child:
      1. Tiffany Rose Peterson, b. August 1, 1991 in Mesa, Arizona.

Dixon Allen Faucette md. third JEANETTE H. SERNA SENA 5 October 1983. She was b. 18 April 1950 in New Mexico, d. 30 August 1985.

Dixon Allen Faucette md. fourth PATRICIA MAY ELLIOTT BIDEAGAIN. She was b. 20 June 1939 in Farmersville, Texas.

2. **WALTER FRANCIS FAUCETTE**, b.27 April 1940 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. CONNIE LYNN CRAPO 1 June 1965 in the Arizona Temple. Walter served a mission in the Central States. After graduating from Sanford High he then attended Adams
State College, Alamosa, Colorado, earning a B.A. in Math and Science Education. He also attended Arizona State University at Tempe; Kansas State University; and the University of Oregon. Walter was a college instructor at Central Arizona College in Casa Grande, Arizona. Five children:

4. Traci Lynn Faucette, b. 8 July 1977 in Greeley, Colorado.
5. Evan Lloyd Faucette, b. 2 August 1979 in Tucson, Arizona.

3. GLENN C. FAUCETTE, b. 25 March 1942 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. BARBARA ANN HARMON 25 February 1962 in Monte Vista, Colorado. She was b. 27 December 1945 in Alamosa, Colorado. Four children:

1. Allan C. Faucette, b. 9 May 1963 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. Robin Elaine Borders 9 October 1982. She was b. 29 October 1963. Two children:
   1. Shannon Michele Faucette, b. 11 April 1983 in Garden City, Kansas.
3. Glenna Sue Faucette, b. 30 April 1966 in Alamosa, Colorado.
4. Lisa Ann Faucette, b. 12 October 1969 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. Joe Dean Jerry Vialpando 13 July 1985 in Alamosa, Colorado [divorced]. He was b. 17 April 1967 in Alamosa, Colorado. Two children:
   2. Jessica Monica Alice Vialpando, b. 3 June ______ in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

4. PHIL M. FAUCETTE, b. 3 May 1943 in Alamosa, Colorado, served a mission in New England, 1963-65, md. JUANITA ANTONETTE CHESLEY GOEBEL 26 October 1971 [divorced]. She was b. 26 March 1950 in Kansas City, Missouri. Seven children:

1. Trevor Wade Chesley Faucette, b. 19 July 1969 in Salt Lake City, Utah.
2. Tammy Dawn Faucette, b. 1 August 1972 in Glendale, Arizona, husband unknown. Two children:
   1. Einar James, b. 15 May 1990.
5. Quentin de Lyle Faucette, b. 6 July 1977 at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.
6. Rebecca Jane Faucette, b. 3 June 1980 at Lorin AFB, Maine.
7. Roxanna Marie Faucette, b. 8 January 1983 at Lorin AFB, Maine.

Phil M. Faucette md. second KAREN SUE SHERMAN POWELSON 5 August 1988 in San Manuel, Arizona [divorced]. She was b. 16 December 1954 in Arizona.

5. PAUL Q. FAUCETTE, b. 24 August 1949 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. JOYCE ELAINE HOLMAN 13 June 1969 in Manassa Colorado. She was b. 9 May 1951 in Alamosa, Colorado. After high school Paul attended Adams College. He is a trucker.
Three children:
   1. Austin Shane Edgar, b. 4 October 1990 in Alamosa, Colorado.
3. Tyler Wayne Faucette, b. 10 March 1976 in La Jara, Colorado.

6. MYRON C. FAUCETTE, b. 18 October 1950 in Alamosa, Colorado, d. 27 March 1957.

7. CORA RUTH FAUCETTE, b. 26 February 1954 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. JOHN THOMAS CALDON 15 April 1972 in Sanford, Colorado. He was b. 22 April 1953 in Alamosa, Colorado. She was high school salutatorian at Sanford High. Five children:
   1. Katrina Lyn Caldon, b. 8 September 1972 in La Jara, Colorado.
   2. Thomas Kit Caldon, b. 20 October 1973 in La Jara, Colorado.
   4. Casey Francis Caldon, b. 27 April 1979 in La Jara, Colorado.

8. KELLY J. FAUCETTE, b. 14 July 1955 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. SHARON UNGRICHT 22 April 1978 in the Provo Temple. She was b. 19 May 1952 in Provo, Utah. Four children:
   1. Allyson Faucette, b. 21 June 1979 in Provo, Utah.
   2. Kaylene Faucette, b. 21 June 1981 in Washington, D.C.
   4. Jorden Marc Faucette, b. 10 May 1986 in Aurora, Colorado.

9. DAVID K. FAUCETTE, b. 2 September 1957 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. CAR-OLYN VIOLA WEAVER 6 June 1980 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 22 September 1959 in Alamosa, Colorado. Four children:
   2. Brittany Renee Faucette, b. 12 April 1984 in Alamosa, Colorado.

10. FLOYD E. FAUCETTE, b. 27 May 1959 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. ROBERTA ANN COOMBS 7 July 1977 and sealed 21 July 1978 in the Manti Temple. She was b. 26 February 1959 in Alamosa, Colorado. Five children:
   5. Christina Cora Faucette, b. 3 December 1990 in Alamosa, Colorado.

I am the first grandson to carry the Crowther name.

When small I remember driving sheep to the La Jara Canyon. Ranching has been my occupation even at an early age. At seven I was put on a mower to cut hay and I was too small to sit on the seat so I leaned and braced myself against the seat all day, driving a team of horses. This usually continued from the first of July until school started. Many acres of hay covered our ranch. I went with my Grandpa Pete Peterson on my first cattle drive to New Mexico. We stayed five days and I received five silver dollars which was pay for a man and his horse in those days. I have been told my voice and actions are like his and I think it an honor.

When I was fourteen I went on the Scout Jamboree to Valley Forge. I enjoyed breaking colts, roping cows and horses, and breaking teams of horses. I entered a Ford tractor contest sponsored by Bodley Motors in La Jara. I won in the valley and went to Denver where I competed with people from five other states and won a large war bond.

In high school I played baseball, football, basketball and did well in track. I continued basketball after graduation and had a winning team in 1941 called the Bakers for several years.

In 1942 I attended Colorado State University in Ft. Collins.

Our only girl was born in 1951. She is the best cowgirl a dad ever had. All three of my children have followed my footsteps in working and training horses. I continued working with my dad on the ranch. We went into registered Hereford cattle. We fattened cattle to take to the stock show. It was an event going to National Western and we all looked forward to it. I can’t remember when I started calf roping and participating in rodeos. I then joined a rodeo stock company for ten years as a pick-up man. I had a lot of good performances on my horse “Yeller.”

When Don was killed, I took over running his part. I have loved his children like my own. I served as treasurer of the school board. I served as a counselor in the MIA and am a member of Sanford elders quorum. In 1972 I had eye surgery to remove a cataract.

Three children:

1. MARK HOWARD CROWTHER, b. 27 September 1945 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. MARLENE CROWTHER 12 July 1968 in the Logan Temple. She was b. 4 December 1946. At the age of five Mark had polio. He had many blessings and spent years recuperating to become the well man he is today. He knows his cattle. He attended Adams State college two years. He served a mission to Southern Australia. Four children:

   1. Audrey Lyn Crowther, b. 17 June 1969 in La Jara, Colorado, md. Rodney
Robert Gibson 12 March 1993 in Alamosa, Colorado. He was b. 26 December 1962 in Del Norte, Colorado. Two children:
1. Darby Lee Gibson, b. 1 May 1995 in Alamosa, Colorado.
2. Randy Robert Gibson, b. 7 December 1997 in Alamosa, Colorado.
2. Tandi Ray Crowther, b. 1 October 1971 in La Jara, Colorado, md. Brock Keith Canty 17 October 1995 in the Denver Temple. He was b. 1 February 1974 in La Jara, Colorado. One child:

4. Shad Mark Crowther, b. 20 May 1982 in La Jara, Colorado

2. PATRICIA ANN CROWTHER b. 1 September 1951 in Del Norte, Colorado, md. WILLIAM DEE CORNIA Jr. 16 August 1974 in the Ogden Temple. He was b. 21 October 1951 in Ogden, Utah. She is the best cowgirl a dad ever had. She loves horses and worked right alongside the boys. She graduated from Ricks College and Utah State University in Logan earning a B.S. in Office Administration. Pat worked at the admissions office while Bill finished college and was a homemaker. Her hobbies are training horses, rodeo competition, outdoor camping, playing piano, and handicrafts. Honors include Miss Conejos County (rodeo queen), Alternate Colorado State Fair Rodeo Queen, Miss Utah State University Rodeo Queen, Grand Champion Horse Exhibitor at Conejos County Fair, head cheerleader, Who’s Who in American High Schools, National College Rodeo Queen contest entrant. Church service includes Relief Society spiritual living teacher and YWMIA president. Four children:

1. Jodi La Tia Cornia, b. 11 February 1978 in Logan, Utah.
2. Lex Dee Cornia, b. 25 February 1982 in Logan, Utah.
3. Chase Howard Cornia, b. and d. 2 October ________.
4. Jade William Cornia, b. 22 March 1990 in Logan, Utah

3. MACK MICHAEL CROWTHER, b. 20 December 1958 in Del Norte, Colorado, md. LUELLA GAY JACK 18 July 1989 in the Denver Temple. She was b. 24 August 1961 in Alamosa, Colorado. Mark was born with music talents. Honors include Outstanding Boy Scholastically Eighth Grade and Sophomore Reserve Champion Horseman, 4H Rodeos, 12 trophies, Vice President of Student Council and many more. He has served as ward and stake priesthood organist and ward organist. He also works with and trains horses. Two children:


4. MARY REBA CROWTHER, b. 24 April 1926 in Sanford, Colorado, md. REX LYLE CHRISTENSEN 15 June 1947, on Mother’s and Daddy’s 33rd anniversary at our home in Sanford, Colorado, sealed 31 March 1961 in the Mesa Temple. He was b. 16 August 1924 in Sanford, Colorado.

Childhood days on the ranch were filled with many memories of playing with cousins, of Aunt Clara and Uncle Orin letting us help in the store, where we did our share of getting into the candy case, of Grandpa Crowther coming by and picking us up to go fishing on the creek with him. And of everyone going up Conejos Canyon, camping out and fishing.
When I was 14 our family moved to Sanford. I graduated from Sanford High School in 1944. During my school years it was great having Howard as an older brother. Everyone admired and liked him. He was so well-mannered and the best looking boy in school. Don, my younger brother, and I became very close while I was in high school. We set traps, went skating, went to shows, and many other things together.

I attended Adams State College for three years and then came the end of World War II. Rex Lyle Christensen, a boy I had dated during our school years, returned from Italy, where he had served in the army.

Rex and I always loved stock and ranch life. That is where we have always lived and raised our family of four children: We have had a very happy life seeing our family grow up and enjoying each of them as they have step-by-step grown into maturity. I have been Sunday School and Primary chorister, MIA teacher and stake counselor and Relief Society chorister.

Four children:

1. **KATHY JEAN CHRISTENSEN**, b. 8 July 1948 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. WARREN PAUL JACKSON 1 September 1970 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 8 February 1949 in Alamosa, Colorado. Five children:

2. **DONNA LEE CHRISTENSEN**, b. 30 May 1952 in Del Norte, Colorado, md. JAMES DAROLD VANCE Jr. 14 January 1972 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. in Alamosa, Colorado. Donna attended Ricks College, Rexburg, Idaho. She has been a secretary and homemaker. Hobbies include crocheting, sports, camping, fishing. Church service includes Sunday School teacher. Three children:
   2. Jennifer Lee Vance, b. 5 October 1980 in Farmington, New Mexico.

   1. Natalie Jane Christensen, b. 18 October 1981 in Provo, Utah.
   5. Lindsay Paige Christensen, b. 4 January 1990 in Provo, Utah.

4. **PEGGY LYNEE CHRISTENSEN**, b. 22 August 1957 in Del Norte, Colorado, md. GEOFFREY GILL SMITH 9 September 1982 in the Logan Temple. He was b. 22 June
1954 in Moscow, Idaho. Peggy attended Ricks College, Rexburg, Idaho. Four children:

1. Jessica Lynee Smith, b. 1 June 1983 in Mesa, Arizona.
2. Jamie Lorayne Smith, b. 20 January 1985 in Lakewood, California.
4. Rebecca Marie Smith, b. 19 October 1990 in Logan, Utah.

5. LELAND P. CROWTHER, b. 5 December and d. 7 December 1928 in Sanford, Colorado.


Don was the youngest son of Walter and Stella Crowther and was their sixth child. He attended school in Sanford where he graduated from high school. He loved the outdoors. He loved horses. He helped his father and brother and learned farming and ranching which he chose for his vocation. He was active in Scouting and 4-H work and participated in all kinds of sports. He was one of the main players on the first state championship team that Sanford ever had.

Don was busy earning his livelihood and in church activities, but always had time for his family. They went fishing, took the children skating, to ball games, and to do the things they liked to do. He was injured in a truck accident December 4, 1964, and died December 6, 1964, enroute to a hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

1. CURTIS LYNN CROWTHER, b. 14 September 1951 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. JACKIE LORRAINE CROWTHER 15 April 1971 in the Arizona Temple [divorced]. She was b. 14 September 1951 in Alamosa, Colorado. Curtis attended Ricks College, Rexburg, Idaho. Vocation is farming and trucking. Hobbies include hunting, fishing, cattle round-up. Two children:

Curtis Lynn Crowther md. second RAE LYN HESSINGER 27 October 1982 in Las Vegas, Nevada. One child:
   1. Amanda Fae Crowther, b. 4 March 1987 in Belen, New Mexico.

2. MICHAEL DEE CROWTHER, b. and d. 5 May 1953 in Alamosa, Colorado.

3. NOLAN PERRY CROWTHER, b. 31 May 1954 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. DANA LANETTE CROWTHER 27 September 1974 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b. 11 August 1953 in Monte Vista, Colorado. Nolan attended Utah Technical College in Provo, Utah. He works at Perlite Mine and farms. He likes hunting, fishing, and horses. He has served in the church as Scoutmaster and deacon’s advisor. Three children:
   1. Cody Jo Crowther, b. 5 May 1976 in La Jara, Colorado.
   2. Kacee Lyn Crowther, b. 27 August 1977 in La Jara, Colorado.

4. **LANA JAYNE CROWTHER**, b. 18 December 1955 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. DONALD KIRK BARR 7 June 1973 and was sealed 27 September 1974 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 4 July 1954 in Alamosa, Colorado. Lana is a homemaker and Don is a dairyman. Lana enjoys piano, sewing, cooking, horseback riding, and outdoor sports. She serves as assistant ward chorister and senior Primary chorister. Four children:
   2. Brandon Ashley Barr, b. 17 October 1975 in Alamosa, Colorado.

   **Lana Jayne Crowther** md. second ROBERT NED SCHALL 29 March 1988 [divorced].

5. **NANCY DAWN CROWTHER**, b. 17 December 1962 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. JAMES FUCCI 18 May 1991 in Phoenix, Arizona. He was b. 20 December 1963. Hobbies include crafts, sports, horse riding, piano. Honors include cheerleader and scholastic award, eighth grade. Two children:
   2. Kayla Dawn Fucci, b. 6 October 1990 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

3A6-5 **CLARA EMILY CROWTHER**, b. 17 April 1962 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. ORIN ELMER BECK 11 June 1913 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 25 October 1892 in Sanford, Colorado, the son of Erastus and Mary M. Valentine Beck, d. 17 April 1978 in Mesa, Arizona. Clara d. 8 June 1994 in Mesa, Arizona.

   I am thankful to be a member of the W. O. Crowther family. I, Clara, was reared in a good LDS home where there was much love, peace, and harmony. I feel that I was born with a testimony of the Gospel. My parents lived the Gospel and instilled it into their children:

   My childhood days were very happy days. Father was a bishop all of my childhood days and always a very busy man, but he never neglected his family. Mother was always with him, and was a fine example of loyalty and helpfulness. We had our home evenings or family hour early in the morning. Father called us together and around the piano we would sing a hymn or two and he would read a chapter from the Bible or some other good book. Then we would all kneel together in prayer before breakfast, and sometimes we would not see Father again all day, but he always started us off right for the day, and called us all together for prayer again before going to bed.

   They were hard workers and taught us all to work and do our share around our home. Father and Mother did lots of entertaining. We had many of the General Authorities in our home. I well remember President McKay and many others being there when they would come to our stake conference.
I went to the San Luis Stake Academy in Manassa, Colorado, where the Gospel was a great part of our training. Those old academy days have precious memories for us. Orin Beck and I were first pals and then sweethearts.

Orin lived with his family on the Newcomb Ranch from which he walked five miles night and morning to school in Richfield. In 1909 and 1910 he attended the Brigham Young Academy in Provo, Utah, and then finished his schooling at the San Luis Stake Academy in Manassa, Colorado.

We rented the Ed Newcomb ranch north of town where we lived about five years. We bought 250 acres on the east side of the same ranch, built a small home, accumulated some livestock, cattle, hogs, horses, etc., for a few years. We worked very hard, but due to the Depression, they foreclosed us and we lost all that we had put into this land. It was a hard blow at the time, but we felt later that was a blessing for us. We had many good times together while on this ranch. It was next to the ranch where Father and Mother, with Jane, Horace, Laura and Don lived; also Alma’s, Walter’s and Gene’s homes were there with their families. I used to love to take the babies and walk over to their places, and we all visited a lot.

We lived close to Sanford where our eight children were born, seven daughters and one son. We are proud of every one of the children and are so thankful for them. We also had some sadness along with our joys. We lost our second girl, Mary, when she was one year old, and our oldest daughter, Orel, passed away when she was nearly six years old.

We were farmers for years and enjoyed good wholesome farm life with its ups and downs. We have seen many changes in our lifetime. We have slept on straw ticks, used straw under our homemade carpets, had a water bucket to drink from, had our Saturday night bath in a galvanized tub, had a path instead of a bath, on the farm. I have raised many chickens and pet lambs, which I always loved to do.

In 1930 we bought the little grocery store at the Norton Ranch where we lived for ten years. It proved to be a good business for us. Orin continued to farm, did a lot of trucking, owned and operated two school buses by contract for twelve years. We were never late and there were no accidents during this period of bus driving. In 1940 we moved to Provo, Utah, where we could have better school advantages for our children: LaVee had just graduated from Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado, and had to be away from home all this time, so we felt that we had to move nearer to a college.

We bought a motel in Provo which worked out very well for our family. We prayed most earnestly about this move and surely felt that the Lord led us there. We paid an honest tithing and were very active in our ward and know that we were blessed by doing it. We had thirteen wonderful years in Provo. I have always been a firm believer in tithing and know that many blessings have come through paying it.

In 1952 we were advised by our doctor to move to a lower climate for our health, so we moved to Mesa, Arizona, where we bought the El Rancho Motel on East Main Street. The four older girls were married and in homes of their own. Bonnie and Ronald moved...
with us, and it proved a good move for us. We had three successful years with the motel
then felt it was too much work, so we sold it. By this time our health was much improved
and we have enjoyed good health in this wonderful climate.

We were called on a mission December 1955 to the Western States Mission. We
spent two wonderful years. Fifteen months were spent in Artesia, New Mexico. We were
sent there to organize a branch, which we did, and immediately raised funds and pur-
chased 3-1/2 acres of land and had funds on hand as our share for building a chapel. The
Lord surely blessed us.

We were then transferred to Ouray, Colorado (the Switzerland of America) and one of
the most beautiful places in the USA. We were also sent there to organize a branch, and
we were very successful. We spent nine wonderful months up there, met many fine people,
organized a branch and purchased a building and made a church house from it. We surely
felt that the Lord was with us all the way. We saw miracles happen and had many special
experiences. We returned home from our mission December 22, 1957 and spent Christmas
with our family here. We purchased a home in Mesa, Arizona.

In June 1963 our children honored us with a lovely reception and celebration for
our Golden Wedding Anniversary.

I have been called to many responsible positions in the Church. I have served as
Relief Society president twice, as counselor in two wards, and as a class leader in theology
and social science. I have been a visiting teacher for over fifty years. I have served as Bee
Keeper, Gleaner Leader and President in the YWMIA. My church activity also includes serv-
ice on the stake boards for the Primary, Relief Society, and MIA.

Orin has also been active in the Church. He has served as counselor in a bishopric,
and as branch president of two branches, and as high priest group leader twice. He
worked three years with baptisms at the temple, spent two years in the mission field, and
thirteen years as an ordinance worker in the temple.

Orin has been a wonderful companion. I do appreciate him very much. We have
worked hard together and now are enjoying the fruits of it. Today we enjoy our home, our
family, and our many friends. We love good music, good books, and traveling together.
I have a firm testimony of the Gospel and can say that I know it is true, and hope we can
always live worthy of our many blessings.

We still enjoy sessions in the temple. We feel that our time spent there was most
profitable and brought many blessings for which we are thankful. We have done much
traveling together. In 1971 we toured eight countries in Europe. We have been in most all
the states here. In 1967 Jane, Vernal and the two of us had a fine trip to Montreal,
Canada, to the World Fair. We have made several trips to Hawai‘i and Old Mexico. We make
trips to Colorado, Utah and Idaho during the summer and sometimes to California. We go
to Las Vegas, Nevada, quite often where LaVee and her family live. We love all our grand
children and great grandchildren and try to keep in touch with each one of them.

Orel’s death proved to be a spiritual experience and another was when Ronald was
11 years old and he had polio and was completely paralyzed at one time. Through the prayers of many people and the power of the priesthood he was cured 100 percent. A miracle! The doctors could hardly understand it or believe it.

Our eight children are:

1. **OREL BECK** was b. 24 March 1914 in Sanford, Colorado, d. 28 October 1919. She was a very lovely and brilliant child: She seemed to have a spirit and mind that was far advanced for her age. She would converse with others just like an adult. She had many talents, especially singing and storytelling. She liked to teach her younger sister, LaVee, to sing some of her favorites, “Till We Meet Again,” and “Smile the While You Kiss Me Sad Adieu.” She said, “We sing to make people happy, that’s what we live for.” She loved everyone, especially her family and grandparents.

   Around October 20, when she was five years old, Orel became very sick. The day before, she had gathered all her playthings and her beautiful doll, put them away in their boxes, kissed them and told them “I won’t play with you any more.” After going to bed that night she never played with them again. They called the two best doctors in the valley, to the Beck home. They told them Orel had appendicitis and that her appendix had ruptured. At that time there was nothing they could do for her. Then she developed pneumonia, and suffered very much. They called a very good nurse, Irene McIntire, who came and stayed with her night and day. They had the priesthood administer to her many times and even held a special prayer circle for her.

   Clara and Orin asked the Lord to let her get well or to take her, but to remove her pain. Clara, Orin and the nurse stayed up with her all night. During the night of October 28, 1919, Orel handed the blankets and hot water bottle to the nurse and said, “I won’t need these any more. You can take them away. You have been so good to me, I want to thank you for everything.” Then she asked her father and mother to hold her. In the meantime her grandparents, W.O. and Mary C. Crowther, had arrived and were with them. Clara and Orin sat side by side and held her on their laps on pillows.

   She was conscious all the time and fully aware of everything that was going on. She looked across the room and said, “There are some people here. I don’t know who they are. They want me to go with them.” We could see no one. She talked to them and begged to stay just a little longer. She turned to us and said “I am going to have to go with these people now, I want to kiss you good-bye. She kissed each one of us then said, “I haven’t kissed Grandpa Crowther.” He was at the other side of the room where she could not see him crying. He came and kissed her.

   Orel turned to her daddy and said “I will come back and get you some time but not now.” She then turned to the others and said, “I am ready to go now,” then passed away just like she was going to sleep. Orel had seen into the next life. She had known there were people there but seemed to talk to only one. In her sweet wisdom and love she wished to tell those she loved good-bye. Before Grandpa Crowther died he mentioned that her passing was one of the greatest testimonies he had ever had.

2. **MARY BECK**, b. 20 February 1916 in Sanford, Colorado and d. 3 March 1917.
3. **LAVEE BECK**, b. 4 August 1917 in Sanford, Colorado, md. **GERALD CLARE LAMB** 28 December 1940 in Provo, Utah. He was b. 13 October 1912 in Grant, Nebraska, d. 4 September 1974 in Las Vegas.

LaVee graduated from Western State College at Gunnison, Colorado. She and Gerald Clare Lamb graduated together and then married. They lived in Montrose, Colorado, until Gerald was drafted into the U.S. Army during World War II. Their oldest son, Jerry, was born in Provo where LaVee lived with her parents until Gerald received his commission in the Army. They spent some time in Texas.

After Gerald’s release from the Army he was a coach at Texas A&M College. They moved to American Fork, Utah, for eight years. Here their three girls were born. Gerald coached many ball games and enjoyed sports of different kinds. In 1954 they moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, where they both taught school for a time. LaVee taught music and Gerald was a coach. After Gerald passed away, LaVee continued teaching. She enjoys her school work, her home and grandchildren: her many friends, and is very active in her ward.

Four children:

1. **GERALD ELLIOT LAMB**, b. 24 April 1942 in Spanish Fork, Utah, md. **LYNDA RAYE DEPEW** 20 January 1967 in Las Vegas, Nevada. She was b. 12 April 1948. Jerry attended BYU and Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado. He has worked for the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas. Two children:
   1. **Kimberly Ann Lamb**, b. 8 September 1967 in Las Vegas, Nevada. One child:
      1. **Nichole Renee Lamb**, b. 28 October 1987 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

2. **PATRICIA ANN LAMB**, b. 8 September 1944 in Provo, Utah, md. **JIMMY LEE BRYAN** 2 April 1966 in the St. George Temple. He was b. 26 March 1946 in Oceanside, California. Patricia attended Utah State University in Logan, Utah, and beauty college in Las Vegas, Nevada. Patricia and Jimmy live in Las Vegas where Jimmy has a dental office with a very good practice. Six children:
   1. **Trent Floyd Bryan**, b. 10 July 1968 in Portland, Oregon.
   4. **Tate LaVee Bryan**, b. 4 July 1976 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

3. **SANDRA KAYE LAMB**, b. 20 October 1946 in Provo, Utah, md. **GARY LEE HEATH** 20 June 1966 in the Las Vegas Temple. He was b. 4 August 1945 in Denver, Colorado. Sandra attended Henager Business College in Salt Lake City, Utah. Gary has a boat business in Van Couver, Washington. Two children:
   2. **Carie Lynn Heath**, b. 4 June 1970 in Chula Vista, California.
4. SUSAN LAVEE LAMB, b. 18 October 1948 in American Fork, Utah, md. DENNIS BRUCE BUNKER 13 June 1974 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 19 June 1945 in Henderson, Nevada. Susan attended College of Southern Utah in Cedar City, Utah. They live in Las Vegas where Dennis works in construction and Susan works in a dental office. Three children:
   1. Brandon Bruce Bunker, b. 4 April 1981 in Las Vegas, Nevada.
   2. David Jordan Bunker, b. 18 October 1983 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

4. DONNA BECK, b. 6 February 1921 in Sanford, Colorado, md. DAVID EARL NORTON 10 October 1943 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 18 May 1921 in Panguitch, Utah. She graduated from high school in Alamosa, Colorado, and attended BYU in Provo, Utah, where she moved with her family in 1940.

   Donna and Earl lived in Provo and Salt Lake City for twelve years. Then they moved to Idaho Falls, Idaho. They have been very successful in the wholesale fruit and produce business. Earl has served in the bishopric and in the presidency of the high priests group in the Idaho Falls 6th Ward. Donna has been a Relief Society president. The Norton family liked to ski together. Donna and Earl have traveled in many foreign countries also.

   Five children:

   1. DAVID M. NORTON, b. 13 October 1947 in Salt Lake City, Utah, and grew up in Idaho Falls, md. KARY RASMUSSEN 5 October 1969 in Moscow, Idaho [divorced]. Kary was b. December 1947 in Provo, Utah. David and Kary lived in Salt Lake City and had a successful business making leather goods. They have one son.

   2. LARRY BECK NORTON, b. 28 February 1950 in Provo, Utah, and grew up in Idaho, md. JO ANN NIXON 18 December 1971 in Idaho Falls, Idaho. She was b. 6 June 1952 in Curwensville, Pennsylvania. Larry and Jo Ann live in Idaho Falls where Larry works with his father in the produce business. They have one son.

   3. DEBRA ANN NORTON, b. September 1952 in Provo, Utah and grew up in Idaho, md. KIRK BERNELL THORN 15 December 1972 in the Manti Temple. He was b. 28 September 28, 1950 in Payson, Utah. She attended Ricks College and BYU. Debbie and Kirk lived in Springville, Utah, while Kirk finished and graduated from BYU. Debbie was employed at the Walker Bank in Provo. Her hobbies include outdoor sports, reading. She served as a Sunday School teacher. Four children:
      2. Joshua Kirk Thorn, b. 1 June 1979 in Provo, Utah.

   4. RICK CAMERON NORTON [twin], b. 18 June 1954 in Idaho Falls, Idaho, md.
ESTHER ARTALEJO 6 June 1977 and sealed in a temple. She was b. 26 December 1951 in Colonia Juarez, Mexico. Rick served a mission to Guatemala, El Salvador. Two children:
1. Rick Aaron Norton, b. 29 September 1979 in Logan, Utah.

5. RAND CROWTHER NORTON [twin], b. 18 June 1954 in Idaho Falls, Idaho, md. ROSLYN THOMAS in Moscow, Idaho [divorced]. Rand spent two years in the Holy Land. One child:
1. Simon Rand Norton, b.3 January 1988 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Rand Crowther Norton md. second CATHY COSTA, b. 21 _______ 1992 in Boston, Massachusetts. Two children:

5. RAYE (RAE) BECK, b. 18 March 1923 in Sanford, Colorado, md. J. R. GRAGG 8 August 1940 in Raton, New Mexico. J. R. d. abt. 1943. Rae graduated from Alamosa High School. She moved to Provo with the family where she attended BYU.

Raye (Rae) Beck md. second CARLOS LESTER DODGE 11 April 1943 in Provo, Utah, sealed 22 July 1964 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 2 May 1909 in Richfield, Utah, d. 2 May 1972. Rae and Carlos lived in Portland, Oregon, for a few years then moved to Arizona where they owned and operated a motel along with a real estate business. Carl was active in the elders Quorum, MIA stake boards and was president of the County Real Estate Board. Rae worked with Nielson Travel Agency and did a lot of traveling as a tour guide. Her hobbies are travel, sewing and music. Rae has worked in music assignments, Singing Mothers, etc. in Relief Society. Three children:

1. LYNGDA RAYE DODGE, b. 7 October 1946 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. ALBERT DONALD DOUGLAS McCARTER 18 October 1969 [divorced]. He was b. 11 August 1942 in New York.

Lynda Raye Dodge md. second BRUCE HARPER BURTON 21 October 1978, sealed 7 May 1982 in the Los Angeles Temple. He was b. 11 June 1952 in Redwood City, California. Lynda toured many countries before she was married. Two children:

2. CAROL KAYE DODGE, b. 18 April 1949 in Portland, Oregon, md. WILLIAM HUGH LAYCOCK 6 June 1969 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 22 October 1945 in Lethbridge, Canada. She toured many countries before she was married. Seven children:
2. Daniel Carl Laycock, b. September 1972 in Lethbridge, Canada, md. Jessica Lee Hughes 8 July 1995 in the Cardston Canada Temple. She was b. 8 July 1979 in Lethbridge, Canada.
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13 March 1976 in Saskatoon, Canada.
5. Michael Ward Laycock, b. 8 January 1979 in Lethbridge, Canada.
6. Christine Laycock, b. 27 February 1981 in Lethbridge, Canada.

Raye (Rae) Beck md. third ANTHONY FRANCIS SCALONE 28 May 1976 in Sanford, Colorado.

6. CAROL BECK, b. 21 October 1925 in Sanford, Colorado, md. HAROLD OSCAR BOYNTON 21 September 1946 in Santa Ana, California. He was b. July 19, 1923 in Vanderbilt, Texas.

She started her education in Colorado and graduated from Provo High in 1943 and attended BYU until she married.

After Harold was released from the service they moved to Denver, Colorado, where Harold graduated from Denver University. Harold Jr. (Chip) was born in Denver. After graduating Harold taught school for three years in Portland, Oregon. At this time Christine was born. The family then moved to Franboisiere, France, where Harold was principle of the school for dependents of U.S. military personnel. Mark was born there in 1956. The family transferred to Germany for four years, then returned to the USA in 1961 to live in Mesa, Arizona.

Here Harold was an elementary school principal. Harold and the three children were all baptized while living in Germany. The family were sealed May 27, 1961, in the Swiss Temple.

Harold is a high priest and has served as elders quorum president, stake missionary, ward teacher development director and assistant Scoutmaster and ward teacher. Carol has served as Primary president, education counselor in Relief Society, president of a ward Relief Society, stake MIA age group counselor, stake Relief Society education counselor, stake Relief Society cultural refinement teacher and visiting teacher.

Five children:

1. RODNEY BECK BOYNTON, b. 12 September 1947 in Long Beach, California, md. VICKI JEANNE GREENALL 25 August 1972 in the Oakland Temple. She was b. 21 December 1949 in San Luis Obispo, California. Rodney filled a mission in Italy from 1967 to 1970 and was educated at Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff; Brigham Young University; Middleburg College in Vermont; University of Florence, Italy. Rodney is Italian language Instructor at BYU. Seven children:
   1. Ellen Boynton, b. 23 August 1973 in Provo, Utah.
   2. Margaret Boynton, b. 20 July 1975 in Provo, Utah.

2. HAROLD O. BOYNTON Jr. (Chip), b. 16 January 1950 in Denver, Colorado, md. SANDRA KAY BARTLETT 21 September 1973 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 2 August 1951 in Worland, Wyoming. Chip filled a mission in the Japan West Mission. Education: Mesa Community College, Arizona; Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. Hobbies include music and drama. Five children:
   3. Adam Edward Boynton, b. 5 December 5, 1978 in Anaheim, California.
   5. Christopher Thomas Boynton, b. 31 May 31, 1983 in Glendale, California

3. KRISTINE BOYNTON, b. 29 October 1952 in Portland, Oregon, md. DAVID ARTHUR TAYLOR 31 May 1972 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 27 March 1946 in Provo, Utah. Kristine attended Mesa Community College and BYU. David is an environmental design instructor at BYU. Kristine is a homemaker and enjoys sewing, travel, music and photography. Five children:
   1. Emily Taylor, b. 2 August 1973 in Provo, Utah, md. James Jared Plato 17 October 1994 in the Manti Temple. He was b. 16 June 1969 in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. One child:
   2. Anna Taylor, b. 18 September 1975 in Provo, Utah.
   3. Phillip David Taylor, b. 6 March 1978 in Provo, Utah.
   5. Kathryn Taylor, b. 13 April 1985 in Provo, Utah

4. MARK TOMAS BOYNTON, b. 28 February 1956 in Dampierre sur Blevy, France. Mark served a mission in France 1975 to 1977, md. NANCY GEDICKS 8 June 1979 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 3 May 1956 in Mt. Holly, New Jersey. Five children:
   1. Trevor Scott Boynton, b. 23 June 1980 in Mesa, Arizona.
   2. Blake Sinclair Boynton, b. 2 October 1981 in Mesa, Arizona.
   3. Heather Alexia Boynton, b. 9 May 1985 in Mesa, Arizona.
   5. Jocelyn Orel Boynton, b. 18 June 1991 in Mesa, Arizona.

5. MATTHEW MARTIN BOYNTON, b. 28 February 1968 in Mesa, Arizona, md. KIMBERLY ESTHER RIGGS 17 March 1990 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 21 October 1971 in Mesa, Arizona. Two children:
   1. Orin Tyler Boynton, b. 16 July 1991 at Fort Ord, California.

7. RONALD ORIN BECK, b. 25 June 1934 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. JANE ROSE HAYES 22 October 1960 in Somersworth, New Hampshire. She was b. 4 April 1940 in Somers-
worth, New Hampshire. Ronald Orin Beck moved with his family to Provo, Utah, in 1940. He graduated from B.Y. High School and attended BYU and Arizona State University until he joined the U.S. Air Force in 1955. The following three years he traveled through England, Germany, Italy and France, returning to Washington, D.C. in 1958, where he met Jane Rose Hayes.

They spent several years in Japan where three children were born. Their next home was in New Hampshire for one year. The following ten years were spent in Illinois, Colorado, Taiwan, Montana, and Hawaii. Ronald’s career in the Air Force was as a weather observer and forecaster. In 1978, in Hawaii, he was a solar astronomer and geophysical analyst. His hobbies are music, painting, hunting, scuba diving and singing. The family enjoyed themselves in sunny Hawaii where the children were active in school, Scouting, etc. Jane was very involved in the school P.T.A. She worked some in the school library and is a professional cake decorator. They have four children:

1. RONALD ORIN BECK JR., b. 7 August 1961 in Tachi Kawa, Japan, md. ELAINE MARY FASTENAU 30 October 1985 in Merced, California. She was b. 28 August 1963 in Los Banos, California. Three children:

2. CAREY ADELE BECK, b. 28 September 1962 in Tachi Kawa, Japan, md. STEPHEN SAMUEL BODIE December 1980 in Alamogordo, New Mexico. Three children:

3. BARTON WINSLOW BECK, b. 10 September 1963 at Johnson AFB, Japan.

4. ERICH BRYANT BECK, b. 19 October 1964 in Kittery, Maine, md. SUZANNE LYNN BURT 15 August 1992 in Bosque Farm, New ________________.


Bonnie was small when the family moved to Provo, Utah. Her schooling was in Provo until her senior year in high school when the family moved to Mesa, Arizona. There she graduated from Mesa High. She worked as a secretary for a finance company. She attended A.S.U, then spent a year in California working for the same finance company. She met Dale Foote while attending A.S.U. Bonnie continued working, planning on helping Dale finish college. However, plans took another direction and their first son, Kevin, was born in 1957. They both agreed it would be best for her to stay home and care for the baby. In February 1960, Kerry was born and in April of 1963 Kraig was born. Bonnie was kept busy caring for the three boys and for Karin, who was born in December 1970. The others are in school.
Dale has been teaching in the Scottsdale School District for fifteen years. In 1972 he was selected as Outstanding Teacher of the Year. Bonnie is working as a dental assistant and is enjoying her work. Bonnie has held many church positions: activity counselor in the MIA, teacher, Relief Society education counselor and music director, teacher and music director in the Primary, stake Primary president, and den mother and Sunday School music director. She enjoys working with music very much.

Four children:


2. **KERRY ARTHUR FOOTE**, b. in 1960 in Mesa, Arizona.

3. **Kraig Orin Foote**, b. 5 April 1963 in Mesa, Arizona.


**3A6-6 Jesse Anders Crowther**, b. 12 August 1897 in Sanford, Colorado, d. 6 September 1898.


I, Jane Christine am very thankful for the wonderful home in which I was raised, and for my kind loving parents, their teachings and the example they set for me. I am sure this is where I first gained a testimony of the Gospel and faith in my Heavenly Father, as I knelt with the family morning and evening around the table in prayer before our meals, and also as I knelt at Mother’s knee before going to bed at night. Hymns were sung around the old organ, and the scriptures or stories from them were read or told by Father from the large family Bible.

I was the seventh child in a family of ten born to William Orson and Mary Mortensen Crowther in the large brick house my father had built in Sanford, Colorado. Sanford was a typical little Mormon town where everyone shared their joys and sorrows. Father’s and Mother’s brothers and sisters all lived nearby, Grandma Mortensen was living with us at that time. We had many family gatherings and close family ties. The town was a mixture of Utah Mormons, Danish and English immigrants, and converts from the southern states, each with their distinctive...
peculiarities. They were one big family who added rich experiences to my life.

As I grew up I was a sort of a tomboy for I really loved nature and the out-of-doors. I felt very close to Father and was always at his heels at home and in the fields, following him and carrying the tools as he fixed fence or repaired the machinery. I was fascinated with the things he built. I loved the mountains with their beautiful streams and canyons. I loved working in the garden, planting and watching things grow. I was fond of animals, and loved helping with the sheep and the little lambs, taking the cows to the pasture and riding the horses. I am sure the Lord was watching over me for I had several close calls.

**EDUCATION AND MARRIAGE**

I attended grade school in Sanford and graduated from the eighth grade. I loved books and music and admired all of my teachers. I was taught the Gospel and the blessings it would bring to me and acquired a testimony early in life. We attended Primary and Sunday School regularly as children and took part in all the programs. I loved music and later sang in the choir. I sang in a quartet with Father, Aunt Laura Morgan and Uncle Holm Mortensen, especially in funerals, for several years.

I attended high school in Manassa at the San Luis Stake Academy. It was here that Vernal and I were attracted to each other. He was my ideal from the start and we soon fell deeply in love. His folks moved to Arizona for his Father’s health. We were too young to marry. In the spring Vernal received a call to fill a mission in the Central States. My parents gave their consent for us to get married before he left.

I signed up to teach school in Sanford while he was gone. He came a couple of weeks early and we took the train for Salt Lake City and were married in the Temple May 16, 1919. After a twelve-day honeymoon we came as far as Salida where he told me good-bye and then had to leave.

He put his heart and soul into his work and filled a good mission. I kept busy with my school. I worked in the Church as Primary chorister and Beekeeper over eighteen girls while he was gone, with Almina Brothers as my assistant. We were very close to these girls and have stayed together as a group ever since, still meeting once a year as a group, though several have passed away.

About a week after Vernal returned from his mission, I came down with the smallpox which I contracted at school. We were quarantined for six weeks. As soon as I recovered we left for Arizona to make our home. We lived at Franklin on the farm near his folks for about two years, Vernal farming with his Father, who wasn’t very well.
We were both active in the MIA, Vernal with the Boy Scouts and I with the Beehive Girls and also serving as a counselor in the Primary. Times were hard and we moved to Miami where Vernal worked in the copper mill for about five years. It was here our next two boys, Norris and Russell were born. We wanted to get back on the farm. Soon after Russell’s birth we left for Colorado. He wasn’t very strong and our first real tragedy came when we lost him. We had settled on a farm at Excelsior where we lived for about four years. We were blessed with our other two children: Carleton and Glenna, while we lived here.

In 1931 we moved to Manassa, bought a home and land where Vernal farmed, but when the Depression came he had to give it up. We lost everything and he had to go to work at Summitville. He worked as a shift boss in the mill for four years and we managed to come out of it. We came back to the valley and he leased a large ranch at La Isla and ran a herd of range cattle. He bought several milk routes and milk cows and with the help of the family went into the dairy business. We also bought the old home in Manassa that his Grandpa Bagwell had built. We all worked hard and the children managed to get through high school and college. Some of them filled missions and served in the armed forces. After they all left to make homes for themselves we gave up the dairy and ranch. Vernal retired after delivering milk for twenty years. He had sugar diabetes and had been bothered with cancer for years, though the doctors had been able to keep both under control. I had gone through several major operations myself and am sure it was through our faith and prayers and those of our loved ones that we were still here. We knew the Lord had heard and answered our prayers.

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

We both had held positions of responsibility during this time in spite of sickness and poor health. Vernal had served as a counselor to Bishop William Jackson in the Manassa Ward, as a high councilman representing the stake Primary organization for a long time. He was called to serve as first counselor in the stake presidency to Howard Shawcroft from 1944 to 1951, and after that he served as president of the high priests quorum and on the stake genealogical committee.

He served in several civic positions, as secretary one term and president two terms of the Manassa school board. He represented Conejos County on the Stampede Committee at Monte Vista through the Antonito Chamber of Commerce for several years.

After moving back to Manassa, I served as stake and ward chorister and play leader in the Primary, writing and putting on several pageants. I worked as first counselor in the ward Primary. I spent four years serving as stake Relief Society president. At different times was counselor in the ward, and organist, and class
leader in the different departments.

**DOING GENEALOGY**

In the Romeo Ward and I was asked to take over the genealogical class in Sunday School and to be genealogical ward examiner. Later I was called to work as first counselor in the Relief Society, and have done a lot of teaching in the different class departments since, including Spiritual Living lessons in Relief Society.

We did a lot of traveling, gathering genealogy and working in the temple, after Vernal retired, even though he was in poor health. I am sure the Lord had a hand in this. We made several trips into the Southern States, where we met some of his relatives whom we grew to love. We have gathered genealogy in almost every state in the union. Lines have been opened up to us when it looked impossible to find them. I would like to relate one instance especially.

We had very little on Vernal’s father’s line on the Anderson side. One day in his later years, I asked Grandpa to sit down and tell me all he knew about them. He replied, “I don’t know much, though I do remember my Grandpa. He was married three times, and when I was just a little boy, he moved to Texas with his third family. He settled somewhere around Fort Worth about 1880.”

We worked at finding Vernal’s family in Texas and did much temple work for them. It seems we have felt the presence of loved ones as we knelt at the altar to be sealed for them, or as we went through the temple for them. We look forward to meeting many of those we have come to know from their records.

**DEALING WITH CANCER**

In the fall of 1967, after a trip to Expo 67 in Montreal, Canada, with Vernal and my sister, Clara, and her husband, Orin, I became very ill. After consulting several doctors and going through a medical clinic, they decided I had a bad cancer. After taking all kinds of tests and cobalt treatments for a month they decided to operate, but gave me no hope or encouragement. I felt I was near the end and resigned myself to it. I was scheduled to have surgery the day after Christmas.

My family, about a week before my operation, all joined in a day of fasting and prayer. This included my brothers and sisters and all the little grandchildren: A few days later I received a little letter crudely printed from one of the little grandsons only six years old which said, “Grandma, don’t give up, I love you and I fasted and prayed for you all day Sunday.” Also one of the little granddaughters said to her mother “Oh, Mother, I am so hungry I am getting sick.” Her mother said, “Well, honey, you don’t have to fast.” The little six-year-old child cried, then said, “But I want Grandma to get well.” When I heard this and thought what it meant to my
family, I thought to myself, “I must get well,” and prayed to that end.

Just before I went on the operating table, Vernal and my four boys laid their hands on my head and asked the Lord that His will be done. As they took their hands from my head, the most peaceful feeling came over me and something said to me, “I will see you through.” I knew I was going to be healed and I told them so.

That was eight years ago. I am so thankful I was able to see Vernal through for he really needed me, and that I have been able to live and enjoy all these wonderful grandchildren as they have come to us. How I love and appreciate my children: their companions and their children and all they have done for us! May God bless them all.

LOSS OF COMPANION

Vernal’s passing has been a hard adjustment for me to make but I am so thankful for all the years we had together. I have tried to keep busy since he left by keeping active in the Church and enjoying my family. I filled a two-year stake mission in 1959-1960 and another mission in 1973-1975 and have enjoyed it very much. I spent about seven months as a full-time missionary in the Arizona Mission during the winter of 1972-73, and had many rich experiences. My health would not permit me to stay longer through the summer heat.

I know the Lord lives. He has heard and answered my prayers many times. I have learned what it means to truly love the Lord and my fellow men. I know the Gospel is true, I am sure of this beyond a doubt. I am convinced that true happiness can come only through keeping the commandments of God and living the Gospel. I hope and pray that I, as well as those I love, may find joy by doing so, that we might all enjoy our association as a family in the hereafter.

I am sure it is through their faith and prayers that my life has been prolonged.

Jane and Vernal had five children:

1. Richard Vernal Anderson, b. 20 October 1921 in Franklin, Arizona, md. Lenore Ruth White 1 September 1951, sealed in the Manti Temple. She was b. 19 August 1926 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

   In 1927 the family moved to Colorado and he attended and finished high school in Manassa. He had a great love for books. He spent hours in Grandpa Crowther’s library of books, reading and discussing them with him. He attended Adams State College at Alamosa, Colorado, for two years.

   He enlisted in the army in WWII in 1942, and served four years. He attended
Officers Candidate School in the artillery. He landed in France on Utah Beach in August 1944 and served as an artillery intelligence and reconnaissance officer in General Patton’s Third Army, crossing France, Germany and into Czechoslovakia. He was awarded a Silver Star medal for gallantry in action. He was a major in the army at the time of his discharge.

After his service, he attended law school at the University of Colorado. Upon graduation he practiced law, serving as county attorney in Conejos County for eight years. Richard married a sister to his brother Norris’s wife, from Winnipeg, Canada. Lenore had been a schoolteacher. During their time in Manassa, they had two children: Eva and Richard. While in Manassa, he served as a bishop’s counselor and then as bishop.

Richard did not find satisfaction in the law practice, so they moved to Westminster, near Denver in 1956, where he taught school for eight years. He attended the University of Colorado during his teaching, and obtained a doctorate in education. There Susan and Matthew were born.

In 1964 they moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, where Richard began teaching for the LDS Church Education system. In 1966 they moved to Boise, Idaho where Richard became an Institute Director and coordinator of seminaries and institutes. Their last child, Sarah Ruth, was born in Boise. In 1978 they moved to Salt Lake City and Richard finished his teaching years as an administrator at the LDS Institute at the University of Utah.

Richard retired in 1986. He and Lenore have always been active in the Church. He served in four bishoprics and many years in high councils. She has served in both ward and stake auxiliaries. Their greatest joy, other than their family, has been in church service.

After retirement, they served missions in Hawaii, Zimbabwe, and Iowa, as well as serving for five-and-a-half years as ordinance workers in the Salt Lake Temple. They are presently working in family history and in ward callings.

Five children:

1. **EVA CHRISTINE ANDERSON**, b. 29 September 1952 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. DOUGLAS RANDALL WHITE 17 September 1971 Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 11 January 1947 in Provo, Utah. Eva graduated from Boise High then attended Boise State College, in Idaho. Douglas served a mission in Mexico. He is an accountant. Eva is a mother and homemaker. She has served in both stake and ward auxiliaries. They have eight children:

   1. **Gregory Douglas White**, b. 29 July 1972 in Bountiful, Utah, md. Angela Jackson 5 May 1995 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b. 28 April 1975. Greg served a mission in Ecuador. They have two children:
      1. **Emily Susan White**, b. 20 December 1996 in Salt Lake City, Utah.
      2. **Natalie Anne White**, b. 12 October 2000 in Salt Lake City, Utah.
6. Jeffrey Lloyd White, b. 7 October 1982 in Bountiful, Utah.
7. Laura Christine White, b. 10 August 1992 in Bountiful, Utah.
8. Amy Caroline White, b. 26 January 1996 in Murray, Utah.

2. RICHARD WILLIAM ANDERSON b. 15 December 1953 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. EVELYN JEAN EVANS 17 December 1977 in Boise, Idaho [divorced]. She was b. 17 July 1958. Four children: all b. in Salt Lake City, Utah:
   4. Albert William Anderson, was b. and d. 17 October 1987.

Richard William Anderson md. second INGA SENTEN 25 August 1995 in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was b. 29 October 1961 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Richard is a siding contractor in home construction. Inga is a beautician. They have two children:
   1. Jaynee Anne Anderson, b. 26 October 1995 in Salt Lake City, Utah.
   2. Ashlee Lenore Anderson, b. 6 January 2000 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

3. SUSAN LENORE ANDERSON, b. 17 August 1957 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. LELAND (KIM) DUERSCH. He was b. 15 October 1955 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Susan served a mission in Central America. Kim served a mission in the North Central States. Kim is an electrician, and Susan is a computer analyst. They live in Salt Lake City, Utah.

4. MATTHEW BRUCE ANDERSON, b. 19 June 1960 in Denver, Colorado, md. KELLY JEAN PICKETT 9 August 1985 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b. 6 July 1958 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Matthew served a mission in Los Angeles (Spanish). He is an architect for Albertsons Corp., and Kelly is a telephone company specialist. They live in Boise, Idaho. Three children:
   1. Katie Jane Anderson, b. 21 May 1987 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

5. SARAH RUTH ANDERSON, b. 25 May 1969 in Boise, Idaho, md. JODY KALANI MACK 22 June 1991 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 18 April 1969 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Kalani served a mission in New England and is a reservations agent for Delta Airlines. He is also a school teacher and Sarah is a school teacher. They live in Salt Lake City, Utah. Three children:
   3. Ehukia Seamus Mack, b. 27 June 2000 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Norris Dee Anderson md. second Verna Florence White 8 August 1950 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and were sealed a year later, 1951 in the Manti Temple, where his one child was also sealed to them. Verna was b. 28 March 1928. In Winnipeg, Canada, d. 26 January 1964.

Norris was a healthy, happy child and an optimist from the start. His parents moved to the San Luis Valley in Colorado when he was about four years old, and he started grade school at Nortonville, finishing through high school at Manassa.

He was a very active boy and spent a lot of time hunting, fishing, swimming and in all kinds of sports. He loved animals and always had a pony to ride and a dog at his heels. He whistled a tune wherever he went, and loved to help his dad with the livestock. Whenever his parents gave him a job to do, they knew it would be done.

He attended BYU at Provo, Utah, one quarter, but World War II broke out and he came home to help his dad on the ranch, with the dairy and the cattle. Norris enlisted in the Army and was sent to the Phillipines. After peace was signed with Japan he went on to Tokyo and Yokahama.

After Norris returned from the service he was called to fill a mission in the North Central States. Here he helped to convert two fine young ladies who were sisters, Verna White, who later became his wife, and the other, Lenore, who later became his brother Richard’s wife.

Norris and Verna lived at Romeo for the next thirteen years where he farmed and drove to Adams State College at Alamosa while he obtained a B.A. degree. While living there, their first six children: David, Lynne, Jackie, Don, Douglas and Lola were born. He served as bishop’s counselor, stake clerk and stake high councilor and taught in the Manassa High School. He later served as superintendent of the Manassa School District and as assistant district superintendent the North Conejos School, composed of LaJara, Manassa and Romeo. He went from there to Provo where he attended BYU and earned a Ph.D. while teaching there.

They then moved to Pueblo, Colorado where he accepted the position of Professor of Education at the University of Southern Colorado where he served as Head of the Department of Education. He served as bishop of Pueblo Ward for some time. He built a home out in the country, close to Rye, where their seventh child, Michael Dee, was born.

Verna has served as Relief Society president in the branch and then served on a stake MIA board. Norris served as a stake high Councilor in the Pikes Peak Stake and later in the Pueblo, Colorado Stake for several years.

Norris and Verna served full-time mission in the Albuquerque New Mexico Mission. After Verna passed on, Norris served for five years as an ordinance worker in the Denver Temple.

In addition to their son Robert, seven children were born to them:
1. **ROBERT NORRIS ANDERSON**, b. March 1944 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. FRANKIE LORRAINE REED 8 December 1961 in Sanford and sealed 4 October 1967 [divorced]. She was b. 4 October 1943 in Alamosa, Colorado.

When his parents divorced Robert came to live with his grandparents. Robert was sealed to his father and Verna Florence in 1951 in the Manti Temple. He attended Colorado State University at Ft. Collins, Colorado, where he obtained a Ph.D. He was a research and university professor at the University of Hawaii. He now has his own brokerage firm in Washington, D.C., Porter Rockwell Investment Co. Two children:

   3. **Robert Ellige Smith Jr.**, b. 24 April 1999


**Anthony Robert Anderson** md. second Starr Hawksley. She was b. April 1974 in Hawaii.

**Robert Norris Anderson** md. second SHELLEY MIEKO MATSUBA 7 October 1988 in Falls Church, Virginia. She was b. 13 May 1953 in Lihue, Hawaii.

2. **DAVID MELVILLE ANDERSON** was b. 31 December 1951 in Alamosa, Colorado, attended University of Colorado at Pueblo, Colorado, earning a B.A. in Accounting. He served a mission to Venezuela.

   1. **Amy Suzzane Thessen**, b. 7 October 1971 in Pueblo, Colorado, md. Todd Hanks. One child:
      1. **Katherine Ray Hanks**.

**Lynne Carol Anderson** md. second KENNETH LLOYD FURROW 26 October 1985 in Rye, Colorado. He was b. 26 February 1952 in Pueblo, Colorado. One child:


4. **JACKIE MAE ANDERSON**, b. 13 February 1954 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. DAVID CHARLES SWOPE 3 August 1973 in the Provo Temple. He was b. 2 December 1949 in St. Johns, Canada. David filled a mission to Australia and has a two-year degree in Ranch Management from Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho. Six
children:

1. David Patrick Swope, b. 11 October 1974 in Würzburg, Germany. He served a mission to the Phillipine Islands.
6. Hannah Mae Swope, b. 4 January 1988 in Colorado City, Colorado

5. DON VERNAL ANDERSON, b. 21 June 1955 in Alamosa, Colorado, served a mission in Argentina, md. BETH BAGLEY 15 September 1979 in the Manti Temple. earned an M.S. degree in Agricultural Engineering and Irrigation. Five children:
   2. Wayne David Anderson, b. 27 December 1982 in Logan, Utah.
   3. Newel Tyler Anderson, b. 5 December 1984 in Salt Lake City, Utah.
   5. Marci Beth Anderson, b. 23 April 1990 in Los Banos, California.

6. DOUGLAS THOMAS ANDERSON, b. 3 January 1958 in Alamosa, Colorado, served a mission to Atlanta, Georgia, md. DALE ELLEN DAWSON 12 September 1981 in the Salt Lake Temple. He has a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering. She was b. 27 July 1962 in Ogden, Utah. Five children:
   4. Annie Mae Anderson, b. in Logan, Utah.
   5. Bonnie Dee Anderson, b. in Logan, Utah.

7. LOLA FLORANCE ANDERSON b. 2 August 1959 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. GARY GENE SPACCAMONTI [divorced]. One child:

Lola Florance Anderson md. second TERRY HUNTER 7 March 1987 in Los Lunas, New Mexico [divorced]. One child:
   1. Jennifer Nell Hunter, b. 8 August 1987 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Lola Florence Anderson md. third NORMAN LYNN CASH. One child: Norman brought four sons into the marriage.
8. MICHAEL DEE ANDERSON, b. 8 October 1969 in La Jara, Colorado, md. ANGELIQUE ROSE LAMONSKI 27 December 1988 in Pueblo, Colorado [divorced]. She was b. 30 April 1970 in Aurora, Colorado. Two children:

Michael Dee Anderson md. second ROBERTA LYNN JONES in Beulah, Colorado
One child, plus one child of Roberta Jones:

3. RUSSELL DEON ANDERSON, b. 2 February 1927 in Clay Pool, Arizona, d. 16 July 1927.

4. CARLETON Q. ANDERSON, b. 24 May 1928 in Excelsior, near Sanford, Colorado, md. MARY ELIZABETH MOODY 29 July 1953 in the Manti Temple. She was b. 20 September 1929 Delta, Utah.

He came just after a hard rain and Dr. Davlin had a hard time getting there in all the mud. He was a very serious child and just couldn’t be bothered with all the loving his parents gave him. He never wasted words and was always mature for his age. He was a hard worker and very dependable. He loved to work with cattle and other livestock.

The family moved to a ranch at La Isla, close to Antonito, Colorado, where he attended elementary school for a few years. He attended high school at Manassa, Colorado. He enjoyed music and played the trombone in a dance orchestra while in high school. He also took part in an opera put on by the stake.

He spent some five years at home after graduation from high school in order to help his dad with the dairy and ranch work while the other boys were in the service and mission field. After Norris returned from his mission, Carleton was called to the Spanish American Mission where he served as a counselor to the mission president.

After his return home, he attended BYU for a short time. Mary Elizabeth served in the Spanish American Mission where she first met Carleton. They lived on a farm between Manassa and Romeo where he farmed and attended Adams State College. He received a B.A. and M.A. degree from Adams State and then taught and worked in administration in the Manassa public schools. He also farmed and served as bishop of the Romeo Ward for five years. During that time the Manassa-Romeo chapel was constructed.

He and his family then moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he attended school for a year. He went to California and taught a year and then moved to Provo where he finished his Ph.D. degree at the BYU. After completing his schooling, he moved his family (by then five children) back to Alamosa, Colorado, where he taught at Adams State. While teaching at Adams State he was appointed Director of International Education and was sent to Puebla, Mexico spending two years to establish a foreign exchange program. He then returned to Adams State.

Upon his return, he bought the old family home in Manassa where he and his fami-
ly established some roots. The entire family has been active in the Church wherever they have been.

In 1984 he and Elizabeth were called to serve as the President of the Asuncion, Paraguay Mission. They and their two youngest children were there until 1986. They then returned to Manassa where Carleton continued to work at Adams State until he retired in December of 1989. Carleton continued ranching and serving in the church as a temple worker and as the first councilor to the Stake President. Carleton passed away at his home in Manassa January 22, 1998. Seven children:

1. **STEPHEN CARLETON ANDERSON**, b. 16 December 1954 in Alamosa, Colorado, Served a mission to Guatemala, md. TERESA ANN LINDER 10 February 1979 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b. 26 August 1956 in Mesa, Arizona. Three children:

2. **MELANEE ANDERSON**, b. 16 May 1956 in Alamosa, Colorado, served a mission to Costa Rica, Panama, and Honduras. She md. STANFORD CHARLES SAINSBURY 6 August 1981 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 10 December 1955 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He served a mission to Sweden. Seven children:
   2. Amanda Melanee Sainsbury, b. 1 August 1984 in Provo, Utah.
   4. Seth Charles Sainsbury, b. 11 February 1988 in Orem, Utah.

   2. Travis Carleton Anderson, b. 20 October 1985 in Walnut Creek, California.
   3. Joshua Jackson Anderson, b. 30 December 1988 in Walnut Creek, California.
   4. Nicholas Wilson Anderson, b. 4 March 1991 in Walnut Creek, California.

   1. Alicia Marie Reed, b. 17 June 1985 in Provo, Utah.
   2. Breanna Delynn Reed, b. 30 September 1986 in Phoenix, Arizona.
5. Deelinda Kathleen Reed [twin], b. 2 May 1991 in Phoenix, Arizona.
6. Ethan Warren Reed, b. 4 April 1995 in Glendale, Arizona.
7. Fallyn Marita Reed, b. 17 December 1996 in Glendale, Arizona.

5. JANELA INEZ ANDERSON, b. 5 August 1964 in Delta, Utah, served in the Mexico, Mexico City North Mission, md. JESSE THOMAS KARLSON 12 December 1987 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 11 October 1962 in Wheatridge, Colorado, and served a mission to Seattle, Washington. Four children:

6. KENNA CHRISTINE ANDERSON, b. 8 March 1968 in Alamosa, Colorado, served in the Bolivia, La Paz and Houston, Texas Spanish-speaking Missions, md. MICHAEL RAY MANWARING 29 October 1991 in the Jordan River Temple. He was b. 3 June 1968 in Bountiful, Utah. He served in the Japan, Tokyo North Mission. Four children:


5. GLENNA JANE ANDERSON, b. 8 October 1930 in Sanford, Colorado, md. WADE ELLSWORTH SCHOFIELD 5 August 1950 in Manassa, Colorado, sealed 13 April 1951 in the Salt Lake Temple.

   Glenna was the first and only girl in her family, and she really brought sunshine into the home. Her three older brothers adored her. She was always cheerful and happy and could only see the good in those around her. The family felt she was born with a song in her heart.

   She attended grade school at La Isla, near Antonito, Colorado, then finished and graduated from high school in Manassa. Glenna loved music, and became organist in the Primary and Sunday School when she was very young. She won several contests and had the lead in two or three operas put on by the stake. She has served as organist in every ward and stake organization throughout the years and has also played for college functions, funerals, weddings, and various other gatherings. She served as ward Primary presi-
dent and as stake music chairman.

Wade was called to the service during the Korean War and had to leave before their first child, Mary Jane, was born in August of 1951. After returning, he was called to the Southwest Indian Mission. It was quite a sacrifice for him as well as Glenna, for his call came just before their second child, Rebecca Lee, was to arrive, but they decided he should accept the call, and he filled a fine mission among the Indian people.

When he returned they moved to Alamosa where Wade entered Adams State College, obtained a B.A. degree, and became an Industrial Arts Instructor in the junior high school there for 13 years. Here their other children were born: Dan, Jonathan, Jeff, Lisa, Peter and Tara. He has been active in the Church, serving as a bishop’s counselor, teacher development director, and as Sunday School secretary. He and his boys work as a construction company, building and repairing.

Glenna has passed her musical talent down to all of her family and they have all been very active in the Church. Nine children:

1. **MARY JANE SCHOFIELD**, b. 23 August 1951 in Del Norte, Colorado, md. HAROLD EUGENE FREY 17 October 1980 in the Manti Temple. He was b. 3 March 1951 in Dodge, Kansas. Mary Jane was a school teacher in Salt Lake City, Utah. She served a mission to Tahiti in 1973-1974. Five children:
   2. Rachelle Marie Frey, b. 2 September 1982 in Provo, Utah.
   3. Ashley Jane Frey, b. 5 September 1984 in Provo, Utah.
   5. Marissa Nicole Frey, b. 16 February 1990 in Provo, Utah.

2. **REBECCA LEE SCHOFIELD**, b. 26 June 1953 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. LARRY GENE HART 1 May 1974 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 29 March 1952 in Monte Vista, Colorado. Rebecca attended Adams State College, Alamosa, Colorado. Larry works in industry and as a school bus driver. Six children:
   1. Spencer Eugene Hart, b. 25 April 1975 in Denver, Colorado, md. Lisa Ann Lowe 25 April 1953. She was b. 7 January 1976 in Akron, Ohio. Two children:
      2. Tyler Jacob Hart, b. 20 August 1995 in Alamosa, Colorado.


Temple. She was b. 5 December 1961 in Roswell, New Mexico. Five children:
3. Stephanie Jane Schofield, b. 16 December 1986 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

5. JONATHAN WADE SCHOFIELD, b. 11 January 1959 in Alamosa, Colorado, md.
   SUSAN KAY ARMSTRONG 18 December 1981 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b.
   19 May 1961 in Topeka, Kansas. Three children:
   1. Teresa Kay Schofield, b. 24 March 1984 in Provo, Utah.
   2. Eric Wade Schofield, b. 15 December 1989 in Layton, Utah.
   3. Denise Marie Schofield, b. 10 January 1992 in Layton, Utah.

6. JEFFRY DEAN SCHOFIELD, b. 12 February 1961 in Alamosa, Colorado, md.
   REBEKAH LANE COOMBS 3 January 1986 in the Manti Temple. She was b. 16
   16, 1967 in Monte Vista, Colorado. Four children:
   1. Ephraim Wade Schofield, b. 20 July 1987 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
   2. Erin Jane Schofield, b. 6 September 1988 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
   3. Michael Jeffry Schofield, b. 5 May 1990 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

7. LISA LOUISE SCHOFIELD, b. 16 December 1963 in Alamosa, Colorado.

8. PETER GLENN SCHOFIELD, b. 24 September 1966 in Alamosa, Colorado, md.
   JUDY STULLER 9 January 1990 in Alamosa, Colorado. She was b. 30 May 1967 in
   Castro Valley, California. Two children:
   1. Elizabeth Tamser Schofield, b. 24 April 1993 in Parker, Colorado.

9. TARA GWEN SCHOFIELD, b. 12 October 1973 in Alamosa, Colorado

3A6-8 HORACE CLIVE CROWTHER b. 6 August 1901 in Sanford, Colorado, md.
   ALMORINE CUNNINGHAM 13 October 1920 in the Salt Lake Temple. She d. 19 April 1968.

I was born at home and delivered with the help of a midwife. I was named after two
missionaries, Elder Horace Ensign and Elder Clive, who were stationed in our town and
spent a lot of time in our home as guests. They were both fine musicians. I was the fourth
son and eighth child of William Orson and Mary Caroline Mortensen Crowther. Our family
lived in a fine brick house my father had built for his family.

My father and older brothers bought the Beers Ranch of 640 acres about 5 miles
north of Sanford. There I grew to manhood with fond memories of our family life. We
learned to work and play together. Father was a good musician as well as a farmer and
stockman. He taught all of us to play a musical instrument and we had our own band
concerts right in our home. Father was ward bishop or stake president during most of my
young life.

I attended elementary school in Sanford. With my two sisters, Jane and Laura, and my brother, Don, I drove a horse and buggy to school each day; many times it was in cold snow and wind. I graduated from the eighth grade as valedictorian which was a great honor at that time. I attended high school at the San Luis Stake Academy for four years. I drove a school bus from Sanford to Manassa each day in order for the Sanford students to have transportation to the school.

While attending high school I met my future wife, Almorine, daughter of Aim and Amanda Almorine McKenzie Cunningham, whom I married after graduation. My father and mother were with us in the temple.

We set up housekeeping in one of the small houses on my father’s ranch. Our first child and only daughter, Elaine, was born there. I was never very successful with farming and quite unhappy. After we harvested our crops in the fall, I with my younger brother, Don, went to Wichita, Kansas, and completed a course in auto mechanics. I got a job with Inspiration Copper Company in Miami, Arizona, first in the mine and later in their machine shops. I enjoyed the work there. Our first son, Kent, was born there.

While working I attended night school and completed a course in business administration. We moved back to Manassa, Colorado, and I went into the automobile business for myself. The first year we did very well but the Depression of 1929 hit and we gave up the business. During this time our second son, Dean, was born. I managed a vegetable packing business for some of the local farmers. We bought a motel in Alamosa, Colorado, which we operated for a few years. Our youngest and third son, Teddy Joe, was born while we were in Alamosa.

We were active in church work, I in the stake MIA presidency, as Sunday School superintendent and in the elders quorum. When Alamosa was made a ward, I was called to be first counselor to Bishop Ulysis Guthrie.

TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

My children were growing up and I could see we had no chance to give them a good education, so I took my daughter, Elaine, with me and we went to Washington, D.C. I left my wife, Almorine, and three boys to operate the motel. Elaine went to work for the J.C. Penney store and I got a position with the U.S. Navy ordnance. They were just planning a torpedo manufacturing plant in Alexandria, Virginia. I was chosen to head the Assembly Division. We were very happy there. I called Almorine by phone and told her to sell our motel and bring the boys. We felt this was a good opportunity for us.

We bought a new home and moved in one week before Christmas. The Lord had really blessed us and we would try to live accordingly. I was called on a stake mission and worked in Virginia, Washington, D.C, and Maryland. After one year I was released and was put in as bishop of the Alexandria Ward in the Washington Stake. Ezra Taft Benson was our stake president. During this time Almorine had been appointed to the Fairfax County School Board where she did an outstanding job in bettering the school system and helped
to build several new school buildings. I was also active in the community as president of the County Citizens Association, part of the local Civil Defense, and I helped organize the Chamber of Commerce of which I was a charter member. At the end of the war I left the Navy and went to work for the Washington Times Herald in the Circulation Department.

We also started construction of a new ward chapel in Alexandria which I supervised. After it was completed I was released as bishop. Almorine and I went to Sacramento, California, where I got a job with a new missile company as quality control engineer. All our children had completed school and were all married. We enjoyed California and had a wonderful time together. After one year we returned to Alexandria.

After several years of attending night school I had a degree in engineering. I was offered a job as mechanical engineer with the Bureau of Public Roads in their Foreign Projects Division in Iran. We both took physical examinations in preparation to go overseas. It was found Almorine needed an operation which she came through very well but complications developed later, a blood clot that closed both lungs, which caused her death in Alexandria, Virginia, near our home. This was a great blow to me but I decided to go ahead with the trip to Iran, leaving 3 June 1958. The first few months there, without my wife, in a strange place and with a strange language, I thought this must be purgatory. I was sent to the Caspian Sea to set up a new maintenance shop and train men to operate it. The climate was wonderful and I began to see a few bright spots in life.

One day a young boy ran into my car with a bicycle. The police came and took us to the station before the court judge. He told me it was the boy’s fault but it was the custom for the one who had the most money to pay for the damages. I gave the boy five dollars and everyone was happy.

I was transferred to Sanandash, a small city in Kurdish country. I came home after two years for a vacation but returned. I met Sonia Soltani in Teheran, a divorcée with two young daughters. We later were married. She was a great help to me as she spoke six different languages and could help me as an interpreter and with my translations. I had to translate all our shop manuals from English into Persian.

For two years we lived in Rezayeh, a beautiful city on a large salt lake near the base of Mount Ararat where Noah landed with the ark and saw the graves of the Three Wise Men. The people in this area were Christians and knew about these people through word of mouth handed down for many generations. We also visited the tombs of Queen Esther and her uncle, Mordecai. It was very interesting to visit the places where many of the Old Testament stories actually happened.

On my next trip home we visited many of the Far Eastern countries, Bangkok, India, Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan, the Phillipines and Hawaii, then to San Francisco. By the time we arrived back in Iran we had been completely around the world. I left Iran in 1965. On our way home we visited the Holy Land, Rome, Greece, Spain and most of the European countries.

We were then transferred to Brazil and spent four years there. I set up a special maintenance shop for a training school where I trained engineers and gave them on-the-
job training in building super highways. I learned to speak Portuguese and had the privilege of lecturing to their engineering classes in some of their best colleges. While working in Iran and Brazil I was given several commendations from their governments and from ours for outstanding work in accomplishing our goals.

I retired from the government in 1969 and was happy to get home to the USA to stay. We came to Tempe, Arizona, where we have been happy near many of our folks. I visit them at least once each year. Each summer when it starts getting hot here we take off in our motor home and travel until it gets cool again.

I have been very active in the Church here in Tempe and try to attend as many sessions in the temple as possible each month. I have a firm testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel and hope to live so I can be with my family and all of you in the Celestial Kingdom when the proper time comes. I am proud of and love all my children: I have given them my best in trying to educate them and help them get started in life. They had a wonderful mother I give credit for most of their teaching. We have both tried to set a correct example for them to follow which they have. Now I expect far greater things from each one of them.

Horace and Almorine's children are:

1. **ELAINE ALMORINE CROWTHER**, b. 29 July 1921 in Sanford, Colorado, was blessed or named by Apostle Melvin J. Ballard, md. ROBERT R. WILLIAMS 28 May 1941 (divorced in 1959). They were blessed with a son, Robert, and a daughter Lorna who were both sealed to Torval.

**Elaine Almorine Crowther** md. second TORVAL LEROY NELSON 18 March 1960 in the Manti Temple.

Elaine attended elementary and high school in Colorado and Arizona. While in high school she won some outstanding awards in serious readings and in school plays. She graduated with honors from Alamosa High School in Colorado. She entered BYU in Provo at age 16, where she majored in business. She moved with her family to Alexandria, Virginia, in 1940. There she worked for the J.C. Penney Company. Later she accepted a job with the government as a secretary. There she met Robert R. Williams, an engineer. His work took them to several states and they ended up in California.

Elaine had moved with the two children to Provo where she accepted a job at BYU as a secretary. She was promoted to Director of Teacher Certification and was later manager for the College of Fine Arts and a student counselor. She met Torvall Nelson who had also been divorced.

Robert and Lorna were sealed to Torvall who had five children: and they all became very close.

While living in California and Washington, Elaine had held several important positions with large business firms. In 1971 they moved to Tempe, Arizona. There she built her own apartment development of 144 units. She filled the apartments, managed them for
some time, then sold them and moved back to Virginia. Torvall is an engineer and worked with the General Accounting Office and ward clerk in the Annandale Ward and Elaine served as Relief Society president.

Both Torvall and Elaine have been teaching Dale Carnegie motivation courses and teacher development courses for the Church. Elaine worked for an advanced degree at BYU. They have been very active in the Church and held important callings wherever they have lived.

In 1963 Elaine was given the honor of Mother of the Year for Contra Costs County, California. Both Elaine and Torvall have received many awards for their outstanding work in different places where they have lived.

1. ROBERT WILLIAMS NELSON, b. 1 December 1949, filled a mission., md. EVELYN FAYE HILL 7 December 1973 in the Provo Temple [divorced]. She was b. 25 March 1953 in Provo, Utah. Six children:
   1. Tracy Lynn Nelson, b. and d. 20 October 1974 in Provo, Utah.

2. LORNA ALMORINE WILLIAMS NELSON, attended Mesa Community College, Mesa, Arizona, and Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, md. NOLAN K. OLSEN 11 October 1975 in the Logan Temple. He was b. 1 July 1952 in Brigham City, Utah. Three children:
   1. Lori Almorine Olsen, b. 8 July 1976 in Ogden, Utah.
   2. Amanda Kay Olsen, b. 18 October 1978 in Ogden, Utah.

2. KENT HORACE CROWTHER, b. 30 September 1926 in Miami, Arizona, md. ARTEL OLSON 24 January 1948 in Alexandria, Virginia, sealed 16 August 1948 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 25 August 1924 in Virginia, Idaho. Four children:

   Kent attended elementary school in Colorado and high school in Mount Vernon, Virginia. After graduation he joined the Navy and trained in the Medical Corps. He was stationed on the battleship Mississippi but spent much of his time in Norfolk, Virginia. After World War II he attended George Washington University Medical School. After finishing premedical school he decided to change and go to Benjamin Franklin University where he graduated with a master's degree in business administration and later as a Certified Public Accountant.

   While attending school he met Artel Olsen, an LDS girl from Idaho. Kent went to work for the General Accounting Office in D.C. In 1958 Kent with his family were sent to Frankfurt, Germany, for two years. While there Kent had the privilege of traveling to most of the European countries and the Middle East, doing auditing work for G.A.O. In 1960
they returned to their home in Virginia. The family has been very active in the Church. Kent and Artel are temple workers. Kent has been a counselor in the bishopric and Artel in the Relief Society. Both have held important positions in the ward and stake. They have a small farm and livestock ranch in Shenandoah County, Virginia, for a retirement home.

1. MICHAEL KENT CROWTHER, b. 21 October 1949 in Washington, D.C., md. SANDRA JEAN HILL 24 May 1975 in the Washington Temple. She was b. 30 July 1948 in Front Royal Virginia. Michael attended University of Virginia, obtaining a B.S. as in Electrical Engineering. He is an electrical engineer with the Atomic Energy Commission. Three children:
   3. Lauren Crowther, b. 24 April 1986 in Winchester, Virginia.

2. GERALD HORACE CROWTHER, b. 4 September 1951 in Washington, D.C., md. MARGARET IRENE SHIRLEY 21 June, 1975 in the Washington, D. C. Temple. She was b. 6 June 1951 in Anderson, South Carolina. Gerald attended University of Virginia, obtaining a B.S. as in Electrical Engineering. He filled a mission in Sweden. Gerald is an electrical engineer with the Phillip Morris Company in Medical Research living near Richmond, Virginia. Five children:
   1. Karen Ann Crowther, b. 8 June, 1976 in Richmond, Virginia.
   2. Kenneth Gerald Crowther, was b. 20 July 1978 in Richmond, Virginia.
   4. Kristina Crowther, b. 8 October 1983 in Richmond, Virginia.

3. ALENE CROWTHER, b. 24 April 1956 in Alexandria, Virginia, md. JAY CARL VINING 7 July 1984 in Woodstock, Virginia. Alene attended nursing school at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. One child:

4. ERIKA CROWTHER, b. 27 July 1959 in Frankfurt, West Germany. Educated at Groveton High, Alexandra, Virginia, md. JOSEPH LEROY MASON Jr. 25 May 1985 in Middlebrook, Virginia. He was b. 24 July 1946 in Richmond City, Virginia.

3. DEAN KAY CROWTHER, b. 21 July 1928 in Manassa, Colorado, md. HELEN LORETTA FISHER 30 June 1950, sealed 8 August 1964 in the Idaho Falls Temple. Helen was b. 11 June 1927 in Charleston, West Virginia.

   Dean attended elementary school in Colorado, finishing in Alexandria, Virginia. He graduated from Mount Vernon High School as class president in 1945. It was there he met his wife to be, but they were not married until June 1950. After high school he attended Virginia Polytechnic University. In the fall of 1946 he joined the Army and was sent to Korea. He traveled over all of Korea and spent two weeks in Tokyo, Japan. He was released and returned home in 1948. He was called on a stake mission and served for three years. He attended George Washington University, then Benjamin Franklin University where he graduated with a master’s degree in accounting, later with a C.P.A.

   After graduation he worked for Arthur Anderson Company, a CPA firm in Los
Angeles. He took a job with the government and moved back to Virginia. After their marriage Helen worked until their children started arriving.

They are active in the Church. Dean has been counselor to two bishops in Virginia and held many more stake and ward offices. He has been stake auditor, and worked as a special auditor for the Senate Finance Committee. They have a lovely home in Vienna, Virginia. Helen worked in a doctor's laboratory office. Five children:

1. BRUCE KAY CROWTHER, b. 16 January 1952 in Alexandria, Virginia, md. SUSAN RANDOLPH STADFIELD, 18 August 1973 in Fairfax County, Virginia. She was b. 10 April 1953 in Winchester, Virginia. Bruce attended Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia and graduated in 1976 with a master's degree in Business Administration.

Bruce Kay Crowther md. second MARY MARGARET YORKE 1 February 1986 in Barrington, Illinois. She was b. 7 August 1954 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Two children:

2. STEVEN DEAN CROWTHER, b. 8 July 1953 in Alexandria, Virginia, md. JEAN MARIE BRAWN 22 August 1987 in Barrington, Illinois [divorced]. She was b. 16 September 16, 1963 in Cleveland, Ohio. Steven was a budding contractor and attended college part time.

Steven Dean Crowther md. second TONY ______________________ in 1976 in Vienna, Virginia [divorced].

Steven Dean Crowther md. third SUE ______________________ in 1978 in Centerville, Virginia [divorced]

Steven Dean Crowther md. fourth GEORGINA ______________________ in 1990 in Chicago, Illinois.

3. MARY HELEN CROWTHER, b. 17 October 1956 in Alexandria, Virginia, md. RANDALF LEE SCOTT 28 July 1984 in Maryland. He was b. 8 May 1955 in Salisbury, Maryland. Four children:
   1. Alexandria Marie Scott, b. 4 January 1987 in College Park, Maryland.
   2. Stephanie Christine Scott, b. 13 October 1989 in College Park, Maryland.

4. JOHN SCOTT CROWTHER, b. 10 February 1959 in Alexandria, Virginia, md. SHARON CHRISTINE WALKER 25 September 1981 in Verona, Virginia. She was b. 12 March 1961 in Washington, D.C. Two children:
   1. Christopher John Crowther, b. 30 December 1982 in Fairfax, Virginia.
   2. Lynda Helen Crowther, b. 12 February 1985 in Fairfax, Virginia.
5. FRANK JAY CROWTHER, b. 12 October 1962 in Alexandria, Virginia.

4. TEDDY JOE CROWTHER, b. 29 January 1937 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. SUZANNE NIXON 3 June 1957 in the Salt Lake Temple by Apostle Spencer W. Kimball. Suzanne was the only daughter of Jessco and Mildred Nixon.

When three years old Teddy moved with his family to Alexandria, Virginia. He attended elementary school in Fairfax County, Virginia, and high school at Mt. Vernon. While in high school he had his own dance band which was very popular. He met Suzanne Nixon at a stake dance. After a two-year courtship they were married. She grew up in Arlington, Virginia. They honeymooned in Washington, D.C. where they had employment for the summer and were both called on stake missions. In the fall they returned to BYU and completed their education.

They both graduated in 1960, Ted with a degree in electrical engineering and Suzanne in foods and nutrition. Their first child, Mark Joseph, was born while they were in Provo. They moved to Mountain View, California, where Ted was offered a position with Sylvania. They lived there for five years and Ted received a master's degree from Stanford University. He had several advancements in his job and was named in Who's Who of American Men of Science.

Sharon Suzanne was born in 1961 and David Theodore in 1963. During this time Ted served as counselor to the bishop in their ward. Robyn Lynn was born in 1966. They bought a home in Saratoga, California. In 1970 another daughter, Autumn Dawn, was born and in 1973 their sixth child, Randolph Glade, arrived.

Ted had several wonderful job opportunities. He worked for Syntex Analytical Instruments, researching and developing medical X-ray and electronic equipment. Church service has always come first in their lives. Ted has been senior member of a high council, stake seminary coordinator for nine years. Suzanne has held several Church positions including ward organist. They are constantly striving as a family to be united, to love the Lord, and serve their fellow men through church service. Ted lives in Saratoga, California.

Six children:

1. MARK JOSEPH CROWTHER, b. 5 September 1958 in Provo, Utah, md. DEBORAH LYNN MORRISON 26 April 1983 in Washington, D.C. She was b. 1 June 1958 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Three children:
   1. Linsay Jo Crowther, b. 31 October 1986 in Provo, Utah.
   3. Mark Spencer Crowther, b. 4 October 1995 in Provo, Utah.

2. SHARON SUZANNE CROWTHER, b. 22 January 1961 in Redwood City, California, md. DAVID RICHARD WILSON 29 June 1982 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 2 March 1957 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Five children:
   1. Brigitte Marie Wilson, b. 22 July 1984 in Würzburg, Germany.
   2. Erika Elizabeth Wilson, b. 26 April 1986 in Lake Jackson, Texas.
   3. Rebekah Anne Wilson, b. 8 April 1988 in Midland, Michigan.
5. Richard Alexander Egbert Wilson, b. 5 October 1993 in Midland, Michigan.

3. DAVID THEODORE CROWTHER, b. 25 June 1963 in Redwood City, California, md. TAMMI JEFFERY 12 February 1987 in the Manti Temple. She was b. 12 September 1963 in Provo, Utah. Three children:
   1. Thomas David Crowther, b. 21 February 1989 in Provo, Utah.
   2. Cassidi Nicole Crowther, b. 2 April 1992 in Provo, Utah.
   3. Christopher Jeffery Crowther, b. 14 June 1995 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

4. ROBYN LYNN CROWTHER, b. 26 March 1966 in Redwood City, California, md. RALPH DWAIN EUPSHAW 12 October 1984, sealed 25 October 1985 in the Washington Temple. He was b. 29 July 1962 in Elsworth, Kansas. Four children:
   1. Monica Lynn Upshaw, b. 5 July 1985 in Biddeford, Massachusetts.
   2. Ralph Dexton Upshaw, b. 16 February 1988 in Orem, Utah.
   3. Richard Devin Upshaw, b. 3 September 1992 in Orem, Utah.

5. AUTUMN DAWN CROWTHER, b. 2 September 1970 in Stanford, California, md. BRENT MICHAEL CHRISTENSEN 10 May 1991 in the Sale Lake Temple. He was b. 15 March 1968. One child:

6. RANDOLPH GLADE CROWTHER, b. 7 March 1973 in Redwood City, California, md. SHAWNDRA ELIZABETH MANSFIELD September 1992, sealed 2 April 1994 in the Manti Temple. Shawndra was b. 25 October 1972 in California. Two children:
   1. Taylor Leigh Crowther, b. 21 April 1993 in Provo, Utah.

5. FARIDEH CROWTHER (adopted), b. 22 December 1949 in Tehran, Iran, md. RAFE GHOLIZADEH 23 October 1970 in Tehran. He was b. 28 July 1943 in Tabriz, Iran.

Horace Clive Crowther md. second SONIA SOLTANI.

3A6-9 LAURA VERINA CROWTHER b. 25 October 1903 in Sanford, Colorado, md. ROLAND H. SOWARDS 6 December 1922 in the Salt Lake Temple. Roland was b. in Manassa, Colorado 6 September 1901, the sixth child of Lewis Winfield and Lillie Earnestine Huffaker Sowards.

    I was the only child born while Father was away from home working. He has told me many times of the dream he had while he and Alma were working up at Monte Vista. He said he dreamed they had a baby girl at home. He went home the next morning and found this was true and all was well at home. We lived in the brick house in Sanford, moving to the ranch in the summertime.
I attended school in Sanford. Jane, Horace, Don and I would drive Old Dolly and the buggy to Sanford for school in the fall and at times when we stayed on the ranch during the winter. Mother would heat rocks in the oven and put them in the bottom of the buggy for us to put our feet on so we wouldn’t get so cold. As spring came, and the weather was better, we would walk to school in the morning and back to the ranch in the evening.

Some of the most pleasant memories I have are of us singing. When we were very young, Father had the four youngest singing quartets of “Come Where the Lilies Bloom” and “Whispering Hope.” Our family home evenings were very special and happy times. We had the piano and other musical instruments.

Mother always had happy surprises for me, a new dress or a pair of new white shoes for the Fourth of July celebration. We always had a lot of visitors as Father was in the Sanford Ward bishopric or the San Luis stake presidency all of my life at home.

When I attended the San Luis Stake Academy in Manassa I met my future husband, Roland H. Sowards. Roland’s father, a self-educated man, taught school in Kentucky at the age of 16. He came to the San Luis Valley and Manassa in 1881 where he made his home and was active in civic affairs throughout his life. After a courtship of nine months, were married in the Salt Lake Temple 6 December 1922.

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

He has served in various church callings: counselor in the Manassa Ward YWMI A three years, secretary in the boys’ leadership program—stake and ward—six years, stake YMMIA Special Interest Leader three years, ward secretary of the YMMIA two years, Scout committeeman ten years, and home teacher for fifty years.

Roland was well known to people in the south end of the valley as he served in the local stores for about 35 years. He was Manassa Town Clerk for six years, secretary of the Conejos Cattle Company for three years, a ditch rider for one year, an OPA Price Clerk for Conejos County for two years, and he managed his own business, “Sowards Cold Storage,” for two years.

Among the positions I have held are counselor and president of the Manassa Ward Primary; YWMI A president and counselor and president of the Manassa Ward Relief Society. I taught a class of girls in the YWMI A for five consecutive years for which I was awarded a beauti-
ful pin from the ward officers. I have been president of the PTA and a 4-H Club leader. I have served as a stake YWMIA president and stake Special Interest Leader. I have been a Relief Society teacher for the past twenty years.

We seemed to shoulder the responsibility of caring for both our parents and were with them and able to do things for them when they needed us. I have always been very thankful that our children could know their grandparents and be with them. Roland’s mother died in 1942, which left his father alone. Then my father died in 1944, leaving Mother alone. We moved in the duplex belonging to Don and Irene and took care of Mother for twenty years. During that time I don’t think I ever spoke a cross word to her.

In 1955, we went to Utah and put our youngest children: Morris and Marie, in college. We both worked in Provo while they attended BYU. At the end of the year, we felt we were needed in Manassa. Both Mother and Roland’s father would write asking, “When are you coming home?” I am very thankful that we came and made their last years a little happier.

From 1956 until the fall of 1975 Laura and Roland devoted most of their time to their business, the “Forget-Me-Not” Flower Shop. They developed the business to where they handled most of the funerals and weddings in the south end of the valley. This was a tiring and time-consuming job, frequently requiring long hours far beyond the limits of daylight. Fortunately, they had several ladies on call who were qualified to come in and help in rush times. Laura was the artist, skilled in making the beautiful floral pieces, while Roland did most of the running, meeting planes and buses to obtain fresh flowers and then delivering the orders to weddings and funerals and supervising the arrangements in chapels and at gravesides. Because of health problems they sold the successful and well-managed flower business in the fall of 1975.

Laura and Roland’s children form a very close-knit family and love to visit and associate with each other. Frequently they devise a special occasion when all of them can gather with their families back to the old home place in Manassa. These two people really loved fishing and had their favorite spots on the lakes and streams and were rarely disappointed.

Another hobby of Roland’s was that of collecting arrowheads. He needed the exercise and spent hours and days in hunting and collecting these relics of Indian days from the mountains and valleys of the Conejos and Rio Grande watershed area.

Probably the crowning achievement for which Laura and Roland will always
be remembered is the devotion given to their parents who were left alone. True, other children were around to help, but it was Laura and Roland who were there day after day through long years to give care and comfort.

Laura and Roland remained in the San Luis Valley, the place of their birth, all of their lives except for a year in Provo, Utah, where they made it possible for their children to attend the B.Y.U.

Laura Verina Crowther md. second GEORGE ESSEX SMITH Jr. 14 September 1981 in Manassa, Colorado. He was b. 5 August 1904 Layton, Utah, and d. 20 January 1985.

Laura and Roland have six children:

1. LAURA JEAN SOWARDS, b. 8 August 1923 in Ignacio, Colorado, md. RALPH VANCE 20 June 1938 in Questa, New Mexico [divorced 2 May 1949].

   Laura Jean grew up in Manassa, attending grade school and high school there. After marriage she lived in La Jara. Ralph served in the U.S. Army during World War II. After he returned home they separated and were divorced. Laura Jean Sowards went to work at Mountain Bell Telephone Company and worked very hard to support her family. In 1952 she transferred to Logan, Utah. She met William Clinton Ford, and after a year's courtship they married.

   They made their home in Smithfield, Utah. Bill Ford was a wonderful husband and a good father to her four children: They all loved him very much and Jean was very happy with him.

   On July 5, 1964, Bill Ford was killed in an automobile accident, leaving Jean with four small children to raise as well as four older children: She continued to work at the telephone company in Logan and to date has completed 29 years of service with them.

   She has educated the children and they are all active in the Church. Michael filled a mission in Argentina in 1968. The four older ones are married and, when they went to the temple, were sealed to Jean and Bill Ford.

   Jean has worked in the Primary and Relief Society most of her married life.

Laura Jean Sowards md. second WILLIAM CLINTON FORD 14 August 1953 in Clinton, Missouri. They were sealed 10 October 1965. William was b. 22 February 1908.

1. SHARON ELAINE VANCE, b. 7 February 1940 in Manassa, Colorado, md. KARL MARTIN STRAUB Jr. 23 March 1962 in Smithfield, Utah, sealed 22 February 1975 in the Logan Temple. He was b. 19 May 1941 in Wisconsin and d. 23 March 1962. Four children:


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Dondi Lyn Straub md. second Alan Farrell Smith 15 September 1989 in Smithfield, Utah. He was b. 9 September 1965 in Logan, Utah. One child:
2. Cindi Lee Straub, b. 6 March 1965 in Logan, Utah, md. Zane Gerald Alder 3 February 3, 1983 in Smithfield, Utah. He was b. 21 May 1963 in Logan, Utah. Two children:
   1. Tanya Alder, b. 14 August 1983 in Logan, Utah.
   2. Jennifer Alder, b. 10 May 1987 in Logan, Utah.

Cindi Lee Straub md. second Scott Joseph Edvalson 29 April 1991 in Smithfield, Utah. He was b. 7 Mach 1966. One child:
1. Randi Jo Edvalson, b. 16 April 1992 in Logan, Utah.

Zane William Straub, b. 1 January 1968 in Logan, Utah, md. Kathy Pauline Zanoni 2 July 1988 in Ogden, Utah. She was b. 5 August 1968 in Ogden, Utah.

   1. Danille Porter, b. 10 April 1964 in Logan, Utah, md. Ronald Lynn Price 12 December 1984 in Roy, Utah. He was b. 12 February 1962 in Montpelier, Idaho. Three children:
      1. Toni Lyn Price, b. 26 October 1985 in Logan, Utah.
      2. Talena Price, b. 4 February 1988 in Manti, Utah.
   2. Kurt Claron Porter, b. 10 August 1966 in Ogden, Utah, md. Paide Christiansen 2 September 1988 in Hyrum, Utah. She was b. 28 April 1970 in Logan, Utah. Three children:
      2. Tye Colton Porter, b. 27 October and d. 8 December 1990 in Sacramento, California.
      3. Colton Kade Porter, b. 18 April 18, 1992 in Ogden, Utah.
   3. Nanette Porter, b. 13 June 1971 in Ogden, Utah.
   4. Shannon Porter, b. 28 July and d. 19 October 1974 in Ogden, Utah.
   5. Sharalyn Porter, b. August 31, 1975 in Ogden, Utah.


Michael Ralph Ford md. second TONYA HARRIS 1 July 1989 in the Idaho Falls Temple. She was b. 9 October 1947 in Tremonton, Utah.

4. SUSAN LYNNETTE VANCE, b. 14 February 1949 in Monte Vista, Colorado, md. BRENT REID HANSEN [divorced]. One child:
   1. Sheila Dawnette Hansen, b. 2 October 1967 in Logan, Utah, md. John K. Steele 5 May 1985 [divorced]. He was b. 15 January 1967. One child:

   1. Matthew Robert Stose, b. 30 October 1989 in Manhattan, Kansas.

Susan Lynnette Vance md. second BENJAMIN PAUL SCHEISS 10 May 1968 in Smithfield, Utah [divorced]. He was b. 1 October 1942. One child:

Susan Lynnette Vance md. third DONALD NELSON HALL 2 August 1972, sealed 29 October 1998. He was b. 24 March 1942 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Two children:
   1. Marti Heather Hall, b. 3 August 1973 in Bountiful, Utah, md. Steven Robert Chatnin 31 August 1991 in Bountiful, Utah. He was b. 3 August 1973 in Ogden, Utah. One child:
      1. Jessica Vilate Chatnin, b. 6 June 1992 in Salt Lake City, Utah.
   2. William Clinton Hall, b. 26 December 1975 in Salt Lake City, Utah.


5. JEFFERY PAUL FORD, b. 3 April 1954 in Logan, Utah, md. LISA RICHARDSON 14 February 1988 in Reno, Nevada. She was b. 30 August 1957 in Logan, Utah.

   5. Riley Trent Yates, b. 2 May 1985 in Rexburg, Idaho.

7. CHARLES ROLAND FORD, b. December 1957 in Logan, Utah, md. JANUARY OLSEN BOWEN. One child:

Charles Roland Ford md. second SARAH CRONNIN 30 June 1990. She was b. 1 March 1963. One child:
   1. Anoi Laura Ford, b. 18 August 1991 in Salt Lake City, Utah.
8. KENNETH WILLIAM FORD, b. 11 December 1958 in Logan, Utah, d. 13 January 1959.

   1. Justin Mark Ford, b. 11 July 1977 in Logan, Utah.

2. ROLAND CLINE SOWARDS, b. 12 June 1925 in Manassa, Colorado, md. EVELYN MAE PARKER 29 July 1948.

   He attended school in Manassa, graduating in 1944. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in the Pacific during World War II. He was in six major battles and came out without a scratch.

   They have lived in Oregon, Colorado and California. He made one trip to India with the Merchant Marines after their marriage. Evelyn remained in Alamosa with her parents. Cline worked as a manager for a light metal processing company in Oakland, California, for 20 years. They opened a new plant in San Jose and he transferred there for four years. A new plant was opened in Sparks, Nevada, and he transferred there. Evelyn works as a bookkeeper in this plant with Cline.

   They are all active in the Church. Cline has been president of an elders quorum, over the Aaronic Priesthood and home teacher in every ward they have lived in. Eve has served as president of the Primary for a number of years, also as a teacher in Primary and Sunday School.

   One daughter:

   1. RHONDA LEE SOWARDS, b. 28 July 1963 in San Mateo, California, md. BRADLEY WILLIS ROBINSON 30 April 1983 in the St. George Temple. He was b. 29 September 1957 in Cedar City, Utah. Three children:
      1. Shayla Mae Robinson, b. 28 February 1984 in Cedar, Utah.

3. COLEEN SOWARDS, b. 8 May 1928 in Manassa, Colorado, md. NORMAN CLYDE GUY-MON 8 May 1949, in Manassa, Colorado, by President Howard Shawcroft.

   Coleen attended school in Manassa and graduated in 1945. She attended Pueblo Beauty College in Pueblo, Colorado, and graduated August 10, 1946, then worked as a beautician until going to Denver to Central Business College where she graduated May 20, 1948. She was employed as a legal secretary for Charles R. Enos, Attorney at Law in
Denver, but returned to Manassa in October of 1948 and worked at Conejos County Court House until May of 1949.

They first lived on Norman’s folks’ ranch near Star in a little house they fixed up. After the first three children: Dennis, Kelly and Natale were born, they moved to Smithfield, Utah where they lived for two years and then moved back to the valley. They lived in Denver, Colorado Springs and Brush, Colorado, where Norman was working on road construction, but came back to the valley. She has worked as a beautician in her home most of her married life while raising her children:

She was president of the Primary in Colorado Springs, chorister and organist in the Primary for 15 years, Sunday School organist for five years, MIA chorister and teacher, first counselor in the La Jara Ward Relief Society and secretary of the stake APYW.

They have seven children:

   2. Gregory Dennis Guymon, b.6 August 1980 in La Jara, Colorado.

**Dennis Norman Guymon** md. second CAROLYN KAY SORENSEN. She was b. 31 May 1963 in Alamosa, Colorado.

2. **DAVIS KELLY GUYMON**, b. 20 December 1951 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. CANDIETH JOY ONEY 21 August 1973 in the Manti, Temple. She was b. 16 October 1952 in Rockford, Illinois. Six children:
   5. Marie Consuella Guymon, b. 22 March 1981 in Ohio.
   6. Catherine Guymon, b. 5 July 1983 in Ohio.

3. **NATALIE CARYL GUYMON**, b. 9 January 1953 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. MIKE JOHNSON 6 October 1972 in the Manti Temple. He was b. 5 January 1950 in Alamosa, Colorado. Six children:
   1. Clinton Mike Johnson, b. 3 August 1973 in La Jara, Colorado.
4. **BLAINE DWIGHT GUYMON**, b. 1 January 1956 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. RADEEN ANNETTE SORENSEN 14 October 1973 in Alamosa, Colorado. She was b. 20 August 1957 in Alamosa, Colorado. Eight children:
   1. Patricia Lynne Guymon, b. 4 June 1974 in Alamosa, Colorado.
   5. James Tanner Guymon, b. 10 March 1984 in Alamosa, Colorado.

5. **BRIAN KARL GUYMON**, b. 5 July 1957 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. KATHLEEN McKNIGHT 26 March 1979 in Alamosa, Colorado. She was b. 25 February 1959 in North Kansas City, Missouri. Three children:
   3. Amanda Kate Guymon, b. 26 December 1986 in Alamosa, Colorado.


7. **JAMIE LYNNE GUYMON**, b. 5 December 1962 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. SHANE KEVIN MORTENSEN 12 August 1983 in the St. George Temple. He was b. 17 August 1961. **See p. 1397 for Shane Kevin Mortensen and five children.**


   Bill attended school in Manassa and graduated in 1948. He was active in athletics all through high school. Bill joined the U.S. Air Force in 1949 and served for four years, mostly in Hawaii as a welder on the big aircraft. He returned home and met Larna Mae Darnall.

   Bill has worked with the Cal Gas Company for 20 years and as a manager for 15 years. He has been a member of the La Jara Fire Department for 18 years. He has been a member of the Town Board. He has been president of an elders quorum, a home teacher, a Scout committeeman, as well as filling many other church positions.

   Five children:
1. VIRGINIA ANN SOWARDS, b. 7 May 1957 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. JAMES DAVID GORIS 17 December 1977 in Pueblo, Colorado. He was b. 26 April 1953 in Canon City, Colorado. Two children:

2. SHERRI LYNN SOWARDS, b. January 14, 1959 in Alamosa, Colorado

3. CINDY LOU SOWARDS, b. 16 February 1960 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. JAMES ORSEN DePRIEST 12 January 1979 in Conejos, Colorado. He was b. 23 October 1954 in Alamosa, Colorado. Four children:
   1. Shannon Lynn DePriest, b. 2 August 1982 in Alamosa, Colorado.
   3. Lori Ann DePriest, b. 6 February 1989 in Alamosa, Colorado.

4. WILLIAM EDWARD SOWARDS, b. 11 September 1964 in Denver, Colorado, md. DANA LYNN DePRIEST 30 August 1983 in the Logan Temple. She was b. 28 April 1965 in Alamosa, Colorado. Five children:
   1. Tiffany Lynn Sowards, b. 24 October 1984 in La Jara, Colorado.
   2. Amanda Mae Sowards, b. 29 March 1987 in La Jara, Colorado.

5. KIP WINFIELD SOWARDS, b. 26 February 1966 in La Jara, Colorado, md. REBEKAH ANN LAYTON 31 May 1988 in Las Vegas, Nevada. She was b. 1 October 1965 in La Jara, Colorado. One child:
   1. Patrick Ian Sowards, b. 15 October 1991 in Denver, Colorado.

5. MORRIS SOWARDS [twin], b. 3 October 1935 in Manassa, Colorado, md. BARBARA LOU BRODBENT 28 May 1958 in New Kirk, Oklahoma.

   He attended school in Manassa, graduating in 1954. He attended BYU in Provo, Utah, one year, studying photography. He also had taken a correspondence course while he was in high school.

   He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1956 and was stationed in Texas and then in Topeka, Kansas, where he met Barbara Lou Broadbent. After their marriage, he spent 18 months in Guam as an Air Force photographer.

   He received an honorable discharge from the Air Force and they built a new home in Topeka. He bought a photography shop there and has expanded his business until he has the largest photography company in Topeka, Kansas. Morris has served as a home teacher and Scout committeeman and treasurer for several years. He has been dealing with real estate along with his photography business.

   Five children:

2. **KURT WILLIAM SOWARDS**, b. 13 January 1962 Topeka, Kansas, md. CARLA JOLEEN RAAB 14 June 1980 in Topeka, Kansas [divorced]. She was b. 30 September 1959 in Topeka, Kansas. One child:
   1. Kanyell Joleen Sowards, b. 6 April 1983 in Wichita, Kansas.

Kurt William Sowards md. second DEBRA DARLENE WALTY 21 April 1984 in Topeka, Kansas. She was b. 28 August 1966 in Wichita, Kansas. Two children:
   2. Kayla Louise Sowards, b. 7 September 1986 in Lawrence, Kansas.

3. **KEITH LEWIS SOWARDS**, b. 21 May 1963 in Topeka, Kansas, md. LINDA MAE NOVAK 6 July 1985 Topeka, Kansas. She was b. 10 October 1964 in Topeka, Kansas. Two children:
   1. Melissa Sue Sowards, b. 27 July 1989 in Olathe, Kansas.
   2. Jessica Lou Sowards, b. 1 August 1992 in Topeka, Kansas.

4. **KARLA MARIE SOWARDS**, b. 26 December 1966 in Topeka, Kansas, md. JOHN PATRICK WRIGHT 14 December 1990 in Topeka, Kansas [divorced]. He was b. 7 March 1992 in Topeka, Kansas. One child:
   1. Tyler John Wright, b. 7 March 1992 in Topeka, Kansas.

Karla Marie Sowards md. second CHRIS SAVOIE 13 October 1995. He was b. 9 April 1961.


6. **MARIE SOWARDS** [twin], b. 3 October 1935 in Manassa, Colorado, md. RICHARD ORVILLE BURT 7 April 1957, sealed 29 August 1958 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 17 March 1934 in Santa Monica, California.

   Marie attended school in Manassa and graduated in 1954. She attended one year at BYU in Provo, Utah, studying shorthand, typing and business courses. After one year of college, she came home and was employed in Alamosa with a finance company. Here she met Richard Burt.

   They moved to Farmington, New Mexico, where Richard was employed by the El Paso Gas Company. He received his Federal Communications License soon after their marriage. They have lived in Gallup, Carrizozo, and Roswell, New Mexico, Flagstaff and Phoenix, Arizona, and Preston, Idaho.

   Marie has always been very active in the Church, working in the Primary, Sunday School, YWMIA and in the ward and stake Relief Society. They attend temple sessions regularly in the Logan Temple.

   Nine children:
1. **RICHARD GREGORY BURT**, b. 22 April 1958 in Farmington, New Mexico, md. APRIL BENITA TORRES 26 March 1977 in Joseph City, Arizona. She was b. 4 April 1969 in Los Angeles, California. Three children:
   1. Rhiannon Lee Burt, b. 27 May 1978 in Holbrook, Arizona.

2. **DWIGHT SCOTT BURT**, b. 26 April 1959 in Carrizoza, New Mexico, md. SHERI LYN PALMER 7 June 1979 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 31 December 1959 in Snowflake, Arizona. Five children:
   1. Justin Burt, b. 18 July 18, 1980 in Manhattan, Kansas.
   5. Katelyn Marie Burt, b. 7 August 7, 1990 in Lakeside, New Mexico.

3. **DUANE MORRIS BURT**, b. 27 March 1960 in Carrizozo, New Mexico, md. TAMMIE PALMER 13 August 1981 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 26 September in Flagstaff, Arizona. Three children:
   2. Tessa Marie Burt, b. 9 April 1986 at Laken Heath AFB, England.

4. **JOHN CARL BURT**, b. 16 February 1961 in Carrizozo, New Mexico, md. KAREN ANDERSON 27 June 1984 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b. 13 December 1960 in Provo, Utah. Three children:

5. **TIMOTHY MARK BURT**, b. 3 August 1962 in Roswell, New Mexico, md. SHIRLENE DELEATH ADKINS 4 September 1982 in the Arizona Temple, sealed 12 December 1989. Two children:
   1. Kourtney Danyalle Burt, b. 10 September 1983 in Mesa, Arizona.
   2. Darragh Jaye Burt, b. 31 May 1990 in Mesa, Arizona.

   1. Jacob Richard Burt, b. 5 May 1991 in Mesa, Arizona.
   2. Jessica Anne Burt, b. 9 August 1992 in Mesa, Arizona.

7. **RAYMOND RALEIGH BURT**, b. 2 October 1969 in Preston, Idaho, md. SHANNON CHRISTELLE WATSON 13 June 1989 in Glendale, Arizona. She was b. 12 May 1971 in Phoenix, Arizona. One child:
8. JENNIFER MARIE BURT, b. 20 January 1971 in Preston, Idaho, md. CHRISTOPHER PAUL COLLINS 15 August 1992 and sealed 24 June 1995 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 5 August 1968 in Mesa, Arizona. One child:

9. DOROTHY KATHLEEN BURT, b. 5 December 1972 in Preston, Idaho, md. GREGG SIDNEY NIELSEN 13 March 1992 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 29 June 1971 in Springerville, Utah. Two children:
  1. Preston Greg Nielsen, b. 30 March 1993 in Glendale, Arizona.
  2. Tatum Jay Nielsen, b. 11 September 1994 in Glendale, Arizona.

3A6-10 DON Q. CROWTHER, b. 1 April 1906 in Sanford, Colorado, md. IRENE SWOFFORD 5 September 1928 in the Salt Lake Temple.

   I hope it’s true—that doctrine about children and parents being able to choose and select their family, because I would be honored to think that I was chosen by Father and Mother. It would have been a wonderfully wise choice for me to choose W.O. Crowther and Mary Caroline Mortensen as parents to bring me into this world on April 1, 1906. What a time to make an appearance, April Fool’s Day.

THE GROWING UP YEARS

   These years consisted of summers on the ranch and winters in town, the family band playing outside the cabin on the Claim and the male quartet singing “Flag Without a Stain” on the 4th of July, Mother cooking for a big family and Father busy as bishop and stake president.

   I attended San Luis Stake Academy. I was a high school dropout for a year while Horace and I went to Automobile School in Wichita. When we came back again, I graduated as valedictorian from Manassa High School. I worked surveying the road and trucking supplies for the San Luis Valley Construction Company up the Conejos, near Monte Vista, on Tennessee Pass.

   In high school, parties, basketball games and dances forced me into dating. One winter I was staying with Horace and Almorine in Manassa while going to the Academy. After going with some of the local girls, Almorine said to me: “Don, if you really want a pretty little girl you should go out with Irene Swofford.” I didn’t know her then. One night Horace and Almorine “hired” Irene to babysit with Elaine while they went out for the evening. I was confined to home with an infected foot. That night I met her and the next year we had our first date when she was a freshman and I was a sophomore in high school.

   We dated through school and were pretty serious when I left for a mission. We decided not to make any definite commitment but rather to wait and see how
we felt at the end of two years. If we felt as we did then, it would be proof of our love. In October 1925, I went on a mission in the Eastern States with headquarters in Brooklyn, New York. B.H. Roberts was the mission president. Most all of my mission time was spent in central and northern New York State, with summer work out in the rural counties and winter work in Albany and Watertown. We harvested a few converts from seeds planted previously and, in turn, planted some seeds which later brought forth fruit. I can think of only three converts who came into the Church directly from my contacts. However, “if ye labor all your days and bring save it be one soul . . .”

MISSION EXPERIENCE

One exciting experience came when my companion and I were in Watertown. For years the missionaries had been denied the right to hold street meetings there and, upon application, we also were turned down. We wrote to President Roberts expressing the view that this denial was unconstitutional and asked for instructions. He replied if we wanted to make a test case of it, he would send up a lawyer to try the case. Instructions were to go ahead; if we got thrown in again, we were to let him know. Accordingly we went back to the City Manager and asked again. When we were refused, we told him his decision was unacceptable and that we would proceed to hold a meeting next Friday evening on the corner of the public square. We invited him to attend.

The local paper came out with a story headlined “MORMONS DEFY CITY MANAGER.” From day to day other stories came. These stories excited great interest and curiosity, assuring a good crowd at the first meeting. Among the calls we received was one from a local attorney, offering to donate his services and handle our case without charge if we were molested. By Friday the local paper stated that the City Manager had changed his mind and had instructed the people not to bother the Mormons unless their meeting disrupted traffic. The meetings were held with splendid attendance and I know of at least one convert resulting from these contacts.

I returned home from my mission in October 1927. It was wonderful to come back to loved ones and find my sweetheart waiting. She had written faithfully, although she had gone out with other fellows. Irene was the oldest of five children of Claude and Myrtle Helen King Swofford. The Swoffords were early converts and came to Manassa from Rome, Georgia.

Irene and I were married and lived with Father and Mother in the Dalton home until we moved into the new house just before Christmas. I started working with Father in the Colonial State Bank, using mornings and evenings to put finishing touches on the house. At this time that I was ordained a high priest by Apostle Melvin J. Ballard and called to serve as second counselor to Bishop Frank Brady in
the Manassa Ward Bishopric. Irene worked part time at the bank and also ran a little millinery shop in the home to assist with the finances.

We lived in the new home less than a year. Our brother-in-law, Bart Dalton, when visiting with us one day asked, “Why don’t you get away from here and go to law school?” At the time I was working at the bank for $50.00 a month which would add up to $600 a year. Bart said, “If you will get going, you could be making $8,000 a year in about eight years from now.”

**EDUCATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

During my mission I obtained permission to go to Washington, D.C. for a week. There my companion and I met some young Utah boys who were working for the government in the daytime and going to George Washington University at night, putting themselves through school. Having no money to go on, we decided this was our only hope for higher education. We wrote to Senator Reed Smoot and Congressman Don B. Colton who were in Washington about the possibility of work. Both replied that we could get work if we were trained in shorthand and typing but, without this secretarial training, it would be difficult. Accordingly, we attended both day and evening classes and receive special training at the Enis Business School in Alamosa. We “lived” shorthand and typing night and day for one intensive month. Then we took the bus and started East, having enough money to go as far as Chicago.

We got work to earn enough to go on. We finally moved on to Washington, I took a Civil Service Examination and got a job with the government, and entered George Washington University. Then came the years of struggle. Irene has written the following:

“Our early days in D.C. we lived in a small apartment, Don walked to work and from work to school, and then walked home, many miles each day. After dinner there were the endless hours of study. Out of our small salary check each two weeks, we would take first our tithing and then 10 percent for our savings and, after that, we would get along on what was left. We never went into debt for anything and when our babies arrived, there was always enough in our savings to pay the doctor and hospital bills. We were proud we were on our own. There was no one to help us so we learned to manage wisely.”

After sticking with this type of struggle for seven years, I finally graduated in 1937 with a degree in economics. (Working for the Bureau of Labor statistics, I decided to go for economics instead of law.) We were proud to have Mother and Father and Clara and Orin come to Washington for the graduation.
With a college degree came a raise in salary. We rented a little house out in the country in Vienna, Virginia, about 17 miles from Washington. We enjoyed the freedom of country life. We were the only LDS people in that area and attended church at the Washington Chapel. In 1940-41 we had a new home built in Arlington, Virginia. There we lived for over 14 years while our three youngsters were in school and we were busy with government work, stake work, bishop’s work, Scouting, canoeing, and working for Civil Defense.

**CHURCH WORK**

We moved to Michigan. I served as superintendent of the Great Lakes Mission YMMIA. Our geographic area covered the states of Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. Sister Ann Thompson of Warsaw, Indiana, was the mission president of the YWMIA. We had several board members to assist us keep the MIA organizations strong. We held a three-day youth conference in which the youth of the entire mission gathered to the campus of Ohio State University in Columbus. We arranged for athletic contests, workshops, a banquet and dance on Saturday night and then a testimony meeting on Sunday morning which lasted four hours. It was an inspiration to see those who desired come forward and bear their testimonies. At the Saturday night banquet Brother Harold B. Lee awarded me an Honorary Master M-Man certificate and pin. Shirley Hardman, our daughter, came out from Logan, Utah, and conducted our workshop on charm.

During the Michigan years, Irene served as secretary of the Battle Creek Branch YWMIA and as a Laurel leader, as president of the Battle Creek Branch Relief Society then as district Relief Society President of the West Michigan District. She also taught kindergarten children at the Altrusa Nursery for two years and then served as secretary and office manager for one year. We returned to Virginia, 1962-65, and there Irene served as theology teacher in Relief Society for two years and as work director for one.

When President John F. Kennedy came into office in 1961, the consolidation of all defense activities, including Civil Defense, under the Department of Defense was begun. By the end of 1961, we were ordered back to Washington to serve under Defense Secretary McNamara. Don finished thirty-five years of service with the government.

In August 1966 when we retired we moved to Paradise, Utah. Work in the Church has been varied and most enjoyable. We work at our regular job to earn a living but our work in the Church gives meaning to our lives and permits us to serve our fellow men. I was called in 1963-65 as Potomac Stake patriarch, teacher trainer, bishop of Paradise Ward and Hyrum Stake patriarch.

My life has been filled with happiness, blessings, hard work, challenges and
rewards. I thank my Heavenly Father continually for my wonderful parents, brothers and sisters, the world’s most wonderful wife, devoted and capable children: for opportunities and obstacles to make us strong. Truly we have been wonderfully blessed as a family and have had very few tragedies and great sorrows. Death has brought the sadness of parting with close family members.

We are thankful for our great heritage and for membership in the Lord’s Church. We know the power of gospel principles in the lives of human beings. God lives as our loving Father, Jesus Christ is our Savior and Redeemer, His church is here and is guided by the prophets He has chosen. His gospel has been taught to us. Its eternal principles are true. Knowing and obeying them will bring peace and progress and joy into any life. Failure to obey them will bring discouragement, hardship and sorrow. With this faith we face the future with fond hopes of health, happiness, and achievement in this life, and then on to greater things.

Don and Irene had three children:

1. **SHIRLEY ANNE CROWTHER**, b. 6 July 1931 in Washington, D.C., md. **HEBER HARDMAN** in the Logan Temple 28 May 1954. He was b. 24 March 1930 in Mendon, Utah.

   Her growing up years were mostly in Vienna and Arlington, Virginia, where she graduated from high school. Then it was on to BYU in Provo for a few years. In the summertime she would return to Virginia where she worked in advertising for a department store, then for the Hot Shoppes, and as a secretary in the Pentagon. Here she met her future husband, Heber Thomas Hardman, who was stationed in Virginia in the Army and they made their home in the Cache Valley at Logan, Utah.

   The family has always been active in the Church and they have had many church and community accomplishments. Heber’s career has been as a civil engineer with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. He enjoys farming and cattle raising and pursues these interests on the side.

   For as long as I, Shirley, can remember, I’ve been involved in events and activities for, with and about youth. Whether it’s 4-H or Scouting, Primary or M.I.A., young people and “show biz” are my first love. Teaching, directing, costuming and producing the entire package with singing and dancing, are satisfying activities to me. Perhaps the special sparkle of youth, their assurance that “it can be done” if they try hard enough and their willingness to “make it all happen” serve as inspiration for me.

   Since I firmly believe that my first responsibility is to my own family, my interest in youth activities has allowed us to do much together. My two girls and two boys have grown and achieved many honors. They’ve had the opportunity to travel and learn as a direct result of my encouragement and insistence that they stick with it and not give up. Their accomplishments are my accomplishments. The satisfaction I feel in their achievements is for myself as well as them because I’ve helped to make them happen.
I was recently called to direct a Stake Standards program which was seen by approximately 1,700 people. We had a powerful message to tell and its telling was enhanced by original music and the accompaniment of a forty-piece orchestra. The play was entitled “Shall the Youth of Zion Falter?” We produced this event through a series of 5 a.m. rehearsals over a one-month period of time. It was a painfully wonderful experience that tried the patience and endurance of over a hundred dedicated young people. At the close of the play, I was presented with a dozen red roses and the following note:

“Shall the Youth of Zion Falter? Never! So long as there are leaders like you who put forth such a tremendous effort to help our youth grow and learn. It has been a special experience for us to work with you. Your willingness to share your talents and your dedication has been an inspiration to everyone. Cache Stake Aaronic Priesthood and Young Women”

All the titles and lists of honors I might write could please me no more than a note like this. Over and over at different times in different places and with different people, entertaining and inspiring others in one way or another is what I’ve been all about!

Four children:

1. **DAWNA LYN HARDMAN**, b. 28 June 1955 in Logan, Utah, md. SCOTT JAY CAMPBELL 6 July 1976 in the Logan Temple. He was b. 22 March 1948 in Logan, Utah. Four children:
   1. Roger Dean Campbell, b. 26 October 1977 in Salt Lake City, Utah.
   2. Kelley Marie Campbell, b. 19 March 1979 in Murray, Utah.

2. **MARCIA LEE HARDMAN**, b. 22 April 1958 in Logan, Utah, md. LAMarch ALAN JACOBS 5 May 1977 in the Ogden Temple. He was b. 21 May 1956 in Van Nuys, California. Three children:

3. **JONATHAN WAYNE HARDMAN**, b. 28 June 1962 in Logan, Utah, md. LAURIE BAIRD 16 March 1984 in the Logan Temple. She was b. 3 October 1962 in Logan, Utah. Four children:
   1. Amy Laree Hardman, b. and d. 10 February 1986 in Logan, Utah.
   3. Heidi Anne Hardman [twin], b. 19 December 1986 in Logan, Utah.
   4. Holly Irene Hardman, b. 9 June 1989 in Logan, Utah.

4. **PAUL CHRISTOPHER HARDMAN**, b. 31 December 1966 in Logan, Utah, md. LINDA THOMAS 29 August 1990, sealed August 1991 in the Logan Temple. She was b. 29 January 1971 in Logan, Utah. One child:
2. DUANE SWOFFORD CROWTHER, b. 16 August 1934 in Takoma Park, Maryland, md. JEAN DECKER in the Arizona Temple 21 March 1958.

Duane lived in Washington, D.C., Vienna, and Arlington, Virginia, until his graduation from high school. He was active in school affairs and was named the outstanding student in his graduating class of more than 600 at Washington Lee High School.

He attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, interrupting his studies to fill a stake mission in the Washington Stake and a full-time mission to Central America (1954-1957). After returning from the mission field he returned to BYU, he met and courted his future wife, Jean Decker. College studies continued and Duane graduated with honors with a B.A. in music education in 1959 and continued to complete a master’s degree in Scripture (Old and New Testament) in 1961. He served as an LDS Seminary teacher and principal teaching in Bountiful and Lehi, Utah, and Burley and Rigby, Idaho.

In 1962 he moved to Smithfield, Utah. After a brief period of attendance at Utah State University, he established the Logan Music and Book Company, a retail store in Logan, Utah, which he owned and operated for four years. During this period he began his career as an author, and wrote five books: Prophecy—Key to the Future, The Prophecies of Joseph Smith, Gifts of the Spirit, Prophets and Prophecies of the Old Testament, and Life Everlasting.

In 1967 he sold his music store and moved to Bountiful, Utah. He pursued a Ph.D. program at the University of Utah and completed the course work for a degree in music education. During this period he also taught public school civil defense courses for the State of Utah and taught instrumental music in the Salt Lake City public schools. He wrote and directed two large-cast patriotic pageants for the LDS stakes in the Bountiful Region in 1968 and 1969. These were awarded George Washington Honor Medals from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge for both the stage performances and the television productions.

Duane founded Horizon Publishers, a book publishing and distributing firm in 1971 and served as president and editor of the company. In addition to the books produced for other authors, he has published seven more of his own books (including the 4-volume Scripture-Guide Series and The Joy of Being a Woman, which he and his wife co-edited), and Reading Guide to the Book of Mormon through Horizon Publishers. He and his wife were also co-editors of UTAH Magazine.

Duane has filled numerous LDS Church assignments, including service as a superintendent of Sunday School and MIA, choir and drama director, elders quorum president, seventy and stake missionary, and set-apart temple worker. He has spoken and lectured in many church meetings, youth conferences, and other activities throughout the western states.

Duane has retired. He and Jean served a mission in Mexico for the church. They are the parents of eight children:
1. **DONALD KENT CROW THER**, b. 14 May 1959 in Provo, Utah, md. CHERYL WILDE 20 Junr 1984 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b. 29 December 1958 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Three children:
   1. Megan Crowther, b. 28 February 1987 in Neenah, Wisconsin.
   3. Jacob Don Crowther, b. 30 October 1990 in Neenah, Wisconsin.

2. **SCOTT DUANE CROW THER**, b. 14 July 1960 in Salt Lake City, Utah, md. ELIZABETH SUSAN HANSON 19 August 1982 in the Logan Temple. She was b. 14 February 1960 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Three children:
   1. Christina Jean Crowther, b. 15 June 1983 in Logan, Utah.
   2. Sarah Elizabeth Crowther, b. 28 April 1985 in Harbor City, California.


4. **LISA MARIE CROW THER**, b. 3 October 1964 in Logan, Utah, md. MICHAEL JAMES URE 7 January 1986 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 8 October 1960 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Two children:
   1. James Carson Ure, b. 7 February 1990 in Fairfax, Virginia.

5. **DAVID SMITH CROW THER**, b. 26 June 1967 in Murray, Utah, md. KRISTINA ELAINE GRESKO 28 September 1990 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b. 17 December 1970 in Blythe, California. One child:
   1. Joshua David Crowther, b. 2 July 1992 in Orem, Utah.


7. **SHARON IRENE CROW THER**, b. 18 April 1972 in Murray, Utah, md. SHANE BRENT BURNHAM 28 March 1989, sealed 26 September 1990 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 21 September 1969 in Salt Lake City, Utah. One child:
   1. Kendra Burnham, b. 4 September 1989 in Salt Lake City, Utah.


   Norman was born following a trip in the snow from Arlington, Virginia, over the worst frozen and bumpy roads across Key Bridge and down Pennsylvania Avenue to Doctors’ Hospital. His early years, in elementary school, with music lessons, paper routes, Primary and Scouting, were spent in Arlington, Virginia.

   In 1955, when twelve years old, he with his parents moved to Battle Creek,
Michigan, and this became the scene of his high school and courting days where he met his future wife, Carol Ann Breslin. He continued his church activities of Scouting, Aaronic Priesthood work and basketball in the Battle Creek Branch of the Great Lakes Mission where he received his Duty to God Award. Here he also received further musical training on an electric guitar and one important interest during his high school days was his participation in a combo orchestra with his guitar. Rehearsals of this group would rock the entire house and “charm” the entire neighborhood.

Carol had been raised as a member of the Catholic Church but had become interested in the restored gospel during courtship and was baptized into the LDS Church by her husband a few months after their marriage. Two little girls were born to them before they came as a family to the Logan Temple and were sealed together 3 October 1963.

In early 1963 they moved from Battle Creek, Michigan, back to Arlington, Virginia, and Norman took a position with the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C., working on the publication of their magazine and a number of books. Meanwhile he studied at the University of Virginia, specializing in real estate and went into real estate selling. This was enjoyable and remunerative as he soon became a member of the Million Dollar Sales Club of the area. However, he wished to be in the West, nearer to his parents and other family members. Consequently he moved his family to Salt Lake City in 1971 where he continued in the real estate business for two years.

Finding business not nearly so good as in Virginia, they moved back to Fairfax, Virginia in 1973 where he resumed working for his former company—Mount Vernon Realty. Buying a home in Lorton, Virginia, he became the sales manager for the Woodbridge office of the company, supervising the sales work of about 15 agents. The family has been active continually in church work, with service in the Sunday School, MIA, Relief Society and Primary. Norman is a member of his Seventies quorum and has been called on two stake missions. Six children:

1. **DEBORAH LYNN CROWTHER**, b. 29 December 1961 in Battle Creek, Michigan, md. LEE MONTE KOSANKE 1 April 1981 in Fairfax, Virginia. Two children:

2. **DAWNA LYNN CROWTHER**, b. 5 April 1963 in Alexandria, Virginia, md. THOMAS ARNOLD BLAKE 22 October 1980 in Woodbridge, Virginia. He was b. 3 September 1962 in Elkton, Maryland. Three children:
   1. Thomas Jason Blake, b. 29 May 1981.
   3. Amy Suzanne Blake, b. 5 February 1987 in Fairfax, Virginia.

   2. Bethani Renee Crowther, b. 8 May 1991 in Fairfax, Virginia.


**Norman Del Crowther** md. second JANET LAUREN ALLEN 5 May 1983 in Arlington, Virginia. She was b. 29 August 1955 Lexington, Kentucky. Three children:

1. **MATTHEW CLAY HANCOCK**, b. 5 December 1975 in Heidelberg, Germany.


3. **SPENCER ELDON HANCOCK**, b. 7 August 1979 in Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

3A7 **EMMA AMELIA MORTENSEN**, b. July 18, 1870 in Parowan, Utah, md. WILLIAM KNOX CHESTER HOSTETTER in the Manti Temple. He was b. 5 June 1866 Millston, Wisconsin.

Emma attended Primary and Sunday School. Public schools were had and she attended and advanced as far as most girls her age at that time. But the home was the greatest school after all. There the great teachers, Mother and Father, taught them to be industrious, frugal, and the fundamentals of homemaking.

She was just past fourteen years of age when she lost her father by death. This threw a great responsibility on the mother and the oldest children: Thinking the family could do better by moving to the San Luis Valley in Colorado, where the older boys lived, Ephraim came home and in May 1885 both families moved to Colorado.

Emma, Mother, Aunt Elmina, and the four youngest children of the family left May 20, 1885, on the train for Colorado. All the rest of the family drove through with teams, leaving Parowan May 23, 1885. They arrived in Colorado July 14, 1885 and located at Richfield, a little Mormon settlement close to La Jara, Colorado. They moved to Sanford when it was just being started.

Emma attended the school at Richfield and was quite active in the socials and with her crowd. She was quite a critic and an observer of people. She was a good housekeeper and help in the home and with the family. She helped her sister Mary with the cooking on the hay job which her brothers Anders and Ephraim contracted from Daniel Newcomb during the summer of 1886, down on the La Jara Bottoms. A year later she and her sister Auricla did the cooking for a crew working for Anders and Ephraim on a canal being brought from the Rio Grande River down through Conejos County. While there something unusual happened to her and Auricla also.
There was a man by the name of Robert Hostetter working and boarding with them. The Hostetters came from the state of Wisconsin where they formerly had joined the Mormon Church. He had two sons also working with him and boarded there also. There was a time when the magic “Love’s Old Sweet Song” rang in the souls of the two boys and these two young girls. Two brothers and two sisters plighted their love for each other. A double match was contracted and as usual the oldest brother, William Knox Chester Hostetter, and the oldest sister, Emma Amelia Mortensen, and Nephi Hostetter and Tomena Auricla Mortensen, both of these couples were married in the Manti Temple in Manti, Utah.

After their honeymoon was over they both built houses in Sanford, Colorado, on the east side of town. Chester Hostetter and his wife, Emma, became broken in health and decided to move to a warmer climate. They took their children and moved to Mesa, Arizona. There they improved for a number of years. In 1918, the influenza was prevalent. Emma and her last son, son-in-law Isaac M. Dana and his child all died of the influenza and were all buried in the Mesa Cemetery.

Chester Hostetter, his wife and family, were a very devout and sincere family. During the introduction of “Home Evening” in the homes of the Latter-day Saints, they were very careful and faithful in observing this practice. It left a very pronounced influence upon the lives of their children and drew the family close together. “They that pray together, stay together.”

Chester Hostetter took up a profound study of the health culture in connection with the Word of Wisdom. It resulted in the improvement of the health of himself and his entire family. He has become quite an authority on health culture and natural foods. For him it really is true, “All fruits and vegetables in the time and season thereof.” He has demonstrated the fact that it has brought him back to his health and strength by following this rule, and he surely is particular in his diet and in the preparation of his food.

Emma and Chester Hostetter had seven children:

**3A7-1 EMMA IZOLA HOSTETTER**, b. 6 May 1891 in Sanford, Colorado, md. ISAAC M. DANA at Mesa Arizona. He d. in October 1918. One child:

1. **GEORGE ISAAC DANA**, b. and d. 13 October 1918.

**3A7-2 JESSE ARMINDA HOSTETTER**, b. 2 August 1893 in Sanford, Colorado, md. JAMES E. JESSE.

**3A7-3 CECILE HOSTETTER**, b. 24 April 1896 in Sanford, Colorado, md. CECIL J. LONGSTRETH.
**3A7-4 CHESTER LORENZO HOSTETTER**, b. 19 June 1890 and d. March 1899 in Sanford, Colorado.

**3A7-5 ALBERT EIGEME HOSTETTER**, b. 17 December 1899 in Sanford, Colorado.

**3A7-6 VERA LORENA HOSTETTER**, b. 30 May 1902 at Sanford, Colorado, md. CECIL ERVIN CLUFF.

**3A7-7 ROSS LELAND HOSTETTER**, b. 10 July 1906 in Sanford, Colorado, and d. 25 October 1918 and was buried in Mesa, Arizona.

**3A8 TOMENA AURICLA MORTENSEN**, b. 17 August 1873 in Parowan, Utah, bpt. 17 August 1881, md. NEPHI HOSTETTER 10 April 1890 in the Manti Temple. He was b. 10 September 1869 in Knapp, Wisconsin. Auricla d. 26 September 1938.

Auricla shared the teachings and influence of this home where was taught the tenants of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, prayer, honesty, virtue, and love for one another. Her father died when she was just eleven years of age, but the teachings of her youth were so instilled into her soul that they never departed from her.

After the death of her father, the family decided to move to the San Luis Valley, Colorado. After all arrangements for leaving were made, the older children left and traveled by teams and wagons while the two mothers took the four youngest children: Laura, Auricla, Alma and Hemming on the train to the San Luis Valley. They arrived there some time ahead of the rest of the family who came by teams and wagons driving over a long dreary road. Aunt Almina, as we called her, took sick and died and was buried before the rest of the family arrived. She was buried in the Manassa Cemetery. Finally all arrived and settled at the little town of Richfield, close to La Jara.

Auricla attended school and grew into a fine young woman in Manassa, Colorado. In a few years, the family moved to the new town of Sanford, where Peter Mortensen was the first to locate.

Anders and Mary had both married and Anders built a new home in Sanford where his mother and the children who were not married made their home. Auricla

*Tomena Auricla Mortensen as a teenager*
stayed with Mr. and Mrs. McIntire, later governor of Colorado, for a year or two. They wanted to adopt her as their child: They thought a lot of her and were always nice to her. About this time her brothers took a contract to build several miles of canals, coming from the Rio Grand River, and extending down through Conejos county. Her sister, Emma, and Auricla did the cooking for the men working on this job.

MARRIAGE

Among this crew was a man named Robert Hostetter with his two sons, Chester and Nephi. “Love’s old sweet song”, seemed to ring in the souls of these two brothers and two sisters. This Hostetter family were converts to the Mormon Church. This fact made the matter all the more agreeable. A match was planned and before many years passed, the oldest son and the oldest sister of this couple were matched and the youngest son and sister were matched. On April 10, 1890, both couples went to the Manti Temple in Utah and were married for time and all eternity, according to their belief, by a servant of God having the authority.

They returned from their honeymoon and made their home in Sanford, on the east side of town where they lived for a number of years. When William T. Morris left Sanford, Nephi and Auricla purchased his home and moved into it. It was located across the road west from the W. C. Crowther brick home where her sister Mary lived. There these two sister lived for a number of years and their children played together.

Nephi Hostetter was a great athlete and sport. He was expert in ball playing and a great pitcher in the national game. His brother, Chester, was the catcher and they helped to win many games for the town of Sanford. Hunting and fishing were also favorites of his and he was an expert shot with a rifle or a shot gun. He bagged many a deer and a number of mountain lions, and to this day he and W.O. Crowther take great pleasure fishing on the streams of Colorado and New Mexico.

He was also very fond of music and always took a great interest in the church choir of which he has been a member for many years. He also has been a member of the City Council of Sanford for a number of years and a very dependable man and like by all his acquaintances. Nephi and his boys have been in the sawmill business in Colorado and New Mexico for many years. His wife would usually move to the sawmill in the summer time and help all she could.
Auricla suffered with a cancer of the breast for two years before she was called by death. She was taken to Mayo Brothers in Missouri for treatments, to Caliente Hot Springs and Roswell, New Mexico, under a special doctor, but finally she died. She was beloved by all who knew her, a patient and loving mother.

Fourteen children were born to Auricla and Nephi Hostetter:

**3A8-1 IDA MAY HOSTETTER**, b. 4 January 1892 in Sanford, Colorado, md. JAMES P. HICKS 25 December 1912. He was b. in 1892. Ida May d. 26 January 1917 and left three children: two growing to maturity, a boy and a girl, and a boy who died when a child:

**3A8-2 SILVIA GAY HOSTETTER**, b. 13 August 1893 in Sanford, Colorado, md. CHARLES WILKIE CUNNINGHAM 10 April 1913. He was b. 17 April 1890. Ten children:

1. **NORMA CUNNINGHAM**, b. 14 August 1914 in Sanford, Colorado, md. RAYMOND EARL NICHOLS 8 June 1941 in Denver, Colorado, was b. 5 June 1916. Two children:
   
   1. **STEVEN RAYMOND NICHOLS**, b. 19 August 1947 in Denver, Colorado.
   

2. **CHARLES GUY CUNNINGHAM**, b. 9 August 1916 in Sanford, Colorado, md. BERTHA DELORES JEPPERSON 8 August 1938 in Alamosa, Colorado. She was b. 19 March 1916 in Sanford, Colorado. One child:

   1. **GAYLE GUY CUNNINGHAM**, b. 8 March 1939 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. SARA JEAN CLAUNCH 3 December 1956 in Taos, New Mexico. Two children:
      
      1. Leon Guy Cunningham, b. 11 October 1957 in Alamosa, Colorado.
      2. Mark Scott Cunningham, b. 5 June 1961 in Alamosa, Colorado.

   Gayle Guy Cunningham md. second VIRGINIA ANN VANCE 23 January 1964 in Alamosa, Colorado [divorced]. One child:


   Gayle Guy Cunningham md. third TRUDY ROBERTA SCHUG 18 February 1975. She was b. 18 February 1932 in Lake City, Arkansas.

3. **LEONARD GLEN CUNNINGHAM**, b. 17 August 1918 in Sanford, Colorado, md. ZELLA DYER. She was b. 24 December 1920 in Alamosa, Colorado, d. 26 September 1987 in Farmington, New Mexico. He d. 28 January 1973 in Farmington, New Mexico. Three children:

   1. **DENNIS LAVOY CUNNINGHAM**, b. 7 March 1939 in Denver, Colorado, md. LEONA ANN BAILEY 25 March 1960 in Whittier, California, sealed 19 December 1964 in the Los Angeles, California. She was b. 9 October 1939 in Downey, California. Three children:
1. Leon Scott Cunningham, b. 18 September 1962 Whittier, California.
2. Craig Allan Cunningham, b. 1 July 1967 Whittier, California.
3. Denice Ann Cunningham, b. 22 October 1969 Ventura, California.

2. NANCY LYNN CUNNINGHAM, b. 23 August 1943 Alamosa, Colorado, md. CLYDE K. SEYBOLD 26 September 1964 in Cicero, Illinois. He was b. 25 December 1938 in Palmer Lake, Colorado. Four children:
   2. Jeffery Glenn Seybold, b. 8 September 1963 in Whittier, California.
   3. Keith Lee Seybold, b. 7 July 1964 in Farmington, New Mexico.

3. LINDA KAY CUNNINGHAM, b. 16 September 1946 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. DANNIE EDWARD SNOW 22 February 1964 in Pierra Amarilla, New Mexico. He was b. 13 May 1943 in Cushing, Oklahoma. Three children:
   1. Anita Elaine Snow, b. 1 October, d. 26 October 1964 in Kingman, Arizona.
   2. Shanion Raney Snow, b. 22 October 1966 in Farmington, New Mexico, md. Charles Michael Hughes Jr. 14 August 1982 in Flora Vista, New Mexico [divorced]. Two children:
      1. Chastity Michelle Hughes, b. 26 September 1985 in Durango, Colorado.
      2. Chad Michael Hughes, b. 11 October 1985 in Farmington, New Mexico.
   3. Todd Edward Snow, b. 7 October 1969 in Farmington, New Mexico.

   Linda Kay Cunningham md. second Harold Edward Rock. Three children:
   1. Henry Edward Rock, b. 4 September 1978 in Farmington, New Mexico.
   3. Heather Elaine Rock, b. 5 May 1982 in Durango, Colorado.

4. KENNETH VERNEL CUNNINGHAM, b. 8 January 1921 in Sanford Colorado, md. DOROTHY GILDA HIATT 25 April 1943 in Taos, New Mexico. She was b. 9 August 1929 in Alamosa, Colorado, d. 1 January 1996 in Milwaukie, Oregon. He d. 28 September 1977 in Livermore, California. Four children:

   1. KENNETH RICKY CUNNINGHAM, b. 19 October 1947 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. MARY JO CUNNINGHAM 11 January 1968 in Fremont, California. Four children:
      1. Donald Edward Belt (adopted), b. 9 May 1961 in Oakland, California.
      2. Kenneth John Cunningham, b. 10 July 1968 in Fremont, California.
      3. Dorothy Lorene Cunningham, b. 7 February 1970 in Fremont, California.
      4. Mary Michelle Cunningham, b. 7 February 1978 in Fremont, California.

   2. RANDY GUY CUNNINGHAM, b. 30 July 1949 in Alamosa, Colorado.
   3. ROCKY LEE CUNNINGHAM, b. 16 October 1952 in Alamosa, Colorado.
   4. DOTTIE JO CUNNINGHAM, b. 29 December 1954 in Alamosa, Colorado.
5. LESLIE MAXWAYNE CUNNINGHAM, b. 24 May 1923 in Sanford, Colorado, md. MARJORIE MARIE ROSE 28 September 1987 and sealed 21 March 1995 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 2 August 1922 in Henrietta, Oklahoma, d. 6 August 1992 in San Luis Obispo, California. Leslie d. 18 October 1993 in Sugar City, Colorado.

6. MORRIS H. CUNNINGHAM, b. 6 March 1926 Sanford, Colorado, md. COLLEEN HAYNIE. She was b. 27 February 1931 Sanford, Colorado. Two children:

1. MICHAEL WILLARD DYNES (adopted), b. 30 April 1951 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. SUSAN JOHNSON 22 December 1972 in the Provo Temple. She was b. 14 April 1951 in Ogden, Utah. Eight children:
   1. Nancy Dynes, b. 18 October 1975 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
   3. Loriann Dynes, b. 15 October 1978 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
   4. Adam Michael Dynes, b. 30 October 1980 in Richmond, Texas.
   5. Angela Dynes, b. 28 December 1982 in Richmond, Texas.
   7. Karin Dynes, b. 15 September 1986 in Richmond, Texas.
   8. David Michael Dynes, b. 5 October 1990 in Richmond, Texas.

2. KATHY ANN CUNNINGHAM, b. 22 December 1957 in Tempe, Arizona, md. ROBERT BURT EVANS 17 June 1977 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 16 December 1952 in Farmington, New Mexico. Five children:
   2. Scott Matthew Evans, b. 23 October 23, 1980 in Provo, Utah.
   3. Tyler Charles Evans, b. 17 April 1983 in Provo, Utah.
   5. Tera Leann Evans, b. 12 July 1985 in Provo, Utah.

7. MARIE CUNNINGHAM, b. 1 May 1928 in Sanford, Colorado, md. LEROY THEODORE BENTLEY 4 October 1946. He was b. 17 August 1926 in Phoenix, Arizona, d. 12 October 1987. Two children:

1. DIANA KAY BENTLEY, b. 19 July 1947 in Phoenix, Arizona.

2. PATRICIA MARIE BENTLEY, b. 21 April 1957 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. RODNEY WAYNE FINCH 7 March 1981 in Phoenix, Arizona. He was b. 23 March 1946 in Los Angeles, California. Two children:
   2. Chad Patrick Finch, b. 31 May 1983 in Phoenix, Arizona.

8. LAVON CUNNINGHAM, b. 17 September 1930 in Sanford, Colorado, md. RAYMOND LEE CULLER. He was b. 15 June 1931. Six children:

1. MICHAEL LEE CULLER, b. and d. 3 January 3, 1952 in Alamosa, Colorado.

2. DEBRA GAY CULLER, b. 24 September 1953, md. KEVIN EARL STOWELL 30
June 1972 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 9 February 1954 in Farmington, New Mexico. Four children:

1. Phillip Scott Stowell, b. 29 December 1974 in Farmington, New Mexico.
2. Tiffany Ann Stowell, b. 2 April 1978 in Farmington, New Mexico.
3. Kyle Ray Stowell, b. 18 April 1979 in Farmington, New Mexico.

3. CINDY LORENCE CULLER, b. 10 June 1955 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. MICHAEL LYNN LEWIS 9 February 1979. He was b. 15 June 1951 in Farmington, New Mexico. Four children:

1. Krista Lynn Lewis, b. 7 October 1979 in Farmington, New Mexico.
2. Geoffrey Laray Lewis, b. 1 March 1982 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
3. Brandon Lee Lewis, b. 31 December 1983 in Farmington, New Mexico.
4. Katrina Lorraine Lewis, b. 11 February 1987 in Farmington, New Mexico.

4. TERI ANN CULLER, b. 27 December 1956 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. ERIC WARREN DUNCAN 1 September 1978 and sealed 9 February 1979 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 18 June 1956 in Van Nuys, California. Three children:

1. Sara Nicole Duncan, b. 8 August 1980 in Farmington, New Mexico.
2. Steven Eric Duncan, b. 20 August 1983 in Farmington, New Mexico.
3. Stephanie Ann Duncan, b. 9 May 1989 in Farmington, New Mexico.

5. TAMMIE RAE CULLER, b. 27 August 1961 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. MATTHEW THOMAS HANSEN 17 April 1981, sealed 29 May 1982 in the Jordan River Temple. He was b. 10 October 1960 in Cortez, Colorado. Five children:

1. Derrick Jonathan Hansen, b. 30 October 1981 in Farmington, New Mexico.
2. Brent Matthew Hansen, b. 30 December 1983 in Farmington, New Mexico.
3. Bethanie Rae Hansen, b. 6 April 1987 in Farmington, New Mexico.
4. Hillarie Rae Hansen, b. 5 August 1989 in Farmington, New Mexico.
5. Taft Asa Hansen, b. 24 May 1991 in Farmington, New Mexico.

6. LORRIE LEE CULLER, b. 23 September 1964 in Farmington, New Mexico, md. GREGORY ALLEN SELJESTAD 27 December 1984 in the St. George Temple. He was b. 26 April 1960 in Anchorage, Alaska. Three children:

1. Lance Jacob Seljestad, b. 6 January 1990 in Peoria, Illinois.

9. FRANCIS KERT CUNNINGHAM, b. 28 August 1934 in Sanford, Colorado.

10. DORA GAY CUNNINGHAM, b. 22 August 1938 in Sanford, Colorado, md. JOEL OTTO ANDERSON 11 March 1956 in Santa Fe, New Mexico, sealed 22 October 1968 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 29 October 1932 in La Jara, Colorado. Nine children:

1. BREND A JOELINE ANDERSON, b. 22 September 1959 in Alamosa, Colorado, d. 28 June 1975 La Vita, Colorado.

2. DEVON ANDERSON, b. 31 March 1961 and d. 29 April 1961 in Alamosa, Colorado.
   1. Kyle Jeffery Musselman, b. 4 June 1992 in Monticello, Utah.

4. **MATT JOEL ANDERSON**, b. 25 July 1965 in La Jara, Colorado, md. RHONDA JEAN ROBERTS 21 October 1989 in Alamosa, Colorado. She was b. 18 October 1969 in Grove, Oklahoma. Two children:
   1. Shelby Joel Anderson, b. 1 August 1991 in Newport Beach, California.


   He started working at the sawmill at a very young age and by the time he was 13 years old he had the responsibility of loading and hauling the logs to the sawmill. His father would move the family up to the mill as soon as the snow melted in the spring and move them back to the valley when the snow began in the fall.

   Nephi Glen was the oldest boy and was needed to work and help support the family, so he dropped out of school completely after the sixth grade. Nephi Glen was among the first to go to the World War in France. He with twelve other young men volunteered. He became a sergeant. He came back unscathed, but his health was damaged.

   He sawmilled in northern New Mexico and southern Colorado most of his life. Like his father Nephi was known as an honest man whose word was as good as his bond. That reputation of fairness and honesty has endured through five generations and is still the hallmark of the Hostetter Sawmill. Nephi could figure lumber footage faster than anyone.
Nephi could always make everything fun. He would play kids’ games with us and laugh and seemed to enjoy them as much as the children did.

Nephi was known to be an expert with a rifle and a good fisherman. He loved baseball and excelled as a pitcher. He was very fleet of foot and often participated in matched races which were a popular drawing card of the celebrations on the 4th and 24th of July in Sanford.

In 1936 our area was still suffering the effects of the Great Depression and times were really hard. The county didn’t have enough money to pay school teachers, so school was dismissed for the summer on March 10. Nephi with his son Warren started trapping for fur-bearing animals. He owned his own traps and they trapped mostly for muskrats.

*We walked back home carrying our catch. We would eat and rest awhile, then skin the animals and put the hides on stretchers to dry. By the time we arrived back home after checking the traps in the evening we would walk about 20 miles a day.*

Nephi managed to make more money than if he had worked for wages during the spring.

Nephi was not very active in the church during the time he worked in the mountains in sawmills where it was so far to church. When his oldest son Warren went on his mission seemed to be a turning point for him. Nephi looked forward to the letters from Warren and shortly after his return from the

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*Nephi Glen Hostetter started logging at the age of 13. Here he is shown in winter with a bobsled.*

*Nephi Glen Hostetter*
mission Nephi was asked to be the president of the Young Men’s Mutual Improvement Association. After some hesitation, he accepted and became a wonderful leader. He held several positions after this and was devoted and faithful in each call.

Calls included head of the genealogy work in the ward and stake missionary. He was so eager to go that he had two and sometimes three companions who took turns going with him. As a result many good people came into the church during his missionary service. He baptized more people on that stake mission than many young men do on a full-time mission.

About 1952 Nephi had a serious heart attack. He was sick for a long time but finally recovered and lived an active and useful life. In 1959 he began having serious health problems again. He was taken to Denver to the hospital, but he had been told the doctor who was going to examine him was gone and wouldn’t be back until the next week. He checked himself out of the hospital and was taken home where he passed away in 1959. Maude served a full-time mission after Nephi died.

They had nine children:

1. **WARREN GLEN HOSTETTER**, b. 24 March 1922 in Sanford, Colorado, md. **EDITH CHRISTINE RENNER** 3 October 1949 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b. 7 June 1930 in Iola, Kansas.

Warren spent time with his father as a young boy. He enjoyed the time he spent trapping for muskrats in the 1930s. He was called on a mission to the Central States mission. His father, though inactive, said he would see that he had enough money while serving his mission. Warren believes he is the first Hostetter to serve a mission.

   *I was released from my mission February 1949. Upon returning home, I resumed work at the sawmill which I owned a partnership in.*

   *On November 3, 1949, I married Edith Christine Renner in the Salt Lake Temple, one of the smartest things I ever did.*

   *In 1951 I enrolled in college and quit after two years to work awhile. It was eleven years later that I returned and finished the last two years of college. On May 30, 1965, twenty-five years after graduating from high school, while trying to manage a sawmill, caring for a wife and six children: actively working and holding positions in the church, I graduated magna cum laude, second in a class of 181.*

   *I returned to work at the sawmill after graduation. Cabins had been built at the mill in the mountains near the La Jara Reservoir. We moved my family up there in the summers. At first Edith felt closed in*
when surrounded by tall trees, but she quickly adjusted and grew to love the summers as much as I did. We lived up there for 16 summers, from 1963 to 1979. I often told Edith, “These are the golden years. Enjoy them while you can!”

The family grew very close during those years. We made our own recreation and were seldom bored because we had nothing to do.

We moved the mill back to La Jara and lived and worked there until the fall of 1981 when Edith and I accepted a call to go on a mission, entering the MTC in Provo, Utah, on November 3, our wedding anniversary, enroute to the Kentucky Louisville Mission. after laboring in Hazard, Kentucky, for a year, we were released and returned home.

I worked for our son, who had taken over the sawmill when we
left for Kentucky. I worked until September 1984 when we were called to the Nevada Las Vegas Mission. We worked with the Hualapai Indians in Peach Springs, Arizona, for almost seven months before returning home. This time we were home two weeks when the Church Missionary Committee called from Salt Lake and asked us to return to Peach Springs. We were there about a month when we were asked to go to Owyhee, Nevada (a reservation that straddles the Nevada-Idaho state line) to labor with the Shoshone-Paiutes, as they were having problems there and had been considering closing the branch down.

By December the branch was doing well and we left there after we had the Christmas Party. We went by our home, but only stayed a few days and then went to Blue Springs, Missouri, to help our oldest son who was having business problems. We were there about three years when our son sold his business and we and Gary and his family returned to La Jara.

Soon after reaching La Jara, our son began building a new home which I helped with. When finished there I went back to work at the sawmill, and have worked there since that time.

I was Scoutmaster for many years starting when I was in my late teens. I have over 20 years in Scouting. About 1960 while serving as a high councilor, I was asked to be the ward Scoutmaster. The ward had never had an Eagle Scout. I had a very good assistant, and we decided we were going to produce some Eagles. About one to two years later we had our first Eagle Scout. For several years we had two or three a year.

I received the San Luis Valley District Award of Merit in 1979, and on March 21, 1980, was awarded the Silver Beaver for my many years of service in Scouting.

I loved hiking, fishing and hunting. I played football and basketball in high school and enjoyed trapping fur-bearing animals in the fall and winter to make spending money. Working with wood and leather were also among my many hobbies. I became an avid reader while just a boy, but failing eyesight has slowed me down.

Six children:

1. **BARBARA EDITH HOSTETTER**, b. in 1950, md. VICTOR EDWIN (EDDIE) JACKSON in the Arizona Temple. Seven children:
Gena Kuykendall in a temple. Three children:
1. Brett Jackson.
2. Kayla Jackson.

2. Ryan Jackson, b. in 1971, served a mission in Washington State, md.

Holly __________ in a temple. Two children:
1. Schyler Jackson.
2. Shelby “F” Jackson.


4. Rhett Jackson, b. in 1974, served a mission to Guatemala, md. Sherry __________ in a temple.

5. Rodney Jackson, b. in 1976, served a mission to New Zealand.

6. Roger Jackson, b. in 1979, served a mission to Africa.


2. EVELYN ROBERTA HOSTETTER, md. VICTOR GEORGE PETERSEN in a temple. Six children:
   One child:
   1. Michael Mullineaux.


4. Aaron Peterson, b. in 1978, served a mission in Japan.

5. Ruthie Peterson.

6. Rebekah Peterson.

3. GARY WARREN HOSTETTER, b. 24 October 1953 in Alamosa, Colorado, served a mission in California, md. ELSIE PETERSEN 20 June 1975 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 15 March 1947 in Mesa, Arizona. Eight children:
1. Tomena Elsie Hostetter, b. 14 January 1982 in Kansas City, Missouri
2. Warren Graham Hostetter, b. 15 February 1984 in Wentworth, Missouri.
5. Laurie Christine Hostetter, b. 23 October 1990 in Alamosa, Colorado.
8. Emma Hostetter.

4. DANIEL NEPHI HOSTETTER, b. 1955, served a mission to Mexico, md. Catharine Darling in a temple. Five children:
1. Christopher Hostetter, b. in 1977.
2. Brent Hostetter, b. in 1979, md. and had one child:
   1. Anthony Dan Hostetter.
5. Aubrey Hostetter.
Dan Nephi Hostetter md. second LAURIE ________, in a temple. Two children:
  1. David Hostetter.
  2. Sara Hostetter.

5. HARMAN “J” HOSTETTER, b. 30 March 1957 in Alamosa, Colorado, served a
mission in Michigan, md. DIANNE THOMAS 7 July 1978 in the Salt Lake Temple.
She was b. 1 February 1957 in Alamosa, Colorado. Seven children:
  1. Adam J. Hostetter, b. 5 June 1980 in La Jara, Colorado.
  5. Chelsea Rae Hostetter, b. 3 April 1986 in Alamosa, Colorado.

6. JOHN WILLIAM HOSTETTER, b. in 1958, served a mission in Chile, md.
CHRISTINA KLIENFELTER in a temple. Three children:
  1. Theresa Hostetter, b. in 1983.
  2. Paul Hostetter.
  3. Brian Hostetter.

2. MARY LEONE HOSTETTER, b. 24 April 1923 in La Jara, Colorado, md. JEROME
KENT JOHNSON in 1943. He was b. 28 December 1920 in Sanford, Colorado. Five chil-
dren:

1. JEROME KENT JOHNSON JR., b. 24 April 1945 in Alamosa, Colorado.

2. MIKE JOHNSON, b. 5 January 1950 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. NATALIE CARYL
GUYMON 6 October 1972 in the Manti Temple. She was b. 9 January 1953 in
Alamosa, Colorado. Six children:
  1. Clinton Mike Johnson, b. 3 August 1973 in La Jara, Colorado.
  5. Kyersten Glen Johnson, b. 11 October 1982 in La Jara, Colorado

3. GREG JOHNSON, b. and d. in 1951.

4. SCOTT R. JOHNSON, b. 26 January 1955 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. KAREN
JANE SHAWCROFT. She was b.2 July 1952 in Alamosa, Colorado. Four children:
We lived in a large two-story house in Richfield and the red brick church was just a block away. We attended church regularly during the school year. Our school was in La Jara, Colorado, just a mile from home. When school was out, the whole family would go into New Mexico in the hills to spend the summer at the saw mill with our father. Our peers in La Jara and Richfield were envious of our getting to spend our summers in the mountains.

I had a lot of fun playing in the piles of sawdust with my siblings, swimming in the creek, and playing house and movie stars in the willows that grew along the creek. During heavy rainstorms the water would come rushing with a roar down the creek. There was danger for anyone playing along the banks when this happened. Dad came running down the hill during one of these times and grabbed me off a plank and we made it to higher ground just in time to prevent a tragedy. These summer times in the mountains helped the family grow very close to each other.

After graduation I went to Arizona to spend a few weeks with Aunt Helen and Uncle Earl Young and their children and sometime with another aunt and uncle, Sarah and Earl Jones and children: I came home to work as a bookkeeper in the Conejos County Lumber Company for Mr. John Miller in La Jara.

When I was 19 Bishop Merlin R. Manning called me to go on a mission. I was set apart by Elder Ezra Taft Benson to go to the Southern States. In the blessing of setting apart, Elder Benson said there was a special reason for me being sent on a mission so young and I would know what that reason was in the due time of the Lord. I came to know through the Spirit that I went that early so I could marry Ralph, my present husband. I returned home October of 1950 and started dating Ralph Mortensen.
We made our home in Alamosa, Colorado, where we have lived ever since. We were blessed with seven beautiful children: Coleen Poler was with us three years as an Indian foster daughter.

We moved into a home a mile out of town where our children could learn to work in a mini-farm atmosphere. Donna was a stay-at-home mom. She always cooked a hearty breakfast to start the day for me and for our family as they came along. Good meals, pleasantly prepared and served was a regular part of her life. She made our house a home in every way. Later in our life I thought Donna might benefit from a change and she went to work in a bookstore downtown. When it came time for the children to start coming home she felt empty not being home after their day at school. She quit that day and never worked out of the home again. She became a bookkeeper for The East Alamosa sanitation district but ran this office from our home.

She was all things to all of us. This included taxi driver, counselor, teacher, comforter, nurse, doctor, chef, dishwasher, launderer, arbitrator, and in all the endless duties of a good mother. She showed her love by the things she did for all of us and in many other ways. She has held almost every position in the church there is to hold. This includes Relief Society president. When we were called to serve in the Denver Temple it has been for more than eight years a very wonderful experience that she has filled efficiently and with great love. She hopes it will last for that many more years and beyond. When we were transferred to the Albuquerque, New Mexico, temple she gave much good training and suggestions to help the inexperienced workers starting in a new temple learn how to do the ordinance work there.

Many young sisters attending the temple for the first time have been guided by her careful and loving assistance through the Denver temple. As they have returned to the temple, Donna is loved by them like she was a forever family member. Each time when we attend, she is thrilled to share the events of the temple she has experienced with me and with others.

In all the time I have served as a stake missionary she has provided the basis and support I needed to do that work, support and comfort as I served 32 years in public education, and in every phase of my life that companionship and loving support has been there. As President Faust said, “Brother Mortensen, without your good wife, you would be nothing.”

She is a loving grandmother and is loved by seventy grand-
and great-grandchildren: She sends each of them a valentine with a dollar for them to spend. They would miss this simple wonderful treat if it was not there. All birthdays are remembered by her also.

Submitted by Ralph Mortensen

6. LOUELLA HOSTETTER, b. 8 March 1930 and d. 13 March 1931.

7. HARVEY RAY HOSTETTER, b. in 1933, md. BETTY JO JAMES. Six children:

1. TERRY LYNN HOSTETTER, b. in 1952, md. GARY DePRIEST in 1972. Five children:
   3. Tandy Jo DePriest, b. in 1978.
   4. Tessa DePriest, b. in 1981.
   5. Lynsey Kay DePriest, b. in 1983.

2. PATRICIA KAY HOSTETTER, b. in 1954, md. ____________ GLAZE. Three children:
   2. Justin Glaze.

Patricia Kay Hostetter md. second ____________ SAVAGE

Patricia Kay Hostetter md. third ____________ GRACIA.

3. STEVEN RAY HOSTETTER, b. in 1957, md. MARYLYN MCINTIRE [divorced].

4. RANDY LEE HOSTETTER, b. in 1958, md. SANDRA CHRISTENSEN in 1978. Two children:
   1. Cristin Hostetter, b. in 1981.
   2. Brianne Hostetter, b. in 1983.

5. MARTY GLEN HOSTETTER, b. in 1962, md. KRISTINE ____________ in 1982.

6. SANDI JO HOSTETTER, b. in 1968.

8. EDITH HOSTETTER, b. 18 August 1934 in Richfield, Colorado, md. PERRY GENE GANUS in 1957. He was b. 19 February 1930 in Sanford, Colorado. Three children:

1. MICHELLE GANUS, b. 4 July 1958 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. RICHARD CLAIR TAGGART in 1979. He was b. 12 October 1956 in Ogden, Utah. Four children:
   1. Amy Taggart, b. 16 July 1981 in Provo, Utah.
   2. Stacy Taggart, b. 15 January 1984 in Dallas, Texas.
   3. Richard Perry Taggart, b. 29 October 1985 in Dallas, Texas.
   4. Allison Taggart, b. 17 October 1987 in Dallas, Texas.

3. **BRYAN PERRY HOSTETTER GANUS**, b. 17 April 1965 in Coalinga, California, md. TRENNA EILEEN ROBINSON 12 June 1993 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b. 30 January 1973 in Rexburg, Idaho. One child:

9. **GLADYS HOSTETTER**, b. 11 May 1938 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. JAMES CECIL McGUFFIN 9 June 1973 in La Jara, Colorado. He was b. 5 June 1931 in Encino, New Mexico. Two children:

3A8-4 **MAMIE NORMA HOSTETTER**, b. 15 September 1897 in Sanford, Colorado, md. GEORGE ANDREW OTTESEN 9 March 1921. He was b. 15 September 1897 in Sanford, Colorado. Mamie d. 12 September 1982 in La Jara, Colorado. George d. 2 March 1937 in Sanford, Colorado. Three children:

1. **ARLENE OTTESON**, b. 3 August 1922 in Sanford, Colorado, md. MAX DUWARD MARTIN 22 April 1939 in Sanford, Colorado. He was b. 31 May 1915 in Sanford, Colorado, d. 11 March 1967. Five children:
   1. **MAX RAY MARTIN**, b. 13 April 1948 in Morenci, Arizona, md. TERRY ANN TULET 31 December 1979 in Alamosa, Colorado, sealed in the Dallas Temple. She was b. 9 October 1947 in Henderson, Texas. Two children:
      1. **Hilary Martin**.
      2. **Miklyn Martin**, b. 8 April 1982 in East Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Max Ray Martin md. second MARGIE DYAN WOLFE.

2. **CAROLYN KAYE MARTIN**, b. 5 January 1950 in Morenci, Arizona, md. LOCARDIO LOPEZ 24 June 1968 in Taos, New Mexico. He was b. 14 June 1946 in Los Pinos, New Mexico. Five children:
   1. **Terry Allen Lopez**, b. 25 August 1968 in La Jara, Colorado, md. Sarah Catherine Horton 10 September 1994 in Sanford, Colorado. She was b. 20 December 1973 in La Jara, Colorado. Two children:
      1. **Brittany Lynn Rogers**, b. 29 September 1994 in La Jara, Colorado.
   3. **Lindy Marvin Lopez**, b. 6 April 1979 in La Jara, Colorado.
5. Brett Martin Lopez, b. 29 August 1987 in La Jara, Colorado.

3. COOLEN MAE MARTIN, b. 29 May 1951 in Morenci, Arizona, md. DONALD RAY ESPINOSA 6 June 1969, sealed 6 June 1986 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 20 February 1950 in Ortiz, Colorado. Three children:
   3. Tison Don Espinosa, b. 5 December 1987 in La Jara, Colorado.

      4. Emily Rose Vaughn, b. 28 May 1996 in Hickory, North Carolina.
   5. David Andrew Martin, b. 31 December 1979 in La Jara, Colorado.

5. LEANA GAYE MARTIN, b. 25 May 1958 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. RODNEY PAUL McCARROLL 29 September 1977 in La Jara, Colorado, sealed 10 October 1978 in the Provo Temple. He was b. 5 October 1956 in Alamosa, Colorado. Two children:
   2. Rhonda Lanae McCarroll, b. 9 October 1986 in La Jara, Colorado.

Arlene Otteson md. second BIRL GILBERT REED 11 January 1962 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 16 July 1902 in Sanford, Colorado, d. 15 October 1975 in La Jara, Colorado. Two children:

   1. Erica Leigh Reed, b. 23 June 1985 in Alamosa, Colorado.
   2. Rachel Ann Reed, b. 22 August 1986 in Alamosa, Colorado.
   3. Thomas Marc Reed, b. 27 June 1990 in Alamosa, Colorado.

Ross Jay Reed md. second SHERRY BAGWELL. No children:
2. VAN “G" REED, b. 16 March 1964 in La Jara, Colorado, md. CRYSTAL LEE GIBSON 29 May 1982 in La Jara, Colorado. She was b. 11 October 1963 in Alamosa, Colorado. One child:
   1. Nolan Van Reed, b. 21 December 1982 in Alamosa, Colorado.

Van “G" Reed md. second ESTHER CLAIR BOCOCK 7 August 1987 in La Jara, sealed 24 October 1989 in the Denver Temple. She was b. 31 July 1963 in Del Norte, Colorado. Three children:
   1. David James Reed (triplet), b. 23 January 1997 in Denver, Colorado.
   2. Hannah Reed (triplet), b. 23 January 1997 in Denver, Colorado.
   3. Alana Reed (triplet), b. 23 January 1997 in Denver, Colorado.

2. ARDITH GEORGE OTTESON, b. 5 October 1924 in Sanford, Colorado, md. MAGDALENA IRENE BACH 3 April 1953 in Germany. Two children:
   1. ELMER OTTESON, b. in 1948.
   2. ARDITH OTTESON.

3. HOWARD JAMES OTTESON, b. 4 June 1930 in Sanford, Colorado, d. 18 February 1982 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

3A8-5 SARAH CHRISTINE HOSTETTER, b. 20 October 1899 in Sanford, Colorado, md. ALMA EARL JONES 1 June 1928 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 24 March 1903 in Colonia Dublan, Mexico. Christine d. 18 December 1979 in Silver City, New Mexico. Two children:
   1. VIRGINIA JONES, b. 10 February 1930 in Lordsburg, New Mexico, md. EDWIN J. RICHARDSON 22 December 1950 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 27 October 1925 in Miami, Arizona, d. 4 June 1970 in Morenci, Arizona. Five children: See p. 646 for Edwin James Richardson and children:

I lived in Virden, New Mexico, for the first 18 years of my life, first in town with Grandma Mary Jane Jones and then down by the Arizona line canyon. I have always felt that I had one of the best childhoods, if not the greatest, in all the world. I thought I had the most wonderful parents and brother ever and would not have changed anything, except I wanted more brothers and sisters.

I loved working in the gardens, helping my dad in the yards, fields, or corral with the horses and cows. I helped milk cows and feed calves, gather and clean eggs and chickens to sell as well as eat. I also helped my mother do any chores in the house as well as the garden and yard. I learned to cook, can, dance, play the piano and organ as well as enjoy my friends and family.

I attended Virden grade school as well as high school and still think I had the most ideal place to find friends and family. In fact most all of Virden was family and I
loved them all.

After high school I went to El Paso, Texas, and worked for a year in the Mountain Bell Telephone office. I was a typist and enjoyed using some of the skills learned in school. I later went to school at Eastern Arizona Junior College in Thatcher.

Edwin was attending college at EAJC and I thought he was very handsome, as well as such a wonderful singer. I loved him and his family of seven boys and one girl.

Up until this time I had had things so easy I just didn’t know life could be so hard. I still remember us being so hungry that we ate tumble weeds, red roots and other weeds cooked and seasoned with salt only. I did all I could to help make a living. I substituted as a school teacher, typed life stories, and worked in fields picking cotton and hoeing weeds.

We lived in Virden and Queen Creek in a 16’ camp trailer, without a bathroom or refrigerator. We had very little heat in the wintertime and no cooling in the summer. Then we moved our small trailer to Tucson to live while Edwin went to school and I was trying to get a job when I became pregnant. I lost the baby and almost my life.

Edwin quit school as our hospital expenses were so high, we had no money and I was so sick. Edwin took a job with Erwin Richardson (his twin) who lived in Animas, New Mexico. We took our same little camp trailer with us. While here our first child Donna was born in 1953 in Lordsburg, New Mexico. After a bad year farming we moved back to Virden, buying a home there, which was absolutely wonderful.

Edwin was ditch boss a year, then drove truck for a dairy that went broke, and finally as we were just about to lose our home Uncle John Jones offered us a chance to buy his farm and home and we moved into the town of Virden. Lucille was born in 1955 and Erleen in 1956, both in Lordsburg, New Mexico. Edwin found a job at Phelps Dodge in Morenci, which he loved, and Verna Rae was born in 1960 while we still lived in Virden.

When each darling little girl came I was absolutely delighted and felt so lucky and so wealthy as we finally had a home, a car and food to eat and four of the most beautiful, darling girls in the whole world.

Edwin had really felt cheated having only girls, so on December 28, 1967, Wayne Edwin came to live with us as a baby by adoption and we had a completely wonderful family. I said over and over again that “Everything is perfect now.”

When Wayne was just two years old Edwin went in for surgery in Morenci, Arizona, hospital for his stomach ulcer and never came home alive. I cried for months and grieved for years. How could I ever raise these precious children by myself, make a living and keep enough food on the table. I prayed constantly and worked harder. I taught piano, milked cows and sold milk.

A year after Edwin died I moved my family to Mesa where Edwin’s mother lived. I
worked in a dental office, taught piano lessons, worked for the *Mesa Tribune* newspaper, and in an insurance office, all of which I did and still could be home when my children were. I also bought some rentals with very little money down and the kids and I worked hard, cleaning, repairing, painting, etc. This has been very hard work but I could pay my children enough to help with their finances and we could all work together and we learned a lot.

**Virginia had a few bad years and then in 1978 the world all became wonderful again when she met Junius Driggs.**

When Junius Driggs asked me to marry him, I sold my home I had raised my family in and moved in with him in Mesa, Arizona. Our families just seemed to love each other from the start. We had many good times together. Our joint families met once a month at our home and the children played and we parents talked and we all had home evenings and lots of food and fun.

Junius (Jun) and I had many trips together and enjoyed our summers in Greer at his summer home and fall and springs in Strawberry at my cabin.

On January 21, 1994, Wayne died of a tragic death and I hadn’t quit crying for Wayne when June died and I thought my life was over. After the funeral and a few days had passed I was sitting in the kitchen and I heard a voice saying, “Virginia, you can now go on your mission.” I had always wanted to go when I was young and now was my time to get into what I liked best and serve the Lord.
I went on a mission to Knoxville, Tennessee, with my cousin, Vefa Lunt Olsen, and came home knowing I would live in Mesa in Jun’s home forever by my family and friends. I loved all the Driggses and the Richardsons and life in general. I bought furniture to fill the big house and thought nothing in all the world could ever change my mind.

On February 12, 1997, I had a phone call from someone I had never met nor heard of, Ted Brimhall. He had a wonderful voice and when he told me that he was lonely, I replied that I was not lonely. When he said that he wanted to take me dancing, I told him I didn’t want to dance. He told me he was tall and thin, I told him I was short and fat! When he said he would like to see me, I didn’t want that either but he kept talking. He told me that he was a builder and had built the guest house at Greer and many other places and said he was the father-in-law to one of the sisters I went visiting teaching to. When he said he would spend his evenings dancing by himself, I said I would go out just once!

Well, the first date, I fell in love. Before we married he said we would keep both homes and have summers in Taylor and winters in Mesa and both work in the Temple there. The summers have gotten to be just about all the time and the winters nonexistent, but life is good. We live in Taylor and love it.


2. DALLAS EARL JONES, b. 21 December 1932 in Virden, New Mexico, md. VERNICE DONALDSON 16 March 1951 in the Arizona Temple. Eight children:
   1. Verlane Dallas Jones, b. in 1952.
   2. Cordell Jones, b. in 1953
   4. Darla Vernell Jones, b. in 1962.
   5. Fonda Jones.
   7. David Jones.
   8. Lora Jones.

3A8-6 ALTON CERENUS HOSTETTER, b. 8 December, d. 31 December 1901 in Sanford, Colorado.

3A8-7 NANCY ADELL HOSTETTER, b. 4 October, d. 14 October 1902 in Sanford, Colorado.
3A8-8 FLORENCE BELL HOSTETTER, b. 23 October 1903 and d. 17 January 1904 in Sanford, Colorado.

3A8-9 ADOLPHUS LESLIE HOSTETTER, b. 25 August 1905 in Sanford, Colorado, md. HELEN RUBY PROCTOR 25 May 1946.

Adolphus Leslie Hostetter md. second MARY BLANCHE TRAMMELL 23 April 1969, d. 25 October 1980 in Talihina, Oklahoma. He had no children of his own but had a number of step-children:

3A8-10 LOREN JOSEPH HOSTETTER, b. 3 October 1907 in Sanford, Colorado, md. HELEN ROXIE MATHEWS 29 October 1928, d. 23 August 1973. Two children:

1. LORNELL HOSTETTER, md. CHARLES OSBORNE COOLEY 22 June 1948. Six children:

   1. CHARLES DAVID COOLEY, md. LOIS BURNHAM 6 April 1972. Six children:
      1. Loren David Cooley.
      2. Emalie Cooley.
      4. Rex Cooley.
      5. Carilyn Cooley.

   2. REED OSBORNE COOLEY, md. REBECCA CROSS 1 February 1974. Four children:
      1. Reed Jason Cooley.
      2. Scott Hostetter Cooley.
      3. Travis V. Cooley.

   3. DARYL FREEMAN COOLEY, md. SHARON RUTH LEWIS 8 May 1975. Eight children:
      1. Elizabeth Cooley.
      3. Freeman Cooley.
      4. Elenore (Elly) Cooley.
      5. Charles Cooley.
      6. Clark Hostetter Cooley.
      7. Roxie Cooley.
      8. Darlene Cooley (foster daughter).

4. LUANN COOLEY, md. STEPHEN ROBERTS S25 eptember 1975. Two adopted children:
   1. Roseann Roberts.
   2. Margaret Roberts.
5. **SHERRIE COOLEY**, md. **STEVE A. HAUSLADEN** 18 June 1977. Four children:
   1. Kristal Hausladen.
   2. Heather Hausladen.
   3. Lacey Hausladen.

   1. Roxie Ann Hatch.
   2. David Charles Hatch.

*Cindy Cooley* md. second **MIKE ALVEY** 3 August 1982. Two children:
   1. Niki Alvey
   2. Amber Alvey.

2. **PATSY MARCELLA HOSTETTER**, md. **THURBERT DODGE** 9 March 1949. Six children:

      1. Teri Dodge
      2. Kristi Dodge
      3. Michael Joseph Dodge
      4. Suzi Dodge.

      1. Damon James Alverson
      2. Dawson Thurbert Alverson
      3. Cameron King Alverson
      4. Van Alden Alverson.

   3. **SUSAN DODGE**, md. **DAVID NEVIN PAYNE** 18 April 1975 Mesa, Arizona [divorced]. He was b. 4 April 1955 in Duncan, Arizona. One child:
      1. Stephanie Payne.

4. **LORI DODGE**, md. **WILLIAM R. McCASTON, Jr.** 20 October 1977. They have no children:

   1. Tiffany Dodge (deceased).
   2. Tyler S. Dodge.
   3. Travis Thurbert Dodge.

3A8-11 ROYAL HOSTETTER, b. 9 June 1909 in Sanford, Colorado, md. NORMA LEORA McKinney 9 June 1936. She was b. 3 September 1917 in Manassa, Colorado. He d. 8 March 1985. Five children:

1. ROYAL FRANKLIN HOSTETTER, b. 2 July 1937, md. RAE ALBRECHT. Four children:
   1. MARK FRANKLIN HOSTETTER, b. 23 April 1959, md. KAREN M. WILLIAMS.  
   One son: 
      1. Benjamin F. Hostetter, b. in 1983

Mark Franklin Hostetter md. second TRACEY HAWKINS.

2. MARLIN RAY HOSTETTER, b. in 1960, md. BERNADINE ESPINOZA. Three children: 
   1. Brandon Keith Hostetter, b. in 1983. 
   2. Tyler Nephi Hostetter, b. in 1983. 


4. NORMA NALENA HOSTETTER, b. in 1968.

2. CATHERINE LENORA HOSTETTER, b. 1940, md. AMOS MATIAS RODRIGUEZ. Five children:
   1. AMOS SCOTT RODRIGUEZ, b. 23 May 1958, md. MARLANNE SIGMON. One daughter: 

Amos Scott Rodriguez md. second ANNETTE WOOD. Two children: 
   1. Amos Joshua Rodriguez, b. in 1983. 
   2. Seth Calvert Rodriguez, b. in 1984. 

2. MICHAEL LANE RODRIGUEZ, b. in 1959.

3. ROZANE RODRIGUEZ, b. in 1963, md. BRIAN KENT. One daughter.

4. KATRINA RODRIGUEZ

5. DARRIN LEE RODRIGUEZ, b. in 1977

3. DONALD HOSTETTER, b. 23 June 1945, md. LINDA JOYCE GIBBS. Four children: 
   1. DONALD JARED HOSTETTER, b. in 1968.
2. AMANDA LYNN HOSTETTER, b. in 1970.

3. JEREMIAH JOHN HOSTETTER, b. in 1975

4. JESSICA ANN HOSTETTER, b. in 1977.

4. SYBIL HOSTETTER, md. CLINTON HAROLD TUCKER. Six children:

   1. JUSTIN KEITH TUCKER, b. in 1974.

   2. CORLAN HAROLD TUCKER, b. and d. 23 December 1975 in La Jara, Colorado.

   3. TYLIN TUCKER, b. 10 March 1977 in Denver, Colorado.

   4. DYLAN WESLEY TUCKER, b. in 1978.

   5. TOMENA SUE TUCKER, b. in 1979.

   6. DYRK CLINTON TUCKER, b. in 1983.

5. REBECCA SUE HOSTETTER, b. 11 June 1954 in Manassa, Colorado, d. 1959.

3A8-12 FERDINAND HOSTETTER, b. 17 March 1911 in Sanford, Colorado, md. MARTHA ANN BAILEY 6 December 1934 in Alamosa, Colorado, d. 10 April 1934. Two children:

1. ROBERT DONALD HOSTETTER, b. 11 October 1936, md. DEVONA LOUISE BIXLER 20 July 1957. Two sons:

   1. JERRY LYNN HOSTETTER, b. 7 July 1958.

   2. SIDNEY BRUCE HOSTETTER, b. 6 August 1961, md. LORI ANN HATCH 29 March 1985.

2. MARTHA ANN HOSTETTER, b. 26 December 1941, md. WILLIAM WAYNE CARDELL 20 June 1961. Five children:

   1. ROBIN WAYNE CARDELL, b. 13 April 1962.

   2. BRUCE C.F. CARDELL, b. 15 May 1963.

   3. ANTHONEY THOMAS CARDELL, b. 18 February 1965.

   4. KIMBERLY MARIE CARDELL, b. 4 April 1967.

   5. KELLI SHANNON CARDELL, b. 26 August 1969.
3A8-13 HELEN HOSTETTER, b. 28 March 1913 in Sanford, Colorado, md. EARL BRIGHAM YOUNG JR. 9 February 1934 in Bernelillo, New Mexico. He was b. 29 April 1913 in Cuba, New Mexico. Three children:

1. ELZADA CORINNE YOUNG, b. 7 March 1935 in Rehoboth Mission, New Mexico, md. ROBERT EDWARD SIMMONS 12 June 1956 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 15 December 1933 in Jerome, Arizona. Nine children:

   1. DALE ROBERT SIMMONS, b. 11 October 1957 in Fort Collins, Colorado, md. CINDY STOKER 23 June 1982 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b. 5 September 1962 in Bountiful, Utah. Five children:
      1. Brittany Ann Simmons, b. 20 October 1983 in Mesa, Arizona.
      2. Michael Dale Simmons, b. 30 October 1985 in Mesa, Arizona.
      3. Branden Gregory Simmons, b. 6 August 1987 in Mesa, Arizona.
      4. Steven Earl Simmons, b. 22 February 1991 in Mesa, Arizona.
      5. Kyle Robert Simmons, b. 20 April 1993 in Murrieta/Temecula, California.

   2. LANE RICHARD SIMMONS, b. 2 May 1959 in Douglas, Arizona, md. LEANN HUBER 1 August 1986 in the Boise Temple. She was b. 23 January 1966 in Logan, Utah. Four children:
      1. Audrey Simmons, b. 26 July 1988 in Pomona, California.
      2. Alden Lane Simmons, b. 8 September 1990 in Moscow, Idaho.
      4. Elise Simmons, b. 2 February 1995 in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

   3. DENAE CAROL SIMMONS, b. 22 October 1960 in Sanford, Arizona, md. LOREN MITCHELL LAMBERT 10 October 1987 in the Boise Temple. He was b. 25 October 1958 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Four children:
      3. Landon Mathai Lambert, b. 28 April 1994 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

      1. Dallan Richard Simmons, b. 3 August 1987 in Mesa, Arizona.
      2. Jaleese Cari Simmons, b. 29 October 1988 in Mesa, Arizona.

   5. RHONDA KAYE SIMMONS, b. 19 June 1965 in Pocatello, Idaho, md. CHRISTOPHER KEAWELWI PILAYO 19 August 1988 in the Boise Temple. He was b. 18 October 1967 in Rapid City, South Dakota. One child:
6. CORRINE LYNN SIMMONS, b. 29 August 1966 in Boise, Idaho, md. MEREDITH HAVEN PACKARD 29 August 1987 in the Boise Temple. He was b. 24 April 1965 in Nome, Alaska. Five children:
   2. Scarlet Corinne Packard, b. 28 February 1990 in Dallas\Mesquite, Texas.
   4. Adria Lynne Packard, b. 22 March 1994 in Plano\McKinney, Texas.

7. CRAIG GARRY SIMMONS, b. 15 May 1972 in S. C. de Bariloche, Argentina.


2. HELEN MARILYN YOUNG, b. 11 January 1937 in Crown Point, New Mexico, md. CARL CECIL JACOBSON JR. He was b. 22 July 1935 in Phoenix, Arizona. Six children:

   1. GARY ALAN JACOBSON, b. 17 May 1957 in Tucson, Arizona, md. LEISLE EMILY BARTLETT 15 August 1980 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 29 April 1961 in Lafayette, Indiana. Five children:
      4. Tanner Young Jacobson, b. 7 March 1988 in Mesa, Arizona.

   2. DEBORAH SUE JACOBSON, b. 30 September 1958 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. MARK GREGORY JOHNSON 23 February 1979 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 20 December 1956 in Phoenix, Arizona. Seven children:
      1. Shelley Anne Johnson, b. 27 December 1979 in Tempe, Arizona.

   3. BRIAN KENT JACOBSON, b. 25 January 1962 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. ZANET-TE MARIE BRUNSWHILER 18 May 1985 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 9 January 1966 in San Jose, California. Three children:

   4. MARLENE DIANE JACOBSON, b. 31 July 1963 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. TRACE
ALAN BARTLETT 12 August 1983 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 6 May 1962 in Lafayette, Indiana. Five children:
1. Theron Alan Bartlett, b. 21 September 1984 in Mesa, Arizona.
4. Zane Nathaniel Bartlett, b. 15 March 1990 in Mesa, Arizona.
5. Rayanna Pearl Bartlett, b. 11 June 1991 in Mesa, Arizona.

5. DEREK SCOTT JACOBSON, b. 3 December 1964 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. MELISSA JOY SMITH 24 January 1986 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 11 December 1965 in Wasco, California. One child:
1. Isaac Colton Jacobson, b. 1 December 1995 in Mesa, Arizona.

6. JULIE CAROL JACOBSON, b. 15 October 1969 in Phoenix, Arizona, md. MARK JEFFERY ANDERSEN 28 April 1990 in the Arizona Temple. He was b. 11 December 1968 in Houston, Texas. Four children:
1. Jacob Christian Andersen, b. 23 January 1991 in Provo, Utah.
3. Amanda Jane Andersen, b. 16 July 1994 in Mesa, Arizona.

3. ROBERT EARL YOUNG, b. 31 May 1950 in Morenci, Arizona.

3A8-14 MERL HOSTETTER, b. 31 March 1919 in Sanford, Colorado, md. WILMA McKENZIE 12 May 1939 in Manassa, Colorado, sealed 10 February 1956 in a temple. She was b. 30 October 1922 Manassa, Colorado, d. 22 January 1984 in Roswell, Idaho.

The Church has always admonished us to have big families. Mother and Dad accepted this as a commandment and their family consisted of ten living children—five boys and five girls, and they thought this was a big enough family. This was when my dad registered our brand Lazy H.5. representing the five boys. Then came World War I. My oldest brother, Glen, was called up. Things were pretty bad. Word was coming all around that sons were missing or killed in action. Dad and Mother were worried this would happen to Glen. They prayed, fasted and did everything they could, asking the Lord to bring him back safe. The answer came to them through prayer, and they made a covenant with the Lord. If he would bring Glen home safe, they would have another baby. Well, they did, and he did. Glen came home safe and I am here.

During the Depression when the family had the sawmill is probably some of my happiest times to then. I had lots of freedom. I rode a horse, walked or ran all over those hills like a goat. I knew all the country. All the boys worked at the mill. The money went into one purse. This was controlled by Dad and was disbursed where and when necessary.
When the partnership was sold Merl stayed and worked with Glen and Dolph. When Mother became ill. They finally took her to the Mayo Clinic where they said she had cancer. She passed away in 1938. In 1939 I met and married Wilma McKenzie.

*When the World War II came Merl finally went to serve in the Philippine Islands. When he returned from the war he went to work at the sawmill, but left and went to Farmington, New Mexico, for a year, then back to the mill.*

Six children:


William Ricky Hostetter md. second DIANA GAYLE OAKLEY 3 March 1973 in Albany, Oregon. She was b. 8 February 1947 in Lebanon, Oregon. Two children:


2. **CONSTANCE JEAN HOSTETTER**, b. 18 April 1942 in Manassa, Colorado, md. NYLE WESLEY STOTT 19 September 1963 in Farmington, New Mexico. He was b. 18 February 1942 in Meadow, Utah. Two children:

   1. **MICHELLE STOTT**, b. 30 July 1967 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

   2. **MITCHELL STOTT**, b. 19 September 1969 in Salt Lake City, Utah, md. DEANE DAVIS. One child:

      1. Crystal Marie Stott, b. 10 August 1989 in Delta, Utah.

Mitchell Stott md. second CANDACE CLEMENTS. One child:

   1. Jessica Cheyanne Stott, b. 22 October 1993 in Delta, Utah.

Mitchell Stott md. third DEANMA HANCOCK ALVEY 30 June 1995 in Carson City, Nevada. She was b. 12 April 1972 in Torrance, California. One child:

   1. Courtney Jade Stott, b. 3 April 1996 in Payson, Utah.

3. **MARJORIE LEE HOSTETTER**, b. and d. 9 July 1943 in Manassa, Colorado.


5. **KENNETH MERL HOSTETTER**, b. 9 October 1945 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. KAREN
KATHLEEN WOLD 11 December 1971 in Albany, Oregon. She was b. 1 June 1946 in Walla Walla, Washington. Three children:

1. **KIMBERLY ANN HOSTETTER**, b. 23 March 1965 in Pasco, Washington, md. STEVE TRACY.

Kimberly Ann Hostetter md. second JOHN PERMAN.

Kimberly Ann Hostetter md. third MITCHELL BEYER 6 April 1996.

   1. Samantha Marie Inglis, b. 9 June 1991 in Newbern, North Carolina.

3. **STEPHANIE LYNN HOSTETTER**, b. 19 October 1974 in Missoula, Montana, md. BRYCE HALL. He was b. 19 August 1973 in Salt Lake City, Utah. One child:
   1. Bailee Annalyse Hall, b. 17 September 1996 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

6. **RANDY ALAN HOSTETTER**, b. 9 August 1947 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. PATRICIA GAYLENE McCLAIN 29 October 1968 in Farmington, New Mexico. She was b. 7 February 1947 in Chickasha, Oklahoma. One child:


3A9 **AMMON EARNEST MORTENSEN**, b. 18 October 1877 in Parowan, Utah, bpt. by Carl C. Fredricksen 1 October 1886 and confirmed the same day by William Christensen, ordained a deacon 23 December 1894, md. KJERSTEN PERNELLA JENSEN 5 October 1898 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b. 15 October 1878 in Moroni, Utah. He passed away 12 February 1930.

When he was five years old, the family was sent to settle in the San Luis Valley. They came to Richfield, Colorado, where they remained for several years and then in 1881 they were sent to Eastdale (southwest of the town of San Luis), Colorado.

Ammon was quite successful in farming and in taking care of sheep. His father-in-law bought a flock of sheep and sold them to Ammon and Simon Dunn on a long-time payment basis. Eastdale was a farming community where they introduced irrigation. They lived here until 1908 when the business broke up.

He then moved to Manassa, Colorado, and made it his home. He began to be quite successful financially. They had many good times and as all Mormons do, they loved to dance. The Primary even had children’s dances. Ammon played the violin for adult dances so he seldom got to dance with Mama, but she didn’t sit on the sidelines all the time.
In early 1908 Ammon filled a mission in the Southern States. He went with his scriptures and very little money. He related sleeping in barns many nights and sometimes going a little hungry. He fulfilled his calling for the church with an honorable release. He made several converts and many friends.

During this time Mama ran the farm. Due to the water situation they were forced to leave Eastdale. Grandpa Jensen helped Mama sell the farm and home, and helped move her and the children to Manassa, where they bought a home. They were settled when Papa returned home in 1910 from his mission.

Ammon bought a home and a small farm (80 acres) between Manassa and Romeo. They raised grain, some alfalfa and bought pigs and a few sheep. They had a garden, chickens and a milk cow or two. They continued to prosper and bought 160 acres six miles northwest of Romeo. At this time they had a few beef cattle. Farming was all done with horse-drawn equipment. Crops were grain, hay, a few acres of potatoes and some sugar beets.

Ammon was sustained and ordained bishop in the Manassa First Ward 6 May 1917. His counselors were Lafayett Jackson, first counselor and Akins Smith, second counselor. When Brother Jackson died in 1920, Oliver Jensen was made a counselor.

World War I broke in 1918 and the ward was responsible for helping the war effort by sending clothing to the homeless in Europe. That same year there was a flu epidemic. Help was needed in so many homes where there was illness and death. It was at this time that Mama’s sister-in-law, Rose Jensen, passed away, leaving a tiny baby, Vern. Papa and Mama brought Vern home for us to care for.

While Papa was bishop, people living on farms would bring their tithing as they came to church on Sunday, such things as butter, eggs, garden produce and the like. Papa would always be gone to Priesthood meeting, so Mama would take me and we would take the tithes to the storehouse three blocks away. The next day it would be distributed to the needy. He continued farming along with his church duties.

Our family enjoyed music and many an evening the entertainment was standing around the pump organ with Lucinda playing as we sang hymns and other songs. Games we sometimes played were Rook and dominoes.

Even though Lucinda had just married Earl Haynie, we seemed to be outgrowing our small home, so Papa bought the Rass Christensen house in the fall of 1920. It seemed good that all the girls didn’t have to share the same bedroom and we were two blocks closer to the storehouse.

After Papa was released as bishop December 1922, his health began to fail in
that he lost his balance and needed help to walk, so he used a cane. We were milk-
ing more cows and selling the cream. Then Brother Jim was called on a mission to
the Eastern states in 1925, so more cows were invested in to pay for the mission.
Papa could sit and milk, so he, LaRene and I milked anywhere from 24 to 32 cows
by hand.

Since he could not work physically, he was elected mayor of Manassa. In
that capacity, along with interested citizens, plans were made and earned for Frink
Creamery Company to build a cheese factory in Manassa. It was much easier to
take milk to the cheese factory than turn a separator. When Jim came home from
his mission in 1927, he took over the cows.

By this time Vern was still with us and there were three grandsons, Theron
and Maurice Haynie and Cletus Gilleland in addition to cousins and neighborhood
boys that Papa and Mama enjoyed having around. In the wintertime they would
use the garden plot and Papa would sit and watch them make farms, roads or
whatever else with their toys. They were his delight. Nothing pleased him more
than sitting at the head of the table surrounded by all the boys eating lunch.

He had a Model A Ford coupe car with a small storage shelf and it delighted
Papa to frequently get Vern and the grandsons and take them for a ride. In the
wintertime he played games with them and told lots of stories.

While he was mayor, it became necessary to extend the cemetery, but there
was no room where the old one was, so a new plot was bought east of the foothill
in 1926. He was anxious for the fence to be built before winter.

Even though he was confined to a wheelchair, many seminary students
would come and talk to him about their lessons. He was well versed in the scrip-
tures.

Ammon lived a full and useful life, even though it seemed short. He raised a
good family and accomplished many things. Ammon and Pernella had five children:

3A9-1 LUCINDA PERNELLA MORTENSEN, b. 8 July 1900 in Eastdale, Colorado,
md. EARL HALE HAYNIE 23 June 1920 in the Salt Lake Temple, d. 30 December

While Lucinda was a young child, the family moved to Manassa, Colorado.
She attended and graduated from the San Luis Stake Academy.

Lucinda did not work outside the home, except on occasion in the Haynie
Mortuary and during the Christmas rush at Haynie Hardware Company. She was a
homemaker, gardener, quilter, and did much food preservation and canning. Her
husband, Earl, established the Haynie Mortuary in Manassa in 1922. He was also in partnership with his father and brothers in the hardware and general merchandise store in Manassa. Lucinda and Earl built their family home in Manassa and there raised their family.

Earl was civic minded and a great supporter of community activities. He served one term as president of the local chapter of Rotary International. He was mayor of Manassa, circa 1935 and was active in obtaining federal funding for concrete sidewalks, sources of water for firefighting, cemetery well and trees, and other community improvements.

Earl purchased the Robbins Mortuary in Winslow, Arizona, and the family moved in January 1930. As business conditions worsened for the United States and the family, a decision was made to abandon the mortuary in Winslow and return to Manassa in January 1932.

Lucinda was active in the church and served in many callings: Relief Society president, San Luis Stake MIA president and in the Sunday School and Primary organizations. She was active in the schools and civic and social affairs in the San Luis Valley. In the late 1950s the Haynie Brothers dissolved their partnership. Earl and Lucinda then established the Haynie Dry Goods store and they worked together in the business. In the early 1960s they sold the Haynie Mortuary and concentrated on the dry goods business.

Lucinda suffered and survived a heart attack in the late 1950s. After recovery she was limited in what she could do, but still worked part time with Earl in the store. When Lucinda developed cancer and was very, very ill, Earl cared for her and was with her constantly. She had been sick for about a year. She was in the hospital a few days before she died on December 30, 1967.

Lucinda and Earl had five children:

1. HALE THERON HAYNIE, b. 5 May 1921 in Manassa, Colorado, md. NORMA ELIZABETH PETERSON 24 October 1945 in Alamosa, Colorado.

When I was eight years old, I was baptized and confirmed a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Also when I was eight, my parents moved to Winslow, Arizona, where my father had purchased a funeral home. We moved in January 1930 just when the national business climate was beginning to deteriorate rapidly. We spent two years in Arizona during which time economic conditions were horrible. Fortunately, my parents had kept their Manassa home and the family ties to the store so in January of 1932, we returned to Manassa where there was relative stability. My parents and our roots remained there until my parents died.

I graduated from Manassa High School in 1939 and then entered college at Colo-
rado State College of A&M in Fort Collins. In January 1942 I moved to Seattle, Washington, to work in the aircraft industry for the Boeing Company and to support the World War II effort. I worked in Seattle and Wichita, Kansas, until I entered the Army in May 1944. I attended officer training in Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers. After VE Day, I served in Caserta, Italy, for nine months and I was discharged in September 1946.

I married Norma after World War II was over. I left shortly after our marriage for Italy with the Corps of Engineers.

*Norma worked at Gordon’s Dry Goods Store as a cashier until his return. After Theron was discharged from the Army September 1946, Norma and Theron established their home in Seattle, Washington where he again worked at The Boeing Company.*

Our family was later sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Our two children: Margaret and Robert, were born in Seattle and they grew to adulthood there. Both graduated from BYU with master’s degrees.

Norma has always been the homemaker but has served the Church as visiting teacher, Primary teacher, Junior Sunday School coordinator, counselor in the Relief Society and twice as Ward Relief Society president. I have served as home teacher, Sunday School superintendent, Young Men’s president, Explorer Scout leader, Ward executive secretary, stake high councilor, bishop’s counselor, high priest group leader and ward clerk. Norma and I served a mission together in the Kentucky Louisville Mission in 1988 and 1989, working in the mission office in Louisville and proselyting.

My life’s work has been centered in the aircraft industry. I am a registered Professional Engineer (P.E.) in both mechanical and aeronautical engineering. My early work was with war airplanes, specifically the XB-BB-1, XB-29, XB-50, XB-47 and XB-52. Part of my career encompassed modifications to allow them to perform reconnaissance missions. They were the RB-47, RB-SO and a special purpose modification to the AKe-97.

I became fascinated with guided missiles and did design work on high pressure helium and air systems as well as a liquid ammonia refrigerant system for the BOMARC defense missile system. Later, I designed a new sea water system for the Boeing Jetfoil high-speed hydrofoil passenger boat. I wound up my career doing mechanism design on satellites and elevating and ejection mechanisms between the Space Shuttle and the Inertial Upper Stage solid rocket used to position satellites in synchronous orbit and to boost interplanetary spacecraft from low-earth orbit to explore outer space.

Norma and I have been retired since February 1986 and have thoroughly enjoyed our close association with our children and especially our grandchildren and the Church. We are truly blessed with a wonderful family, a wonderful heritage, comfortable circumstances and reasonably good health. We busy ourselves with our small, active family.

Two children:
1. MARGARET KRISTENE HAYNIE, b. 8 June 1947 in Seattle, Washington. I am single, but this is NOT my life’s ambition!

I was given my great-grandmother’s name, Margaret Kristene, from Denmark. I have one brother, Robert Maurice Haynie, who is six years younger. I played school with him from the time he could sit still. Guess I have always been a teacher at heart.

I graduated from West Seattle High School and attended Brigham Young University and received my B.S. and M.A. While there I was a member of the International Ballroom Dance Team.

I began teaching school in 1969 and have taught all grades, K-8. In 1985 I moved to Portland and worked for Macmillan/McGraw-Hill as a reading consultant for five years. Traveling the ten western states and Europe made my life a true adventure. Presently I am a middle school librarian with Portland Public Schools. For the past seven years I have taken 50 of my eighth grade students on a ten-day American History tour (Boston to Williamsburg) during spring break.

Traveling has always been my first love. I have visited every state, several cities in Canada and Mexico, and spent many weeks traveling and working in Europe. Other hobbies include music, ballroom dancing, quilting, and gardening.

Church callings started when I accepted a call to teach Wednesday afternoon Primary while I was still in junior high. From there my service has extended to include Young Women, Sunday School, ward chorister, Relief Society president, counselor and teacher, Primary counselor and teacher, stake missionary, and temple worker. Currently I serve as Relief Society secretary and continue as an ordnance worker in the Portland Temple.

2. ROBERT MAURICE HAYNIE, b. 24 March 1953, md. RUTH ELIZABETH PETERSON of Raymond in Alberta, Canada, 28 August 1985 in the Cardston Alberta Temple.

I am a true Seattelite. I was also born to a family who for multiple generations have been members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I was born of goodly LDS pioneer heritage and parents, and was baptized at age eight by my father, ordained to the Aaronic Priesthood at age 12 and to the Melchizedek Priesthood at age 19. During my life my membership in the Church has been extremely important to me, having served in several callings, the first of which was as deacon’s quorum president at age 13.

At the time of my birth, our family was living on Beacon Hill in a small, two-bedroom home my father built. When I was five, we moved to Genessee Hill in West Seattle to another new home my father not only built but designed. I lived in this home until graduating from West Seattle High School in 1971, and my parents lived there until they moved to a third new home they built in Magnolia in 1994 following a mission they served in the Kentucky Louisville Mission.
Like any boy, I grew up hoping that I would be talented in baseball, basketball or football. Much to my disappointment, I was never able to adequately develop my talents in those “ball” sports, but alternatively began snow skiing at age 11 with a ski school and have enjoyed that sport my entire life.

I became an Eagle Scout at the age of 14. I enjoyed learning the information required to qualify for and earn various merit badges.

In school, I took honors math and German in addition to a regular curriculum. I was the Honor Society president in high school and graduated from West Seattle High School with a 4.0 GPA and gave the valedictory address though a girl also graduated with a 4.0 GPA.

As a child, I studied piano weekly and for five years became the pianist for priesthood meeting. I also studied percussion through grade school and played in the band and orchestra at James Madison Junior High School. In ninth grade, I played drums in a Tijuana-Brass style band with four of my friends, one of whom played guitar, two played trumpet and one played trombone. We called ourselves the “Taco Benders.”

My parents taught me the true value of work. I always had yard duties around our house and started my own lawn mowing business at the age of 13. The summer I was 14, I had nine lawns I mowed weekly including our own lawn. During my sophomore year in high school, I was employed periodically on Saturdays with a friend at the Washington Plaza Hotel, changing light bulbs and doing other odd jobs in the engineering department. The summer following my junior year in high school I built a fence for my parents in our back yard, not having any success in finding regular employment. Boeing was laying off workers and I could not find a job, but had a strong desire to stay actively involved in something productive.

The summer following my junior year in high school I first read the Book of Mormon, which changed my life forever. Each morning I would wake up with the sun and read for an hour as the Spirit bore testimony to me that the book was truly translated by the gift and power of God through the Prophet Joseph Smith, and was indeed true.

In addition to my regular church meetings, I attended early-morning seminary from the ninth through the twelfth grades. This greatly helped build my foundation testimony which has been increasingly strengthened since then. The summer of 1970, I received my patriarchal blessing and this helped greatly to give me spiritual direction not only for spiritual but temporal decisions.

During my senior year in high school, I was accepted at Brigham Young University, received a one-year full-tuition scholarship and was accepted into the Honors Program. Following my graduation from high school, I worked as a “boy Friday” at Fidelity Mutual Savings Bank prior to starting my freshman year at BYU. I had developed an interest in banking. As a freshman at BYU, I did not know what I
should study so followed my Dad’s advice to take anything and everything that interested me. Living in the dorms I made many friends and was actively involved in my student ward.

I was called on a mission for the Church to the Japan Central Mission from 1972 to 1974 and attended the Language Training Mission (LTM) in Laie, Hawaii, from June to August of 1972 prior to going to Japan.

Japanese was difficult and my mission was a challenge in many ways but helped me to grow significantly. While serving as the mission secretary in Kobe, half of the office staff were called to open the new mission in Nagoya, Japan, and I moved there and assisted in setting up the new mission office. After serving as the mission secretary for the new mission, I was later called to be a district leader and then a zone leader of the Shizuoka Zone prior to coming home. I learned much and loved my mission.

Returning home, I worked the summers of 1974 and 1975 for the Seattle Branch of the Bank of Tokyo. This was a great experience and helped solidify my interest in banking while using my Japanese language skills daily.

Following my sophomore year, I entered the Institute of Professional Accountancy (IPA) at BYU, a five-year program leading to a master’s degree in accounting. The summer following my junior year I worked as a bookkeeper for Roberts Construction Company in Everett, Washington. This proved to be great experience. During my senior year at BYU, I was hired by Arthur Andersen & Co. in their Seattle Office as an audit intern. I finished the IPA program with a Master of Accountancy degree in August 1978 and was hired full-time by Andersen.

In September 1980 I left Andersen and joined Seattle-First National Bank (subsequently renamed Seafirst Bank) in the World Banking training program. That fall I passed the CPA exam and in early 1981 became a CPA licensed in the State of Washington. I travelled monthly to Minneapolis searching for banking Fortune 1000-size companies headquartered there that for some reason needed a bank in Seattle. In those days, there were 100 of the Fortune 1000 in Minnesota. (In six years in that market, I think I called on all of them.) After a year of this monthly travel for a week each month, the Bank moved me and another calling officer to Minneapolis to open a two-person loan production office. After a year in Minneapolis, the Bank moved me back to Seattle because they were having loan difficulties with money others in the Bank had unwisely lent to oil and gas developers, primarily in the South.

In 1983 the Bank, on the brink of collapse, was purchased or rescued by Bank of America and in 1984 I was moved to Chicago to work in the Bank of America loan production office.

I lived in the University Second Ward and was called to be a member of the bishopric. Previously I had served as an elders quorum instructor, ward executive secretary and an elders quorum president twice at BYU and once in the Seattle 11th
singles ward while working for Andersen. When I moved to Chicago I was again called to be in the bishopric, but this time in a family ward. It was while I was serving in that capacity in Chicago that I met and married Ruth Elizabeth Peterson who had been visiting her married sister, Susan Lefens, who lived in my ward.

We made our first home in Chicago. Since our marriage, Ruth and I have been blessed with four beautiful and wonderful daughters. My family has been such a tremendous blessing to me. Ruth has served as ward Relief Society president of the Seattle Third Ward, as a counselor in the stake Relief Society presidency of the Seattle Washington North Stake, as Relief Society spiritual living teacher, as Primary chorister and now as Young Women’s president.

In late 1986, I was transferred back to Seattle. I missed working with customers. After one year I transferred to Private Banking where I maintained and obtained relationships for the Bank with wealthy families and individuals. During the nearly six years in Private Banking, the Bank enrolled me in the College for Financial Planning and I became a Certified Financial Planner (CFP).

It was also during this time that I was called to be the bishop of the Seattle First Ward in the Seattle Washington North Stake, a calling I held from May 1991 until October 1998.

I soon tired of making loans after six years and wanted instead to provide financial advice to the Bank’s private banking clientele. The Bank was not willing to go into that business (even though they had sent me through the CFP program), but suggested that if I was intent on doing it, I should leave the Bank and establish my own business for that purpose leaving them a place to send referrals.

I did exactly that in June of 1993 and called my practice “Robert Haynie & Co.” Working on my own was a relief from the rigors of banking, but nonetheless made it difficult to make a living. Nevertheless, I built the business to approximately $100,000 per year in revenues when the Bank approached me in 1996 to acquire the practice and hire me to run it for them. I sold it to the Bank and we renamed it Seafirst Private Financial Planning with me as its Vice President and Managing Director. We built the business to six individuals (including me and two summer interns in the summer of 1998) and $400,000 in annual revenues for fee-only financial planning.

In 1998, Bank of America was purchased by Nations Bank and the combined organization was named Bank of America. My group became part of a larger organization of financial planners (25 or so nationwide) who did not charge fees for their work. Though I could have stayed with the Bank, I was given a “package” to leave and did so on the last day of 1998. On January 1, 1999, I joined Ernst & Young LLP as the Director of Personal Financial Counseling in their Seattle office where I am still employed today.

While I was serving as bishop, we lived in Magnolia for ten years, a community just 10 minutes to the north and west of downtown Seattle. In 1999, we completed a
new home in Shoreline, the first suburb to the north of Seattle. I am currently serving as the ward mission leader in the Highlands Ward of the Seattle, Washington, Shoreline Stake and enjoy my calling very much.

Life has been very good to me and I love the Lord and His church as does my family. Charlotte is now a freshman at Shorewood High School in Shoreline and our girls are rapidly growing up and becoming Young Women. It is hard to believe that time has gone so quickly but we continue to meet challenges each day in the various aspects of our lives. Our health is good and we love life.

Our four daughters are:

3. Claire Margaret Haynie, b. in 1991.

2. Reese Irvine Haynie died in infancy.


Maurice was baptized in the church at eight and participated in the youth programs of the church. He attended school in Manassa and graduated from Manassa High School in 1943. He entered the Navy after high school and served aboard a floating dry dock and a light cruiser ship in the Pacific ocean. His ports of call were Hawaii and Guam.

After his release from the U.S. Navy, Maurice graduated in Mortuary Science, but almost immediately decided on a career change. He entered Colorado University and received a bachelor’s degree in accounting. Maurice was enrolled in one of Don Haynie’s classes; both knew he had to do exceptionally well because of the close association. Maurice did far better in that class than any of the other students.

While in high school and college, he played piano, saxophone and trombone. He played for many dances and entertainments. He sang in the Colorado University choral groups and at the Red Rocks Amphitheater outside of Denver. He frequently sang “The Lord’s Prayer” acappella.

After college he joined Mountain States Bell as a traveling auditor. While working in Helena, Montana, Maurice met Leda Bradshaw Buckmaster. They lived in Helena, Boise, Denver and established their permanent home in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

While vacationing at Elephant Butte Dam in New Mexico, Maurice was water skiing and became very ill and was incapacitated for a long period. After recovery, he regained some health and strength, but not his former capability. During his illness, he never lost his sense of humor. He was never bitter or angry because his quality of life had deteriorated. He treated everyone with love and respect. Maurice died May 20, 2000, and is buried in the National Cemetery in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
Two daughters:

1. **SHARON HAYNIE**, md. **JIM MILLER**. They live in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

2. **WILMA JEANNIE HAYNIE**, md. **BOB BEAUCHAMP**. They live in Kansas City, Missouri. Four daughters:
   1. Jessica Beauchamp.
   2. Monica Beauchamp.
   3. Vanessa Beauchamp.

4. **KATHLEEN HAYNIE**, b. on 5 September 1927 at home in Manassa, Colorado, md. **JESSE MILFORD RICHARDSON** 26 May 1952, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was b. 9 October 1930 in La Isla, Colorado, bpt. 30 March 1962, and fourteen years later, on their wedding anniversary, they were sealed in the Los Angeles Temple.

   She attended grade school and high school in Manassa and later attended business school at the naval base in Clearfield, Utah. In her youth, she was in charge of many church activities, earning many awards including the Golden Gleaner. In the professional arena, she was Deputy Clerk of Conejos County Court.

   Kathleen was multi-talented. She learned her homemaking skills from her mother; sewing, cooking, baking bread, and canning. She was musically inclined and could play the piano by ear, play the organ and clarinet, and sang alto in the choir. Also, she was dance director and participated in musical productions.

   During her married life, Kathleen held various church positions, but her most devoted calling was as visiting teacher. She gave 100 percent each month for years. Jesse held several church jobs, the longest being Cubmaster for 23 years.

   Kathleen had many health problems. In 1973, she was diagnosed with diabetes; later, she had her leg amputated caused by gangrene and due to complications was confined to a wheelchair in 1991. The next three years, she was in and out of hospitals. The last eleven months of her life, she was on kidney dialysis three times a week. During her confinement, Jesse was her caregiver, and on January 19, 1994, she passed away at home. Kathleen was a remarkable wife, mother, aunt, and grandmother.

   After 37 years in the aerospace industry, Jesse retired as manager of the space division on January 1, 1994, 18 days before his wife died. Today, he travels, camps with his family, builds furniture, and helps his youngest son remodel the family homestead.

   Jesse and Kathleen were blessed with seven children:


   Growing up in a large family, she learned important values early in life,
sharing, responsibility, compassion, and the rewards of hard work. She loved to
learn; history was her favorite subject in school and reading was her favorite pas-
time. Her childhood ambition was to become an elementary school teacher. One of
her fondest childhood memories was performing skits on a makeshift stage for her
parents with her younger siblings. She was raised in the church and has held call-
ings in the Primary, Relief Society and Young Women.

Paula is single and works full-time for a construction company as controller
in the accounting department. Recently, she received a diploma for completing a
home study course (writing children’s stories and articles) from the Institute of
Children’s Literature. Someday, she hopes to have her stories published. She would
like to make a trade-off, substituting numbers for words.

In her spare time, Paula likes to dance (tap and swing are favorites), hike, travel,
and read (the classics are a big hit). She loves the arts, playing the piano, attending
the theater (all-time favorite play is “Phantom of the Opera”), attending musical con-
certs, visiting art museums and historical sites. She has interests in photography,
geology and astronomy. Besides her writing, she would like to illustrate her own sto-
ries and articles.

2. GAYLE RICHARDSON, b. 8 September 1957 in La Jolla, California, md. ALBERT
CHARLES BUSK 19 September 1991 at Poipu Beach, Kauai, Hawaii. He was b. 5

Gayle met Al, a non-member, at B.F. Goodrich Aerospace. Gayle is a supervisor in
Engineering Data Management and Al is an engineer supervising in Quality,
Corrective Action. Gayle’s mother once said, “Marry a good man, You can convert a
good man.” She took her mother’s advice and married this wonderful man.

His first church assignment was a member of the bishopric serving as financial
clerk. He now serves as first counselor in an elders quorum presidency. Gayle has
served as Primary president, Relief Society president and is now serving as stake
Primary president.

The Busks were sealed as a family in the San Diego Temple 22 October 1996 with
Gayle’s sister, Paula Kay Richardson, acting as Hannah’s proxy. Gayle’s father and
brother, David Wayne Richardson, were witnesses. It was the greatest day of their
lives.

The Busks enjoy family outings at the beach and traveling to new places. They are
sports fans and love to be in the stadium with hot dogs, soda, Cracker Jack and the
screaming fans. Gayle collects out-of-print children’s literature and hopes to be a
children’s book author someday. Al enjoys golf. The Husks reside in Escondido,
California.

Gayle and Al have two daughters:
1. Hannah Kathleen Busk, b. 9 March 1993 with a congenital heart defect
which claimed her life on 8 July 1993.
2. Samantha Kay Busk, b. 20 February 1994 [adoption 31 August 1994]. Samantha loves to read and is quite an accomplished swimmer. She is petite, but works hard at learning and mastering each skill. Her competitive nature will secure her place on the swim team before her seventh birthday.

3. JELENE RICHARDSON, b. 11 October 1958, md. GERALD ODIS FOUSE 19 December 1981.

Jelene grew up in San Diego, California. After hours we enjoy playing tennis, or relaxing, playing a game of Aggravation or Mastermind. Jelene operates Jelene’s Daycare from her home. She has been doing it for 16 years. Jerry works for AT&T as a network engineer.

Our family is really into motorcycles and four wheelers. We all have our own bikes and we like to go camping, traveling, hiking, jumping and playing around the house.

Our lives are continuously filled with activities and not a minute is wasted. Our children all participate in sports and play many games. We have four wonderful children:

1. Eric Craig Fouse is a senior at Sunset High School. He plays football and wrestles on the Varsity teams.
2. Jennifer Nicole Fouse recently ran track and played softball.
3. Brian James Fouse just played his first year of football. Like his older brother, he also is doing wrestling with the Sunset Mat Club. He just finished his baseball season.
4. Kimberly Fouse also played softball and is involved in the drama club.

4. MARLA RICHARDSON, b. 26 February 1960, md. WILLIAM CRUSE 24 April 1984 at the Richardson home in La Mesa, California.

I grew up in San Diego, California. We now live in Henderson, Nevada. We have no children: I work in the medical profession, while William works in the printing industry. We like outdoor activities which include hiking, camping, sports, swimming, shopping, traveling and family outings.


James and Donna live in Santee, California, with their daughter Alyssa. Donna graduated in May 2001 from dental hygiene college (after attending for five years). James has his own boat shop, which is called Custom Auto Marine and Silhouette Boats. He is dedicated to his family and work. He has been in business for twelve years. In his spare time he enjoys family outings to the lake, camping at the desert and at the Colorado River. In the wintertime James and his family enjoy the desert trips with dune buggies and desert toys. James and his family especially enjoy family gatherings at their home. They have two children:

1. Christopher Lee Robbins Richardson.
2. Alyssa Marie Frazier Richardson.

6. **DEBRA RICHARDSON**, b. and raised in southern California, md. BRICE GEORGE MURRI 14 April 1984 in La Mesa, California.

We moved to Bend, Oregon, when Brandon was two weeks old. I have run a daycare/preschool in my home for the last 13 years. My family and I are very active in sports, especially soccer and track. Brice and I are Boy Scout leaders. I have had various callings in the church. I really enjoy being in Primary and Young Women. I love children: collecting magnets, playing Bunco, art, spending our free time with family and extended family and traveling. I hope one day to go to Hawaii and Australia. We have three children:
1. Erin Elizabeth Murri.
2. Brandon Scott Murri.


I lived my entire life in LaMesa, California. I was baptized at 8 years old into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. My chief interest while growing up was in cars and their maintenance.

I work as a maintenance lead man but I am able to do carpentry, electrical, plumbing, welding as well as automobile repair. We have two sons.
1. Noah Richardson, b. 5 February 1996.
2. Liam Richardson, b. 30 May 1998.


Galen grew to manhood in Manassa, graduated from Manassa schools and the Church Seminary program. Between 1963 and 1965, he served a mission in Peru. He graduated from Colorado University in Boulder, Colorado, in Business Administration. Galen was an accomplished pianist and organist. He served as organist in the wards and stakes in which he resided. He also served in other church positions. He enjoyed gardening and raised beautiful flowers.

Together Galen and Jane established the Thomas Indian Trading Post on South Temple, Salt Lake City. In early 1969, Galen went into the armed services and served in Vietnam. He is buried in the Haynie family plot in the Manassa, Colorado cemetery. They have one son.

1. **DEREK HAYNIE**.

3A9-2 **JAMES AMMON MORTENSEN**, b. 4 May 1902 in Eastdale, Colorado, md.
VERNA CALISTA COX 3 October 1929 in the St. George Temple. She was b. 26 June 1904 in Bunkerville, Nevada, d. 26 April 1979. James d. 11 April 1991.

The town where James was born no longer exists. His family moved to Manassa, Colorado, where he grew to maturity. The family were farmers and ranchers. Jim’s father Ammon owned a ranch northwest of Romeo, Colorado, where the young Jim worked with his father. At a very early age he became very interested in horses, which continued throughout his life. He rode them, broke them and trained them, raced them, worked them, and generally loved them. He chased and captured wild horses in the foothills East of Manassa. One he captured and trained was a beautiful black stallion, the envy of the local area.

He was also a real cowboy. He rode the range in northern New Mexico herding and caring for the family cattle. On occasion he told stories of capturing a bear cub which he sold to a circus. Wolves were also a part of his cowboy experiences.

Jim was superstitious about Friday the 13th for he was bucked off a horse and broke a leg on that day. He rode bucking horses in rodeos and earned a prized saddle in the Monte Vista Stampede.

Jim served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Eastern States Mission. He loved to sing and hold street meetings. A favorite means of gathering a crowd in these large eastern cities was writing on the sidewalk. People would follow the writing on the sidewalk to where the elders were preaching and stop and listen. There he met Verna Cox, whom he later married.

James and Verna were married about a month before the stock market crashed that began the Depression. They had just bought some land and purchased a herd of milk cows to start their married life. Jim said he couldn’t afford to keep the cows and couldn’t afford to sell them. During this time there was also a severe drought. A good potato crop in 1936 finally brought the family out of the economic problems of the Depression.

Jim became the manager of the Colorado Potato Growers Exchange located in LaJara Colorado. This he managed until the early 1950s when he moved to St. George, Utah. He is a very successful farmer and is considered an excellent man in the dairy business; a good judge of cattle. He has the reputation of being a good tenor and from reports was quite energetic and successful in life. He is buried in the Parowan City Cemetery in a plot once owned by his grandfather, Anders Mortensen.

Four children were born to them:

1. DEAN J. MORTENSEN, b. 9 July 1931 in Manassa, Colorado, md. BARBARA BEA HANSEN in the Salt Lake Temple 26 August 1955. She was b. 11 August 1927 in Brigham City, Utah, the third child of Beatrice Emma Bradbury and Ernest Elijah Hansen.

The family lived on the ranch until Dean was seven years old when the family moved to La Jara, Colorado. Dean attended schools in Romeo and La Jara where he graduated from high school. He attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, for a year.

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and a half before going to the Central Atlantic States Mission for two years. His missionary service was all in North Carolina. He returned to BYU for a quarter and then was drafted into the Army in June of 1953 when the Korean War was still in progress. The cease fire was signed when he was in basic training at Ft. Ord, California. He served in Korea and Japan until April of 1955.

She grew up in Brigham City and graduated from high school. She attended Brigham Young University for two years and went on a mission to the Central Atlantic States. She served in West Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina.

Dean and Barbara met as missionaries in North Carolina. Shortly after their meeting, Barbara returned home. They didn’t see each other again until Dean returned from Korea in May of 1955. They met again when they were both working in Salt Lake City and courted. Dean works with computers and Barbara is an artist. They moved to Provo, Utah, where Dean continued his schooling at Brigham Young University. He graduated in June of 1957 and remained in Provo until 1959 working for Geneva Steel. During their stay in Provo, two sons were born. They left during the strike of 1959 and went to Phoenix, Arizona.

While in Phoenix they adopted a son, Brian. Another son, Brad, and a daughter, Leigh, joined the family. The family stayed seven years in Phoenix and then moved to San Jose, California, with General Electric Co. where Dean worked in Computer Software Development.

While in San Jose another son, Don, was born. He died in a Jeep accident August 6, 1980. The family lived in San Jose for 15 years and then moved to Brigham City, primarily to take care of Barbara’s mother. Dean worked for Thiokol in the computer software development occupation.

Dean and Barbara moved to Ridgecrest California in October of 1989 where they currently reside. By this time all the children had left home.

Dean and Barbara and their children have been active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints all their lives. Barbara has served as president of the YWMIA, Primary and Relief Society as well as counselors and teachers in most of the organizations of the church. Dean served as ward clerk, stake clerk, bishop, high Councilor several times, as well as many teaching and leadership positions. Presently Dean is a stake patriarch in the Ridgecrest, California Stake.

Six children:

1. SCOTT D. MORTENSEN, b. 16 June 1956 in Provo, Utah, md. NATALIE JO KIMERLING 3 April 1982 in the Los Angeles Temple [divorced] She was b. 5 August 1959 in Oxnard, California.

Scott was eight weeks premature and weighed about four pounds. He was given a name and a blessing in the hospital where he stayed for several weeks until he weighed five pounds.
When he was three he moved with his parents to Phoenix, Arizona. When he was ten he again moved with his parents to San Jose, California. There he graduated from high school. He was an active boy and participated in athletics in the schools and the Little League baseball teams and enjoyed Scouting activities. Scott has a lovely singing voice. He sings with the ward choir and also as a soloist.

When he was nineteen he served a mission in Mississippi for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. After his mission he went to vocational school in Provo, Utah, where he specialized in auto painting and body work and in 18-wheel truck driving. He spent several years in Los Angeles, California, working in the auto and limousine painting occupation. Now he lives in Danville, California, where he drives 18-wheel trucks.

Scott has been active in the church all his life. He has served as an elders quorum president, ward mission leader twice, and several teaching positions. He and Natalie are the parents of four children:

Scott D. Mortensen md. second PAMELA WELLS MILLER 23 April 1994. She was b. 12 June 1954. They have a daughter:


2. RON H. MORTENSEN, b. 22 February 1958 in Provo, Utah.

He moved with his parents to Phoenix, Arizona, when he was one-and-a-half years old. When he was eight he moved with his parents to San Jose, California. He was active in drama in high school. and after he graduated, he went to Brigham Young University with a drama scholarship.

When he was nineteen he went to Concepcion, Chile, on a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. After he returned from his mission he returned to Brigham Young University where he graduated in English. Ron taught in a junior high school in Los Angeles, California (Watts) for several years where he instructed students in English as a Second Language. He taught ESL in Provo for several years, also. Currently he is in Saudi Arabia where he first taught English to the workers of Aramco and now writes the text books for their English classes. Ron has been quite an international traveler and gone to many other countries. He is a very socially active person, with great people skills and many friends of a various backgrounds and heritages.

Ron has been very active in the church all his life. Currently he is a ward mission leader in Saudi Arabia. This activity is somewhat curtailed because of the laws concerning Christian religions. He has taught the Gospel Doctrine lessons in more than one place and served in several other church callings.

3. BRIAN E. MORTENSEN [adopted], b. 6 June 1962 in Phoenix, Arizona. Brian was adopted as the third son of Dean J. and Barbara Hansen Mortensen and sealed to them in the Arizona Temple 2 October 1963. Brian moved with his parents to San Jose, California where he attended school. He was active in Little League baseball and other sports and enjoyed Scouting activities. He was a fast runner and had a beautiful singing voice. Brian is a truck driver and drives all sizes of trucks. He md. ELIZABETH VINCQUEURA 23 July 1983 [divorced]. One child:


Brian E. Mortensen md. second ASHLEY LYNN BAUGHER in San Jose, California. One child:

1. Cecelia Shandane Rose Mortensen, b. 16 May 1997 in San Jose, California.


Brad was very young when his parents moved from Phoenix to San Jose, California. He grew up in San Jose and still resides there. He was active in sports and Little
League and in Scouting. When he finished high school, he went back to Phoenix to attend a drafting school.

He worked in drafting for a few years in San Jose and then became interested in real estate. He obtained his real estate license and his broker's license and is working in real estate presently.

Brad has been active in the church all his life and is currently the ward mission leader where he lives. Three children:

1. Nicholas J. InJong Mortensen, b. 2 July 1988 in San Jose, California.
2. Chantal Sookhwa Mortensen, b. 7 July 1990 in Mountain View, California.


She went to grade school and two years of high school in San Jose. She finished high school in Brigham City Utah where she lived with her Grandmother Hansen. She preceded her parents' move to Utah while they sold their San Jose home.

After high school she started summer school at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. She was an excellent student and participated in many activities. After one year at BYU Leigh went to Boston, Massachusetts, where she worked as a nanny. While in Boston she met John Francis Casalou.

Leigh and John lived in Boston for a short time and then moved to Rexburg, Idaho, where John went to Ricks College. They then moved to Phoenix, Arizona. While in Phoenix, John and Leigh were divorced.

Currently Leigh and her two children live in Las Vegas, Nevada, where she works in the automobile finance field. She enjoys taking some college classes at the University there in the evenings, along with holding down a full-time job. She is a straight A student.

Leigh has always been active in the church. She has worked mostly in the Primary organization. She has a very special way with children and loves working with them.

Two children:

6. DON C. MORTENSEN, b. 12 September 1968 in San Jose, California, d. in a rollover Jeep accident 6 August 1980 while on vacation in Kernville, California.

When Don was born, he had a breathing problem and had to be hooked up to an alarm for the nurses to know when he stopped breathing.
Don went to grade school in San Jose where he regularly ran for school political office. He was an outstanding student according to his teachers. His principal activity was baseball. He participated in Scouts and in Little League baseball where he was a pitcher. His crowning baseball achievement was being selected for the Major League when he was nine years old. He had an eager, outgoing, friendly personality and enjoyed impersonating famous people such as John Wayne, Jimmy Stewart, and James Cagney, to name a few.

2. BRIAN KENT MORTENSEN was b. 31 July and d. 5 August 1933 Manassa, Colorado.

3. LA RENE MORTENSEN, b. 10 October 1935 in Romeo, Colorado, md. REX HAMLIN WATTS in 1960 [separated in 1968 and later divorced].

At the age of four the family moved to LaJara. In 1949, my mother, my sister Helen, and I moved to St. George, Utah. (Mother was born in Bunkerville, Nevada, but grew up in St. George.)

Larene graduated from Dixie High School in 1953 and Dixie Junior College in 1955, then attended BYU in Provo, Utah, and graduated in 1957 with a B.S. degree in Business Education with High Honors.

During these high school and college years I worked part-time during the school years and full-time during the summers. Some of my interesting positions consisted of secretarial work for the Dixie College Biology Department, St. George Hospital, Dr. A. W. McGregor, Bureau of Reclamation, and RKO Radio Pictures which was making the movie, “The Conqueror,” in St. George. The knowledge and experience I gained from these positions gave me a background later on for teaching.

Upon graduation from BYU and later that summer, I decided to teach school. I decided to teach at Virgin Valley High School in Bunkerville, Nevada, after much persuasion by the Superintendent. So began my teaching career in 1957 and I am still teaching in 2000 (on a part-time basis and with the title of Professor Emeritus). I taught at Virgin Valley and Rancho High Schools in Las Vegas, Nevada, and then Adult Education in Las Vegas. Because I liked working with adults, I decided to teach at the college level. I returned to BYU and received an M.S. degree in 1971. As I was obtaining my degree, I also taught classes at BYU.

A new community college was being started in Las Vegas. I filled out an application and was hired. I was one of ten people who started the Clark County Community College in 1971, which later became the Community College of Southern Nevada. I taught many different business courses over the years, but mainly all versions and levels of shorthand and typing/keyboarding. I held many committee and department chair positions over the years as well as being very involved with local, regional, and national professional organizations.

I love being “Grandma” and spoiling all seven grandchildren: We all live in Las Vegas, Nevada.
My LDS church positions throughout my lifetime include Primary teacher, Primary organist, Primary chorister, Sunday School secretary, Mia Maid teacher, Relief Society visiting teacher, Relief Society teacher, ward history compiler and writer (last 11 years), and ward publicity. During my boys’ Boy Scout years, I drove the Boy Scout troop wherever they needed to go, including the Grand Canyon many times.

We had two sons:


Burton has lived his whole life in Las Vegas except for two years in Provo, Utah, (while his mother was attending BYU) and two years as a missionary in the New York Rochester Mission. From junior high through college he was on the track team running the mile and cross country. He was active in the Boy Scout Program and earned an Eagle Scout award. Burt held many leadership positions as an LDS youth.

During high school he took an auto mechanic class and also worked part-time in a service station, eventually learning to become a mechanic, which has proved valuable for the rest of his life as he repairs his own cars, boat, etc.

After returning from his mission, he resumed his education at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, majoring in Accounting. He met Ilona Vroom at the Singles Branch where he was a member of the branch presidency. They were both attending the University. They both graduated from UNLV in 1987. She grew up in Iowa and Colorado.

Burt is a CPA by profession and currently works for the State of Nevada as a Gaming Control Board Auditor. He has his own CPA business that he runs out of the home. Ilona is a teacher and is currently teaching English/Reading at Las Vegas High School.

Burt has had many callings in the past 15-1/2 years. He has been a second counselor and first counselor in both a branch presidency as well as in a bishopric. He has been a financial clerk, a Scoutmaster, a ward mission leader (twice), and elders quorum president as well as serving as a counselor in an elders quorum. He has been in a Young Men’s presidency and is currently serving as Sunday School presi-
Burt and Ilona have three children:

1. Marie Watts was b. 27 October 1987 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Marie excels at school, running, and music. She was inducted into the National Honorary Society the spring of 2000.

2. Matthew Burton Watts was b. 15 April 1990 Las Vegas, Nevada. If anyone has a question about anything pertaining to space, he knows all the answers.

3. Michelle Watts was b. 23 March 1993. She has a very outgoing personality. She loves dogs and playing the piano.

2. ADRIAN EARL WATTS, b. 2 August 1964 in Las Vegas, Nevada, md. EDNA LYNNE FREBNER 24 June 1987 in the St. George Temple. She was b. 1 August 1957 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Adrian has lived his whole life in Las Vegas except for two years in Provo, Utah, (while his mother was attending BYU) and two years in Washington in the Spokane Washington Mission.

Adrian was involved in many different activities during his school years. He was on the track, tennis and wrestling teams at school. As an LDS youth, he held many leadership positions and was involved in organizing many activities. He was very active in Boy Scouts and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He was on the ward dance team.

During high school he held many different part-time positions, one of which was working part-time in a service station learning to become a mechanic. After his mission, he continued his education at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, majoring in Finance and graduating after he was married. He continued to work as a mechanic until he opened his own businesses involving automobiles: an auto repair shop, a used auto sales store, and an auto leasing company.

Adrian met Edna Lynne Frebner at a missionary farewell for a cousin. She is a dental technician but decided to be a stay-at-home mom. She loves horses and loves to barrel race. She says she traded in the horses for children:

Adrian and Lynne were called to work in the nursery before they had any children. They have been nursery leaders three different times and have spent six years there.
They have both worked in the Primary in different positions most of their married life. Adrian is currently Scoutmaster—his second time. Adrian also taught the 16-17-18-year-olds in Sunday School.

They have four children:
2. Connor Adrian Watts, b. 10 July 1991.

4. HELEN CALISTA MORTENSEN, b. 7 September 1941 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. FRED WILMER DAVIS 11 September 1970 in Las Vegas. He was b. 25 May 1937 in Denver, Colorado, d. 23 April 1997, the result of a brain hemorrhage.

Helen was the first child in this family to be born in a hospital. She moved with her mother and sister, LaRene, to St. George, Utah.

Helen attended the schools in St. George and graduated from Dixie High School in 1959. She moved to Las Vegas in 1963 and has lived there since. Helen has a long-time career in the health food juicing business.

Helen’s current callings in her ward are assistant librarian and visiting teacher. Helen enjoys her callings in the ward, spending time with friends, and chasing her new puppy.

Helen met Fred Wilmer Davis in April 1970. Fred served in the Army and Navy for a total of 20 years. Fred then worked for the State of Nevada for 20 years as a building maintenance supervisor and retired in 1995. Fred had interests in genealogy, cooking, painting, and fixing things. Helen and Fred had one daughter.
1. **CINDY CALISTA DAVIS**, b. 6 January 1978 in Las Vegas, Nevada, attended high school where she enjoyed orchestra, biology, seminary, and spending time with her friends. Cindy graduated from Bonanza High School and LDS Seminary in 1996. She is currently working as a Nursing Assistant at Summerlin Hospital Medical Center in Las Vegas. She is an LDS Institute graduate and is attending University of Nevada, Las Vegas, studying nursing.

3A9-3 **DORA MORTENSEN**, b. 6 July 1904 in Eastdale, Colorado, bpt. 7 July 1912, md. CORNELIUS (CON) GILLELAND 16 June 1922.

While her father was on a mission to Georgia, a group of individuals bought the water rights to East Dale area. Due to this situation they didn’t have water for crops or stock, so they moved to Manassa in 1909 when Dora was 5 years old. She attended the San Luis Stake Academy in Manassa and was a good student. She played guard position in basketball on the Academy Team. She loved to play the game.

Cornelius (Con) Gilleland were married at her home on June 16, 1922. Uncle Will Crowther performed the ceremony. Her mother prepared a big dinner for everyone after the ceremony.

One little incident that night might be of interest. Mother got all ready for the wedding upstairs and when she came downstairs for the ceremony and saw all the people, she ran back upstairs. This happened twice. Con and the others had to coax her to come downstairs. She finally did and the marriage took place.

Two days after they were married, they rode horseback up to the Mountain Ranch. The next morning cows had to be milked and biscuits made for breakfast. Mother didn’t know how to make biscuits, so she told Dad that she’d milk the cows if he’d make the biscuits. That was their arrangement for a day or two.

Dad was riding range during the summer, so they’d get up, get cows milked and separating done, breakfast over with, then Mother would go with Dad on horseback all day.

During the winter months they lived in Romeo, Colorado, on what was known as the Neal Ranch, now owned by the John Carr family. Their two children were born while they lived there.

The Depression hit in 1929. This was a difficult time because jobs and money were scarce. Mother was offered a job working for the county which she took to supplement the family income. She taught and supervised the planting of vegetable gardens and canning produce to help people help themselves. She was
also involved in the supervision of sewing classes. Later she was supervisor over
the hot lunch program in the county schools. She did this until 1942.

In 1930 they moved to Manassa and took care of Grandma Gilleland until
she died in 1937. In 1944 they moved to the Packard Place northwest of Romeo.
Dad was a rancher and farmer so they lived a busy and sometimes hectic life, but
a happy one, especially when grandchildren started coming. How they enjoyed
them all.

In 1959 they built a new home on their land west of the Packard place and
lived there until 1984 when they moved from the ranch back to Manassa to be
closer to family.

Mother was an avid fisherman. Dad taught her the sport after they were
married and she learned well. She could catch a mess of fish when they weren’t
biting for anyone else. She was a good cook. I remember her homemade bread. I’d
rather eat a slice of it than have a piece of cake.

Mother was quite well known for her ability to plan and supervise cooking for
banquets. She belonged to a service club and they were asked to serve banquets
for different occasions. This was how they raised money for worthy projects they
worked on. She also did this for her ward and stake when banquets were the occa-
sion.

She has always been active in the church serving at one time or another in
all the organizations and served as stake Relief Society president for five years after
serving in the Romeo Ward Relief Society presidency several years. She sang alto in
ward and stake choirs all her life from a young age.

Mother and Dad were together 63-plus years before he died in December
1985. She was a great helpmeet to Dad. They worked well together and supported
each other in anything that had to be done. They spent as much time as they could
at the mountain ranch every summer, especially in their later years. She has been
a good wife, mother and grandmother. She turned 97 years old on July 6, 2001.
Two children:

1. CLETUS “M” GILLELAND, b. 9 July 1923 in Manassa, Colorado, md. BARBARA JEAN
MORTENSEN 17 February 1946 at Clinton, Utah. She was b. 30 January 1924 in Payson,
Utah. See p. 1401 for Barbara Jean Mortensen.

   We lived on the Neal Ranch on the west side of Romeo. During the year 1929 the
ranch was sold so we moved to Manassa. I graduated from high school May 1941. I
worked at the Potato Co-op in LaJara until late summer of 1942 when I went to Brazos,
New Mexico, and herded cattle until I joined the U.S. Marine Corps December 3, 1942. I
was sent to the 1st Armored Amphibian Battalion. We landed on Guam and Okinawa. After
three years I was discharged December 3, 1945.

On my way home I went by Ogden, Utah, to see Barbara Jean Mortensen, whom I had met in high school. I had dated her quite a bit. Her family had moved to Utah the summer of 1942. I invited her to Colorado for Christmas. Barbara’s grandfather Lars Mortensen happens to be a brother to my great-grandfather, Anders Jorgen Mortensen.

After getting home from the Marine Corps, I began farming with my dad raising potatoes, grain, hay, lettuce, cattle, and pigs. In 1963 I was appointed postmaster at the Manassa, Colorado Post Office and retired in 1986.

After retiring we served in the Oklahoma Tulsa Mission as the Branch President at Chickasha, Oklahoma. After coming home from our mission we were called to work in the Denver, Colorado Temple. In 1993 to September 1994 we served in the Ohio Columbus Mission. In January 1995 we again were called to the Denver Temple and moved to the Albuquerque, New Mexico Temple.

It has been a good time to live. There have been a lot of changes during my lifetime, from the Great Depression to a time of great prosperity. The changes in autos, machinery and all technology is almost unbelievable over the 77 years I’ve been on the earth and I am now privileged to move into a new century.

Six children:


2. JANET GILLELAND, b. 4 May 1950 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. DANIEL ADRIAN BOND 29 May 1971 in the Manti Temple. Four children:
      1. Dylan Andrew Sowards, b. 28 June 1995 in Vernal, Utah.

3. JACK “C” GILLELAND, b. 21 April 1953 Alamosa, Colorado, md. DEBRA JEAN McDANIEL 23 May 1975 in the Arizona Temple. She was b. 20 August 1953 in Alamosa, Colorado. See p. 1287 for Debra Jean McDaniel. Five children:

   4. Lex Firth, b. 22 October 1985 in Tremonton, Utah, bpt. 6 October 1993.
   5. Justin G. Firth, b. 10 October 1989 in Tremonton, Utah.

5. ANNETTE GILLELAND, b. 29 April 1961 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. ERIC JEFFERIES JOHNSON 28 August 1981 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 4 June 1958 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Three children:
   3. Tyler G. Johnson, b. 29 March 1990 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

6. MARK “C” GILLELAND, b. 15 August 1963 in La Jara, Colorado, md. NANCY
LOUISE DECKER 15 October 1983, sealed 7 March 1991 in the Denver Temple. Nancy was b. 4 July 1963 in La Jara, Colorado. Four children:


2. DEAOON GILLELAND, b. 24 September 1925, md. DONALD JACKSON JARVIES in the Salt Lake Temple in September 1943.

We moved to Manassa where I attended school, graduating in 1942. I attended a year of college in Boulder, Colorado.

I have memories of a happy childhood. I loved school, I loved people, and loved life. I loved playing with cousins and friends. I had good parents, good grandparents, good uncles, aunts and cousins. I remember fun times at the Mountain Ranch on Cumbres in the summer riding horses, climbing mountains, having company. I remember family get togethers at Thanksgiving time, Christmas, and other times when aunts and cousins were at Grandma Kistie’s house making doughnuts or canning in the fall. I remember watching Grandma Harriet Emily Gilleland make sugar cookies. I loved eating the raw dough scraps, they were so delicious.

I never knew my grandfathers They both had died by the time I was 3 years old. Grandpa John Cornelius Gilleland died of stomach cancer and Grandpa Ammon Ernst Mortensen (we called him Papa) died of what they called creeping paralysis.

In December 1941 during my senior year in high school, Japan unexpectedly bombed Pearl Harbor in Hawaii and the USA entered World War II against Japan and Germany, allied with England. I was dating Donald Jackson Jarvies at the time. He enlisted in the Navy in August 1942 and went overseas immediately after boot camp aboard the battleship USS New Mexico in the Pacific Area. He came home on leave September 1943 and we were married. I didn’t go back to college.

I was a war widow for two years, during which time I worked for Man & Horace King in their turquoise shop and then got a job working in the Conejos County Courthouse for County Clerk and Recorder, Armando Rivera.

Donald was honorably discharged from the Navy in October 1945. He came home and we started our family. Since a young girl I had wanted a large family and in the next 16 years we were blessed with eight children: Donald and I were both born and raised in Manassa and Manassa has been our home since we were married except for two years we lived in Romeo when Donald worked for Levert Reed Lumber Co. there.

In 1953 we’d gone into the service station business in Manassa and purchased our home from my grandmother, Kjersten P. Jensen Mortensen. This made a living for us while our children were growing up, going to school and serving missions. Donald was a good
businessman, a good husband and a good father. During these years he served in the YMMIA, high council, as bishop’s counselor and bishop.

Donald retired from the station in July 1983. We were called to fill a mission in Mexico from January 1984 to July 1985. We were then called to serve in the Mesita Branch, Donald as a counselor in the branch presidency. Then we served in the Buenos Aires, Argentina South mission from August 1989 to February 1991. After our return we were called to be ordinance workers in the Denver, Colorado Temple and served there for five years.

We have been active in the church all our married life. I have served in the different organizations of the church as stake Laurel leader, Trekker teacher, Lark teacher, den mother, counselor in the Primary, counselor in Relief Society, stake YWMIA president for five years, ward chorister and choir director for 10 years. I was also a visiting teacher most of my married life. We’ve been active in our school PTA organization and participated in fund-raising drives for cancer, polio, heart, hospital etc. Our activity in the church and community has been a blessing and very rewarding to our whole family.

I’ve been a stay-at-home mom and enjoyed being with my children: I’ve always liked to cook, sew, can and do yard work. After our youngest started to school, I would go to the station for a couple of hours every day and help Donald with some of the book work. In September 2000 we celebrated our 57th anniversary. We have had good years together, not without problems, not without some ups and downs. But the Lord has blessed our family and we’re grateful.

What a joy and blessing our children are to us. Two of our sons and two of our daughters filled full time missions and five have graduated from college. One son was in the service for two years and by the end of the year 2001 we’ll have a posterity of 31 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren: with a high percentage of temple marriages for those who are married and much church activity and involvement. Our eight children:

1. MADELYN JARVIES.

2. BRUCE “G” JARVIES, md. CALLIE ANN MORTENSEN. See p. 1288 for Callie Ann Mortensen and children.

3. JULIE ANNE JARVIES, md. BLAINE NORLAND BAGWELL.

4. LINDA JARVIES, md. CECIL PAUL ASH.

5. GREGORY “G” JARVIES.

6. BRADLEY “G” JARVIES.

7. ALLISON JARVIES.

8. KELLY “G” JARVIES.
3A9-4 LA RENE MORTENSEN, b. 4 September 1906 at Eastdale, Colorado, md. WILLIAM R. WARWICK 27 October 1928, d. 10 August 1929.


Estella Mortensen md. second FLOYD ALTON KLINE 6 March 1950.

Both of my parents came from Utah with their parents when both were five years old.

I graduated from high school in 1931. Due to the illness of my father, I helped with the farming and milked many cows, but I thoroughly enjoyed life in a small town. I worked my way through college and graduated from Brigham Young University in June 1936.

Estella and Asahel bought a home in Alamosa, Colorado where he was employed by Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad. Alamosa was a branch in the Western States Mission.

The children and I moved back to Manassa with my widowed mother. She helped take care of the children: I started teaching in Manassa High School, then in Ovid in Northeastern Colorado, back to Del Norte and again in Manassa. The children went with me wherever I taught.

After eight years of teaching Estella married Floyd Kline. We moved to a ranch seventeen miles northwest of Alamosa, to Stanley, a very close-knit community. With ranch life we were involved in farming, cattle and sheep raising. It was a happy but busy life and we had many enjoyable times. The ranch meadow has seen many family and extended family picnics.

Frieda and Karl finished grade school at the Stanley school and graduated from Monte Vista High School.

Floyd had three children of his own, Shirley Kline Wilson, Valerie Kline Kempf, who were both married at the time of our marriage, and Alfred Calvin Kline who was still at home. Alfred, Frieda and Karl have also married and all have families except Karl.

Floyd and I retired in 1960, sold the ranch and moved to a home two miles east of Alamosa where we developed a good yard and garden. We also did a lot of
traveling over the United States. Floyd died in February 1974. I still live east of Alamosa, continue the yard and garden work, and travel some.

I stay busy and involved. I have served as secretary and teacher in Primary, a Sunday School teacher, in the Presidency of the Relief Society, secretary of stake Relief Society and secretary of Single Adults.

Even though there have been trials and tribulations, with strong parental influence and close family ties, my life has been good and rewarding.

Estella and Asahel had two children:

1. FRIEDA NIELSON, b. 23 January 1938 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. DON EUGENE BUCHER in June 1959.

We lived in Alamosa until my father died October 28, 1940. We moved to Manassa, Colorado, and lived with my grandmother, Kjersten Prunella Jensen Mortensen. My mother taught school. We spent the summers in Manassa. Those were some of the most memorable of my childhood years, being close to family and spending a large portion of the summers at my Aunt Dora and Uncle Con Gilleland's ranch near Cumbres Pass.

When I was 12 years old my mother married my stepfather, Floyd Alton Kline. We moved to a ranch 17 miles northwest of Alamosa. That was a tremendous change in my life, but as time went on I grew to love the ranch and especially working with the animals. I graduated from Monte Vista (Colorado) High School and in May 1959 from Adams State College with a degree in secondary education.

Don was an Adams State student from San Fernando, California. We immediately moved to California because Don was being drafted. We spent the majority of his Army career in Fort Lewis, Washington. When he was discharged, we returned to Alamosa so he could finish college, with a degree in secondary education.

We have had a happy and sometimes hectic life. Both of us have been teaching since we graduated. We have taught and lived in various towns in Colorado and Iowa. Teaching and working with students has been very rewarding for both of us and it afforded us the opportunity to be extremely involved in our own children's lives and activities. Moving to various schools and towns was a challenging and educational experience for our children and for us.

We both recently retired after 40 years of teaching. We plan to travel, rest and relax and enjoy our children and grandchildren:

Three children:

Lary’s early years were spent in Colorado. The family moved to Iowa where he gradu-
ated from high school and attended two years of college. He served in the Air Force 
for four years spending time in England, Korea and Iceland.

When he was discharged from the Air Force, he settled in Sacramento, California, 
where he now resides. He graduated from California State University in Sacramento 
with a major in education and a master’s degree in special education. He teaches in 
the Sacramento area. Paula is an artist who designs jewelry and sculptures using 
polymer clay. They have no children:

2. MELODY ANN BUCHER, b. 24 May 1961 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. BRAD ALAN 
MURPHY 29 June 1991. Melody’s early years were also spent in Colorado and the 
high school years in Iowa. She graduated from Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa 
with an accounting degree and has worked in the accounting field ever since. They 
live in Norwalk, Iowa. Brad is a mechanic for the Des Moines (Iowa) fire department. 
They have one girl.

1. Shelby Ann Murphy, b. 2 June 1995 in Des Moines Iowa.

3. GARY DEAN BUCHER, b. 17 December 1961 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. DIANNA 
SANDERS 31 August 1996. Gary spent his early years in Colorado and high school 
years in Iowa. Gary spent several years traveling and working in various parts of the 
United States before returning to Des Moines, Iowa, to settle. He is now an insur-
ance salesman in Des Moines. Dianna also works in the insurance business. 
Dianna has one son, Michael Huffman, born September 22, 1989, from a previous 
marriage. They have a son:

1. Nash Dean Bucher, b. 19 March 1997 in Des Moines, Iowa.

2. KARL MARTIN NIELSON, b. 13 April 1939 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. PATRICIA 
MAHONEY in September 1967 [divorced]. We had no children:

We lived in Alamosa until my father died October 28, 1940. We moved to Manassa, 
Colorado, and lived with my grandmother, Kjersten Pernella Jensen Mortensen. My mother 
taught school there. Later she taught in northeastern Colorado and back in Manassa. We 
spent the summers in Manassa.

When I was 10 years old my mother married Floyd Alton Kline. We moved to a ranch 
17 miles north west of Alamosa. That was a tremendous change in my life. It gave me the 
opportunity to experience the daily activities of farm and ranch life. I graduated from 
Monte Vista (Colorado) High School and after one year at Adams State College I joined the 
U.S. Air Force. In the Air Force I received electronics training. Three of my four years of 
active duty were spent in Spain and France.

Based on my electronics training, I secured a position with IBM. This led to a career 
in computers and telecommunications (now more broadly defined as technology). The addi-
tional training and education I completed while with IBM allowed me to move into the 
banking and finance field, applying technology solutions to business problems.

I am recently retired and look forward to spending time gardening and volunteering.
in the public education system. As I review my life I feel that my basic value system was shaped by a positive home environment and supported by strong extended family values. I also feel that growing up in a rural environment provided me with a good understanding of life.

**3A10 Alma Christen Mortensen**, b. 7 December 1879, in Parowan, Utah, bpt. 3 May 1888 by S. C. Berthelsen, md. LEONORA NIelsen 20 January 1901.

**3A10 Alma Christen Mortensen** md. second CAROLINE ALEXANDER WOOTON 26 May 1934.

**3A10 Alma Christen Mortensen** md. third MARTHA KARNS 28 January 1940.

**3A10 Alma Christen Mortensen** md. fourth GRACE S. KIZER 7 November 1961.
3B ANDERS JORGEN MORTENSEN, was b. 21 September 1833, in Haarbolle, Denmark, the third child of Peder Mortensen and Helena Sandersen, took as a plural wife, WILHELMINA CHRISTINA IPSON, 15 July 1865, md. in the Endowment House, Salt Lake City, Utah. Wilhelmina Ipson was b. on the island of Bornholm, Denmark, on 20 January 1836.

She accepted the Gospel in her native land and was bpt. 20 March 1856 by C.O. Folkman. She came to the United States in the year of 1864. Her sister, Andrea, had preceded her to this country, so she went to Minersville, Utah. It was here she first met Anders Jorgen Mortensen. He owned and operated a threshing machine at Minersville. After they were married they made their home in Parowan, Utah.

Wilhelmina gave birth to four children: three sons and a daughter, making a total of fourteen children in Anders Jorgen Mortensen’s family.

3B1 HOLM ANDREAS MORTENSEN was b. October 17, 1866 at Parowan, Utah, to Anders Jorgen Mortensen and Wilhelmina (Elmina) Ipson, md. ANNA ROZILLA CROWTHER 10 October 1888 in the Manti Temple, Utah, by Daniel H. Wells.

At an early age, Holm accompanied his older half-brothers out on the prairie to take care of the sheep. Tears of homesickness and the lonely coyote howls were forgotten when his brothers placed a violin in his hands at this tender age. The piccolo was also mastered as he had the time to practice out on the lonely pastures. He discovered he had a beautiful tenor voice.

Holm’s friends were his brother, Francis, and his half-brothers and sisters. Holm was 18 when his father became ill and died, October 13, 1884. Some of his older half-brothers had been called to settle the San Luis Valley in Colorado. They sold their property in Parowan and decided to come join the new settlements. Elmina and Christine took the train with four of the youngest children and came to the valley. Other family members came by wagon, taking weeks and traveling 673 miles. When they arrived, Elmina had died and been buried a week.

The families moved to Richfield and eventually to Sanford, which was replacing Ephraim, and an era of building was in progress. Holm, being particular, became adept as a carpenter and was sought after when high precision work was required. The Sanford Rock Church was being built. Holm designed the choir alcove and circular stairway. Later, when the building was removed, a decorative
Holm became acquainted with a lovely young lady, Rozilla Crowther who had come from Utah to help her sister with her large family. Two years later they married. They made their home in Sanford, Colorado.

They lived in a small frame home in Sanford, but soon a modest new brick home was built. Holm played for dances in Sanford and surrounding communities on the violin and the piccolo. He also could chord on the organ. He enjoyed singing in a quartet with Will Crowther singing bass; Holm, tenor; Rozilla, alto; and Laura (Rozilla’s sister, soprano. Holm and Rozilla enjoyed singing duets together. They raised a productive garden and Holm’s main source of income was his carpenter work. He also carried the mail to and from La Jara. Children were welcomed into their family. Twice they were called upon to lay a child to rest, which brought much sorrow.

In 1909, the family moved temporarily to Mesa, Arizona, on advice of Rozilla’s doctor. She rebounded, but when the hot weather came in the summer, her health deteriorated again. They moved back to Sanford. Due to complications of childbirth with the couple’s thirteenth child, Rozilla passed away on March 6, 1912. The family responsibility fell directly on Holm’s shoulders, shared by his two older children: Ina and Eugene.

It became almost impossible for him to make ends meet in Colorado, so he moved to Mesa, Arizona. There he met Mary Elizabeth (Libby) LeSueur, a widow.

3B1 Holm Andreas Mortensen md. second Mary Elizabeth (Libby) LeSueur
July 15, 1925. The blending of two families was a major challenge and the younger children moved from family member to family member until they were raised. Holm was able to secure a position with the Mesa Public School District as a custodian. He seemed to find his niche in life and worked there about 25 years. He appreciated his association with the school. The school staff and students loved him. One of the yearbooks from that school was dedicated to Holm for the dedication and love that he had given the school.

Holm was dedicated to the Church and had a strong testimony of the Gospel. He was a gifted teacher and taught in all the organizations of the Church. He was active in his high priests quorum and served faithfully as a “ward teacher” all of his life.

While crossing the street in Mesa, he was struck by a passing automobile. His recovery from that accident was slow and ended his productive life. He spent his last years living with family members. He became hard of hearing and advanced age took its toil.

At the age of 91 Holm passed away on October 13, 1957. His posterity is extensive and he and his family have accomplished much good in the communities where they have lived.

Interesting dates which are coincidental and not in error:
Holm’s father, Anders Jorgen Mortensen, died October 13, 1884.
Holm’s brother, Francis Ipsen Mortensen, died October 13, 1934.
Holm Andreas Mortensen died October 13, 1957.

Thirteen children:

**3B1-1 HOLM EUGENE MORTENSEN**, b. 18 August 1889 in Sanford, Colorado, md. EFFIE NIELSON 11 October 1911 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b. 22 September 1892 Sanford, Colorado, d. 8 January 1967. Holm d. 20 December 1970 due to complications associated with a stroke.

He was trained at his parent’s knee and enjoyed an extremely close relationship with his mother. This relationship was to mold his life and was a blessing he counted daily for his mother left this life with the birth of her thirteenth child depriving the younger children of their mother’s influence during those critical growing-up years.

He preferred the name of Gene and was known fondly by this name by his dear Effie and many associates. Due to the many Mortensens who lived in the San Luis Valley and his close association with William O. and Mary C. Crowther, though he was a nephew, many referred to our father as “Uncle Gene.” He insisted
that his grandchildren call him “Grandpa Gene.”

**EARLY YEARS**

He grew up with many close friends who remained close throughout his lifetime, including Bert Whitney, Alma Crowther, Arthur Crowther and John Knight. At a very early age, he started developing one of his greatest loves, music. He had excellent teachers and examples in his mother and father and his Uncle William O. Crowther. It was during his youth that he acquired a high quality trumpet that provided him with hours of enjoyment and income. It remains a treasured remembrance in the family. Many accomplished musicians, including King Driggs, father of the King Sisters, recorded that in his prime he played the trumpet as competently as anyone ever had. He had a beautiful tenor voice and singing was the basis for hours of enjoyment in the community, church and particularly in his family.

He associated with the young people in Sanford, among whom was a tall beautiful young lady by the name of Effie Nielson. Her family had come from Utah and had established a general store in Sanford. Effie and Gene started running in the same crowd, participating in various community events. Both Effie and Gene lived in the northern part of Sanford. One night, they were out in a foursome and their respective dates lived in the southern part of Sanford. It was agreed that Gene’s friend would walk his date home in the south and Gene would walk his date, Effie home in the north. This association ultimately led to their marriage.

To help with the support of his mother and father’s large family, he hired out to ranchers in the commu-
nity, most notably Thor Peterson. Here he learned the business of ranching and farming for he said that Mr. Peterson always told him why and how to do an assignment.

**GETTING ESTABLISHED**

As Gene and Effie were establishing themselves in Sanford, an opportunity of a lifetime came their way. Gene’s uncle and aunt, William O. and Mary C. Crowther invited them to join with their family in a company ranching venture, north of Sanford. Though he was a nephew, Uncle Will and Aunt Mary treated him as a son. Gene and Effie were eternally grateful for this opportunity. From this start, they built a very successful ranching business primarily based on raising sheep with the income source being the annual lamb crop and the wool. To support the sheep, hay and grain were also raised and stored. Economic times were challenging and through mutual agreement, each couple took $50 per year from the company.

Most of their food came from the company but supplemental income was necessary. Gene’s musical talents saw them through these challenging times and became the main source of their economic support. He played in a very successful dance band. They traveled all over the San Luis Valley.

From this start, they grew their business, acquiring additional property both in the valley and in the mountains. Gene and Effie were hard working people and they worked alongside each other all their lives. Effie was a field hand as well as a highly efficient homemaker. She was a very thrifty person and there was no waste. A favorite saying of hers was “A woman who doesn’t know how to manage the home can throw more out the back door with a teaspoon than a good man can shovel in the front door with a scoop shovel.” They were sought out for their knowledge of ranching and farming.

Tragedy struck the family, when Dolan, their first child was seven years old. He took very ill with complications of infected tonsils and passed away on January 27, 1920. Modern antibiotics would have saved him from this early death.

**CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

They served their community and their church. Gene was a counselor in a bishopric, a high councilor and the ward choir director for many years. Effie was a Primary and Young Women’s leader and served for many years as a counselor in a stake Relief Society presidency. Gene served on the Richfield Water Board, the Conejos County Soil Conservation Board and the FHA Board. When there was illness in the neighborhood, he was called to administer. Effie belonged to a community club that made quilts for the needy.
Gene suffered a heart attack during his fifties and dislocated his lower back, which resulted in such terrific pain that the nerves to his legs had to be blocked. Medical science could find no relief for his condition. Ultimately, they found a doctor in Washington, D.C. who cured him. He enjoyed good health from that time until his death.

One of Gene’s greatest accomplishments that shows his loyalty and love for his eternal companion was his care and concern for her during the ten-plus years that she suffered from the crippling effects of arthritis. He retired from active ranch life and was her nurse, cook and housekeeper. She died on the anniversary of her son Dolan’s birthday. The legacy of Gene and Effie live on in their posterity. Their example and teachings will be felt for generations to come.

3B1-1 Holm Eugene Mortensen md. second JENNIE PETERSON LIEBERT 30 May 1968. Gene and Jennie enjoyed each other’s company and traveled to various locations until his passing.

Prepared by their living children - July 24, 2000

Gene and Effie’s children:

1. DOLAN EUGENE MORTENSEN, b. 8 January 1913 and d. 27 January 1920 in Sanford, Colorado.

Dolan came into mortality during the transition from the pioneer/frontier days to the modern day. His short life bridged the horse and buggy days to the early automobile models and from the plow horse to the early tractors.

The very mention of Dolan’s name commands respect and reverence. Our knowledge of his life comes to his surviving family from his parents and from early recollections of the next brother, Floyd. Mom and Dad spoke of the high quality of his life.

He had a very serious nature and a pleasant disposition. He seemed to sense the real purpose of life at an early age. Mother tells of a time when he needed a mild reprimand. As she scolded him, he gave her a very penetrating look. The message that she perceived was, “Due to my advancement, I am not in need of your reprimand.” Our parents developed the conviction that he was far advanced in his eternal progression, needed mortality to obtain his body, to secure his place in their eternal family and then was permitted to move on to the next life. In this manner, he was spared the many challenges and risks of mortality because of his previous progression.

Dolan Eugene with his mother, Effie Nielsen Mortensen
There are some very tender moments surrounding his final days on earth. It was wintertime and he came down with an infection, which was severe and settled in his tonsils. They made a trip to Antonito to visit the doctor in the family Model T, Dolan huddled under a heavy quilt. His condition worsened. Due to his critical condition, the doctor came to the home a week later. He declared, “Oh, if I had known then what I know now, I would have removed his tonsils in the office last week.” In effect, the doctor was saying that he could do no more for him. Mom and Dad tried everything they knew: prayer, administration to the sick and lots of tender loving care, making him as comfortable as they could for he was in intense pain.

They bought him a small pocketknife and promised to teach him how to use it to “whittle a whistle.” One morning, he told dad that he hurt so badly. Dad encouraged him and told him that he was going to buy him a small shovel and boots so he could go irrigating with him. A few days later, Dad went in to see him and asked, “How is my little man?” a phrase that our father used to express his deepest love and emotion to his sons. “Sis” was the comparable term of affection used with Lena. With pain in his eyes, he told his father that he didn’t need to buy the shovel and boots, meaning that he knew that he was going to die. The night he died, Dad encouraged our mother to get a good night’s rest as she had worn herself out caring for Dolan these many days. Dad assumed the responsibility of staying with him over the night. Dolan kept asking for his mother. Finally, he was very insistent that his mother come, so Dad woke her up. As they sat with him in the early hours of the morning, he suddenly raised up placing his hand on his chin and said, “My bones hurt so bad that I can stand it no more.” He laid back, closed his eyes and passed into the next life.

Prepared by his sister and brothers - July 24, 2000

2. FLOYD LYNN MORTENSEN, b. 23 February 1915 in Mapleton, Utah, md. CORA ELLEN PETERSON on 1 September 1943.

My mother’s brother, Erastas Nielson, was on his deathbed. She and her brother Melvin went by train to see him. Grandpa Nielson wouldn’t let mom come back until after I was born. That is the reason, I was born in Utah.

I grew up on a ranch five miles north of Sanford, Colorado. My father was a successful farmer and livestock man. We ran 1,000 to 1,600 head of sheep and homesteaded on land in La Jara Canyon. We used this range to lamb our sheep in June, going on to the National Forest land higher in the mountains for the summer. Moving the sheep to the high range took six days. We didn’t have horses to ride, we just walked. We used four burros to carry our camp. They were driven in with the sheep as we traveled.

We were taught to take responsibility at an early age. When I was five years old and lambing time arrived, my first assignment was to watch a little bunch of ewes with their lambs over a ridge north of headquarters. I took a syrup bucket with my lunch in it, went over into the next canyon, turned my little bunch out of the corral and, that evening, put them back in and returned to headquarters.

We were shearing our sheep in La Jara Canyon and my job was to wrangle sheep for
Dad and Uncle Clifford. When they had six sacks of wool, which weighed 350-400 lbs. each, they would load them on our Model T Ford truck and I hauled the wool from La Jara Canyon to the Town of La Jara and unloaded the sacks in a potato cellar, then got groceries and returned to the shearing camp the next day. I was 12 years old.

In 1937, my father and I sheared our sheep and I did custom shearing for 10 cents per head. The most I ever sheared was 80 head in one day. We spent the rest of the summer cutting and stacking hay and cutting and threshing grain for winter feed for our livestock.

I graduated from high school in Sanford, and also attended BYU for 3 years. I enjoyed sports and played football and basketball in high school. I played MIA basketball and also played with the Sanford Giants. We took the San Luis Valley independent basketball championship for years. After returning from the service, we organized an all-Mortensen team. I played center position, my two brothers Verden and Gaylon and five of Uncle Randall’s boys, Clyde, Albert, Donald, Fred and Ralph, made up our team. We won the SLV championship and also the southern half of Colorado, earning the right to play in the national finals in Denver.

I was 26 years old when World War II began. I knew that at least one of our family was going to be required to serve. Being the oldest, I considered it my responsibility. One week after Pearl Harbor, I volunteered for the Army Air Corps along with my friend Norman Reed. My military service was a big worry to my parents and family. I signed up for aircraft mechanics to maintain the workhorse of the war, the B-17, the Flying Fortress. On graduation day, I was among the 110 who were called to become instructors on the B-17 assigned to Wichita Falls, Texas. Later, a new training site was opened up at Amarillo, Texas. I was assigned there where I remained until I was honorably discharged in October 1945. Staying in Texas turned out to be a blessing in my life as it opened up the opportunity for Ellen and me to be married later and begin our many years of happiness together.

Cora Ellen Peterson was my hometown sweetheart. We were sealed in the Mesa Arizona Temple in 1952.

I have held several different positions in the Church: M-Men class president, elders quorum presidency (twice), Sunday School president (Twice), Explorer adviser, elders quorum instructor, MIA president and high priests group secretary, and home teacher.

I’ve been the Miller Ditch Co. president since 1946 and was ditch manager for 15 years. I served on the Soil Conservation Committee for 35 years. I was re-elected every
three years and finally resigned because of my hip surgery.

Ellen has taught in Primary, Sunday School, was Relief Society Coordinator, Relief Society visiting teacher, and Building Use Coordinator. She has nursed me through seven hip operations and is always ready to give any family member a helping hand at any time. Ellen’s father died when she was nine years old, so she was raised with very close ties to her mother and sister, a beautiful relationship.

We moved to her ranch and set up housekeeping after the war and added some mountain range and land here in the valley. This is where we raised our family. Our range is 75 miles southwest across the New Mexico state line. It took us four days to drive our cattle to the summer range before there were roads. Now we haul the cattle by semi-trucks. These cow drives are full of fond memories for all of us. Ellen drove the chuck wagon (pick-up) and the rest of us drove the cattle. The kids all had their favorite cowboy movie star to imitate. We grieve because we didn’t have a movie camera with us.

As I am writing this, on July 10, 2000, I am 85 years old and recuperating from my seventh hip operation. Ellen has some infirmities, but we are thankful that we can still be together and we look forward to doing all that we can for as long as the good Lord sees fit to let us enjoy the afternoon years of our lives here upon this earth.

We have four children:

1. GUY K (SAM) MORTENSEN, b. 29 March 1945 at Del Norte, Colorado, md. BETTY JANE SOWARDS May of 1967 in the Manti Temple.

   Guy grew up working on his parents’ cattle ranch outside of La Jara, Colorado. He was active in hunting, fishing, and sports in his spare time. He lettered in football, basketball, and track. Basketball was his favorite sport, where he was the captain of the team his junior and senior years. He played saxophone in the band, was assistant yearbook photographer, represented the senior class in student government, and drove a school bus before and after school.

   Graduating in 1963, he won a scholarship and used it to attend Adams State College for one year. In the spring of 1964 he left for a mission to the Central Atlantic States Mission where he spent his time in Virginia and North Carolina. Returning in the spring of 1966, he attend BYU. He continued dating his high school sweetheart, Betty Jane Sowards, and they were married the day after she graduated from BYU with a B.S. in Nursing. Guy graduated from BYU and was commissioned in the U.S. Army Reserve in May 1970. After serving on active duty, Guy returned to BYU to complete classes needed for his second B.S. in 1971.

   Guy began working for the Kmart Corporation in their management-training program. He left Kmart to work in the insurance industry, completing the three-year SRT training program with Travelers Insurance while working in Colorado Springs. After leaving the insurance business, he managed a small chain of retail jewelry stores in Colorado Springs and Denver, Colorado. He left Colorado in 1980 to become an assistant manager with Brown & Root, Inc. in Houston, Texas. After five
years, he joined Benjamin Franklin Savings Association in Houston, rising to the rank of Vice President for Administration. Six years later when Benjamin Franklin was bought out, all senior management personnel were let go. Guy, having obtained a law degree and master's degree decided to change careers and entered academia, teaching management classes at North Harris Community College and through the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX).

While working for TEEX, he began working on a Ph.D., and in 1995 accepted a position with Texas A&M University. He currently is the Employee Relations Manager for the University.

He has fulfilled Church callings including Primary teacher, Sunday School teacher, president of the Sunday School, counselor in the elders quorum, elders quorum president, assistant ward clerk, ward clerk, and first counselor in a bishopric.

Their children are all faithful members of the Church. They have three boys and two girls.

1. Eric S. Mortensen, b. 8 May 1969 at Provo, Utah, md. Cherie Renae Lloyd 20 August 1993 in the Logan Temple. She was b. 21 August 1969. Eric spent his early years in Colorado Springs and Manassa, Colorado. He moved with his parents to Houston, Texas, in 1980, where he finished the public school process and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He was active in school, lettering in Academic Decathlon. In his spare time, he was involved in hunting, fishing, and karate, in which he earned a provisional black belt. He was awarded a scholarship to college upon graduating from high school and attended the University of Houston until leaving for his mission. He was called to the Utah Provo Mission 1989 - 1991, which was somewhat of a surprise, as he has lots of relatives in that area. He finished his mission as a Zone Leader. Following his mission, he returned to school part-time and worked full-time, saving money to go to BYU. Upon transferring to BYU to finish his degree, a B.S. in Management Information Systems, Brigham Young University, 1998, he was reacquainted with a young lady, Cherie Renae Lloyd, who had transferred into his zone when he was a zone leader just before the end of his mission. They started dating and were married. Cherie is from West Yellowstone, Montana, filled a mission in the Utah Provo Mission, and graduated from BYU with a BS in Management Information Systems. Eric works in the computer science industry. Eric has held Church callings as a stake missionary, Sunday School president, ward mission leader, assistant ward clerk, and is currently first counselor in the elders quorum. Three children:
   2. Eric Tyler Mortensen, b. 6 May 1997.

2. Stuart S. Mortensen, b. 20 March 1971 at La Jara, Colorado, md. Lisa Marie Thomas 28 August 1998 in the Vernal Temple. She was b. 18 January 1971. Stuart spent his early years in Colorado Springs and Manassa, Colorado. He moved with his parents to Houston, Texas, in 1980, where he fin-
ished the public school process. He was active in school, lettering in swimming. In his spare time, he was involved in hunting, fishing, and karate, in which he earned a red belt. He was first-string on the high school water polo team. His team won the 5A Texas State Championship his junior and senior years of high school, and he was named a High School All-American in Water Polo. In January of his senior year, he elected to withdraw from high school, get his GED and go to Hawaii to live and work until starting college in the Fall. He had a wonderful time and education living in Hawaii, where he was the president of the Sunday School of the Student Ward. He returned in the late summer and started school at San Jacinto Community College, where he continued until leaving for a mission January 2, 1991. He was called to the Idaho Boise Mission 1991 - 1992 where he enjoyed the people and the mountains. He finished his mission as a Zone Leader. Following his mission, he returned to school, transferring to Lee College where he earned an associate degree in Nursing. He passed the state boards as a Registered Nurse and works as an Emergency Room nurse. He is continuing his schooling to finish a B.S. and M.S. as registered nurse, Lee College in 1997. On a ski trip to Utah, he met a young lady from Alamosa, Colorado, where he had lived as a young boy. Lisa graduated from BYU with a B.S. in Health Promotion. Stuart works in a large hospital in Houston, Texas. He has held Church callings as Sunday School president, first counselor in the Sunday School, Sunday School teacher, assistant ward clerk, and Primary teacher. One child:

1. Madison Katelyn Mortensen was b. 11 February 2000.

Education: Diploma, North Shore High School, Houston, Texas 1991; B.S., University of Houston, 1998
Jim spent his early years in Colorado Springs and Manassa, Colorado. He moved with his parents to Houston, Texas, in 1980, where he finished the public school process with honors and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He was active in school, lettering in swimming and academic decathlon. In his spare time, he was involved in hunting, fishing, and karate, in which he earned a red belt. He was first-string on the high school water polo team. His team won the 5A Texas State Championship his sophomore and junior years of high school. He attended San Jacinto Community College until leaving for a mission in January 1992. He was called to the Florida Tampa, Spanish-speaking Mission, where he enjoyed the people and the different culture. He finished his mission as District Leader of the only Spanish-speaking district in the mission.

Following his mission, he returned to school, transferring to the University of Houston, where he earned a B.S. in Spanish with a pre-med minor. He plans on going back to the University of Houston to get an MBA. Through a mutual friend, he was introduced to the Stewart family in Katy, Texas, and met their daughter, Jeanette Lee. They started dating, then they married. She attended BYU and served a mission to New York. Immediately upon her return from
a mission, she met Jim and they were married. Jim works in the trucking transportation industry in his company’s regional office in Houston, Texas. Jim has held Church callings as Sunday School teacher, assistant ward clerk, elders quorum teacher, and currently is the ward clerk. Two girls:

1. McKenzie Ann Mortensen was b. 12 May 1998.
2. Kaylee Grace Mortensen was b. 19 October 1999.

4. Tamara S. Mortensen, b. 16 March 1977 at Colorado Springs, Colorado, md. Russell Paton Hines 20 December 1996 in the Dallas Texas Temple. He was b. 25 January 1968. When I was still a small child my family moved to Texas where I lived for nearly twenty years. My brothers, my younger sister and I played together well and were always friends. In high school I was very active in the choir. My sophomore through senior years I was in the varsity choir. I graduated in 1995 from North Shore High School in the top ten percent with honors. I started school again at a local junior college. In December of 1999, Russell and I graduated from the University of Houston. I graduated with a bachelor’s degree in History and Russell graduated with a Ph.D. in Business. In January of 2000 our family moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where Russell teaches at the University of Tulsa. I took a little time off from school to become accustomed to being a mother. As of now, I am taking up voice lessons again and am looking forward to graduate school. I have held Church callings as president of my MIA classes and was active in my student ward and Institute at the university. I am currently a counselor in the Relief Society. One child.


5. Juliann S. Mortensen, b. 15 February 1981 at Georgetown, Texas to Guy K and Betty Jane Sowards Mortensen. Juliann was born and raised in Texas, the fifth of five children where she finished the public school process and graduated in the top six percent of her class with honors. She was active in her 5A-sized high school, lettering in choir and the year book. In her spare time, she was involved in swimming, the German Club, and photography. She was a general photographer for the school year book and the senior class photographer. As such, she was responsible for all photos of seniors at school events where senior class members participated. Upon graduation, she attended Texas A&M University, where she is currently a sophomore. Juliann has held Church callings as president of her MIA classes and is active in her student ward, Institute, and Church sorority at the university.

2. GORDON KELLY MORTENSEN, md. DONNA ELAINE WESTBROOK in the Salt Lake Temple. Donna is the daughter of Marie Miller and Joel Howard Westbrook.

While working in Creede as a lineman and serviceman, I also held other jobs. I was Deputy Sheriff and Deputy Town Marshall of Creede and Mineral County for eleven years. I also taught hunter safety for twenty-five years. I have been an EMT for twelve years and a member of the school board for fourteen years. I was the president of the former Creede Rotary Club.

My hobbies have been hunting and fishing. I have had a lot of success in taking quite a few deer, elk, and other animals with a
bow, muzzle loader, rifles, and pistols. I have shot pistols on the Sheriff's Team and have won first and second places. I still enjoy elk hunting but it is not as important to make the kill like it was when I was younger. I enjoy shooting sporting clays. For the past six years, I have been sponsored to shoot on a team.

One of my wishes is that the younger Mortensen boys will get to play the old famous Mortensen Basketball Team in the hereafter, as basketball is an important part of our lives. I played two years of college basketball with Utah Technical College. My two daughters and my son played throughout high school. I coached the junior high girls and boys for thirteen years and have been the assistant coach for the varsity boys’ team for the past six years.

I have worked as a lineman for the San Luis Valley Rural Electric in Creede, Colorado. We moved here twenty-one years ago. We held church in our home for seven years. Then we found another house to hold services in. The branch dwindled and we combined with the Del Norte Branch in the Alamosa Colorado Stake. Out of the twenty-one years, I have spent seventeen of them in the branch presidency.

Elaine has been the Primary president for fifteen years and recently received a calling to be the first counselor in the Relief Society in the Del Norte Branch. Throughout all of my part-time and full-time jobs, the Church has been the center of our lives. We have all been faithful and pray we can stay true to the gospel and strong in faith to the end.

We were blessed with three children:
1. Kalanee Lee Mortensen, served a mission in Charleston, West Virginia, md. Nathan Alan Crowther. She is currently a senior at Adams State College.
2. Toni Adele Mortensen, graduated from Adams State College with a degree in Elementary Education and has a contract to teach third grade in Delta, Colorado. She is the Young Women’s president in the Del Norte Branch of the
Alamosa Stake.


3. Dennis Myron Mortensen, md. Kassie Westbrook March 1976 in the Oakland Temple. Kassie is from Sanford, the daughter of Don and Judy Westbrook.

August 2000. I, Dennis Myron, live close to the ranch I was raised on, west of La Jara, Colorado. I enjoyed hunting, fishing and working on the ranch as I grew up along with my two brothers and one sister. We loved going to the mountains. I went to elementary school in La Jara and graduated from Centauri High School. I attended college at Adams State and served a full-time mission in Arizona.

We have had a half-a-dozen girls and one boy. All the kids have enjoyed music and have been active in sports. We are very proud of all our children and have truly been blessed with each one. I also feel most fortunate having the parents I have who taught me the important things of life.

Seven children:
1. Kayla Jo Mortensen served a mission in Ecuador 1999 to 2001 and absolutely loved it.
2. Tawsha Donn Mortensen, attended Adams State College in Alamosa. She planned to be married in October 2000.
3. Ginger Lee Mortensen, has a unique wit that we all enjoy. She attends Adams State College.
4. Dyson Kyle Mortensen, a sophomore in high school and hopes to be the tallest one in the family.
5. Kiley Sue Mortensen is starting her first year of high school and is ready for any challenges that come her way.
6. Myla Gaye Mortensen will be in the fifth grade. She doesn’t miss a thing.
7. Joslyn Brook Mortensen will be in second grade is a very loving child and
always has a smile on her face


My three older brothers always took care of me which was great; nobody ever dared to cross me because they knew they would have to deal with my brothers. I had a very happy childhood with honorable parents who love us and always made us feel special. Our family laughed a lot, as Mom and Dad both had a wonderful sense of humor. Among the special times I remember growing up were the cattle drives to New Mexico and staying in our cabin that my father built.

We drove our cattle to the New Mexico range, which took four days. We usually arrived early in the afternoon, and had time to go fishing before dark. The next morning we always enjoyed a fantastic meal of hot biscuits and fresh fish!! At the cabin, we rode our horses bareback, played hide and seek in the trees and thoroughly enjoyed our freedom and each other’s company.

I have enjoyed riding horses all my life. One very special horse we had when I was young was named Cloudy. He was named that because he was completely white. He was the one who taught us all to ride and was Mom’s best babysitter.

We had an old Army Jeep that was painted yellow and christened “Yellow Bird.” There wasn’t anything we couldn’t go through with “Yellow Bird.” Whether we were hunting rabbits or just goofing off, there were no obstacles too big.

Upon graduating from Centauri High School, I went to Dixie Junior College, in St. George, Utah. My friend and I, Lucy Shawcroft, went together. I then enrolled in a school for Radiological Technology in Colorado Springs, Colorado. It was run by a German Catholic nun, Sister John Francis at St. Francis Hospital. She spoke very
broken English. When I met her, I couldn't understand a thing she said. I tried to get past the first interview so I could meet my main instructor, and then learned she WAS my main instructor!! I was so afraid that I would never be able to understand her. Then I learned that she held the record, other school in Rhode Island, for all students passing the National Board Exam to become Registered Technologist. Needless to say, I passed the course and became a Registered Radiological Technologist in July of 1977.

We live on a cattle ranch nine miles south of Alamosa, Colorado. After we were married, we moved to Provo, Utah, where Donald graduated from BYU with a bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Economics and a minor degree in Animal Science. We decided to move back here to the San Luis Valley, as we both felt that the ranch was a good place to raise a family. Our children have learned responsibility and how to work, a value we felt was more important than money. We feel we are extremely rich because our family can be together and learn to work together. I work at Conejos County Hospital in the X-ray department and have continued my education by passing the National Registry Exam for CAT Scan in October 1999. I guess it's never too late to teach an old dog new tricks!

We have been fortunate to do some traveling as Donald was on the State Board of Directors for Colorado Farm Bureau. We both love the gospel and have strong testimonies. We hope all of our children will grow up as happily as we did, and will gain testimonies of the Gospel and be married in the temple. Donald and I have both held numerous positions in the Church, and hope we can continue to serve our Father in Heaven.

We are blessed with six children:
1. Andria Shawcroft.
2. Amber Shawcroft.
3. Craig Shawcroft.
4. Ryan Shawcroft.
5. Lynn Shawcroft.

3. VERDEN “N” MORTENSEN, b. 2 August 1918 in Sanford, Colorado, md. DORIS DUNN 21 March 1937 at the home of the stake president, John B. Reed, sealed 25 March 1937 in the Salt Lake Temple. Doris is the daughter of Anna Buletta Jensen and Simeon Harmon Dunn.

My father was in partnership with W. O. Crowther and sons on a ranch about three miles north of the town of Sanford in southern Colorado. I have fond memories of growing up. My father had sheep that we trailed up to the old homestead in the La Jara Canyon and to Platoro where we spent many days fishing in the Conejos River.

My parents were really good parents, they taught us how to work and to be honest and upright. They would make any sacrifice that it took for their family. I herded sheep with my brother, Floyd, and spent summers putting up hay and grain to feed lambs in the wintertime. I also helped my mother with the housework and tending the younger children.
My fondest memories were going with my dad hunting and fishing and to the sheep camps.

I attended elementary school in Sanford up to a junior in high school. The Sanford school went broke so they closed down the high school and I finished school in Manassa, a small town seven miles south of Sanford. Basketball was an important sport in our communities. I played on all of the school teams and we were successful, having won the San Luis Valley Championship. I was one of the younger players who played on a very strong team, the Sanford Giants. Later, my cousins and my brothers formed a Mortensen Family Basketball Team that was very successful. We took the championship of the San Luis Valley and Southern Colorado in the National AAU organization. This earned us a berth in the National Tournament in Denver each year.

While attending school in Manassa, I met and married my wife. We lived on the ranch and worked with my father and brother Gaylon. There were three families on the ranch and the times were hard so I took a job overseeing sheep for an oilman. I worked there two years and then took a job on road construction in New Mexico. I worked on Interstate 40 on different projects from Tucumcari to Gallup, N.M. I also worked on Interstate 25 from Santa Fe to Raton, and on other roads in New Mexico. I was a heavy equipment operator and spent 23 years on these jobs.

Gaylon took over the ranch operation until I came home in 1976 where I worked until I retired in 1997 at the age of 79.

Doris and I have had the opportunity to serve in the church and community. She has been ward Relief Society president and counselor, a Young Women advisor, Primary counselor and teacher and a visiting teacher all her life. I worked in the Scouting program, the Sunday School, was ward mission leader and a home teacher all my life. I spent many days doing volunteer work at the Stake Welfare Farm. We are currently serving together as Ward Single Adult Advisors. I served on the Nortonville School Board and the Commonwealth Ditch Board for many years.

Eight children:

We lived on a ranch near Sanford, Colorado and I, Deann, lived in different houses on that ranch all my growing up days. I was the oldest of eight children: six sisters and one brother. My family is very close and a great joy and comfort. I graduated from Sanford High School in 1957 and attended college at Adam State in Alamosa for the school year 1957-58.

We adopted three children, two boys an a girl. The boys were born in Denver, Colorado, and Pam was born in Grand Junction, Colorado. Our biggest challenge was Curtis who was born with cerebral palsy and was partially paralyzed on the right side.

We lived in Sanford for 1-1/2 years and then moved to La Jara to Dale’s grandmother Cornum’s house where we have lived ever since. When first married, I worked in Kelloff’s Food Market as a checker. Later I worked for Joe S. Chavez in his insurance agency. After raising my children I worked for Caroll McDaniels at Country Kitchen Health Foods in Alamosa. I bought the store from McDaniels in 1993 and Pam and I ran it until we sold it in 1999.

I have enjoyed being at home. I enjoy my children, my husband, my yard, reading and doing hand work. My passion has been the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and my goal is to have a celestial family. Three children:

1. Curtis Dale Cornum [adopted], b. 12 August 1961 in Denver, Colorado. Dale and De Ann Cornum adopted me in December of that year. I grew up in La Jara and attended La Jara Elementary, Centauri Junior High, and Centauri High School. At the age of 18 months I was diagnosed with cerebral palsy which has been a great challenge. I lived in Alamosa for many years but was unable to find employment. After living in several places, I moved to Pueblo, Colorado, in 1998. I am currently working and finally feel like my life is beginning to even out. I am thankful and feel the Lord has blessed me through a lot of bad choices and actions. I give thanks.

2. Kirby Brent Cornum [adopted the middle of April 1963], b. 1 March 1963 in Denver by Dale and De Ann Cornum, md. Karen Gallegos 8 April 1989 at the Catholic Church in Capulin, Colorado. Kirby grew up in La Jara, Colorado and attended La Jara Elementary, Centauri Junior High, and Centauri High School. I graduated from high school in May of 1980. I have lived in La Jara my whole life. I have worked at Cornum’s welding and have owned and driven a semi-truck to earn a living. I enjoy hunting, fishing and spending time with my family. We have four children:
   1. Krista Renae Cornum was b. 14 October 1990.
   2. Jared Cornum was b. 26 February 1992.
   3. Ashley Andrea Cornum was b. 21 February 1994.
   4. Jeremy Wayne Cornum was b. 20 March 1996.

3. Pamela Sue Cornum [adopted], b. 28 February 1967 in Grand Junction,
Colorado, md. Steve Cordova 14 February 1985 [divorced in 1989]. I, Pamela Sue, grew up in La Jara, Colorado. I attended Centauri High School. I was a single mother of three children for about seven years, attending Adams State College. Pam and Gerald were only married for two years. During that time we had six children between us, five who lived with us. It was an interesting life for a while but things didn’t work out. I graduated from Adams State College in May of 1996 with a bachelors of arts degree in Business Administration. In September of 1993 Mom and Dad purchased Country Kitchen Health Foods in Alamosa. I helped Mom run the business for six years. Mason grew up in California but has lived in Colorado for the last 12 years. Mason travels with his work and I am residing in La Jara at the current time. Steve and I had three children:

1. Justin Dale Cordova was b. 20 July 1985.
2. Kymberlie Ann Cordova was b. 25 July 1986.
3. Ryan Steve Cordova was b. 21 October 1987.

Pamela Sue Cornum md. second Gerald R. Jones, Jr. [divorced in 1997].

Pamela Sue Cornum md. third Mason Gracia 15 October 1997 in Las Vegas, Nevada. One son:

1. Kahle Athen Gracia was b. 14 June 1999.


I had a good childhood, growing up with my brother and sisters, for as time went by, there was eight of us. We moved into the house where my mom and dad presently live when I was two years old.

I remember feeding pinkos from a pop bottle with a nipple, gathering eggs, even trying to milk the cow a time of two (but never had much luck at that), and driving the hay truck in the fields when we could hardly see out of the windshield, we were so small, while the men stacked the bales of hay. I was considered rather stubby and had a hot temper, inherited from my dad. My dad and I always clashed when I was a kid and I clashed with anyone else also that didn’t give me my way. My uncle Wayne was only a few years older than my oldest sister was, so he was a childhood playmate too. He got to drive us to school.

I entered Sanford Elementary School in the fall of 1949 and graduated from Sanford High School in May of 1961. When I was in junior high school, my father went to work on road construction in New Mexico. My family and I spent many wonderful summers living in a little trailer house somewhere in the vast regions of New Mexico, where Dad’s company set up camps for their employees. I remember when Renee Cornum and I

Rosalie Mortensen and Alfred Lee Williams
went with my father and her father, when we first started working on the road, we had “window peekers,” so we were told later, because the other employees wondered what these men were doing with such young wives. We were quite humiliated to think they thought we were our father’s wives!

It was in the middle of my junior year in high school my grandmother Dunn past away. Shortly after that my mother moved our family into her mother’s home in Manassa with my grandfather Dunn. Dad was still working on road construction and was only home on weekends. I stayed with my grandparents, Gene and Effie Mortensen, so I could continue school in Sanford.

When I was a senior in high school, my class went to Juarez Mexico on our senior trip in Mexico and saw all those kids in the river begging for money. Everywhere we went, there were kids begging. The bullfights were the big attraction, but once was enough. Seventeen out of 21 graduating seniors went on to college, although I got there in a sort of a roundabout way.

After graduating from high school, I went to Lancaster, California, and stayed with my Aunt and Uncle Olsen. I only lasted about six months there, came home and entered Adams State College. I moved around quite a bit in those years.

In January 1964, I went to Washington, D.C. just to spread my wings and be on my own for awhile. I went to work at a stockbroker company as a “cashier” and loved my job.

Al was a widower, with a young son. Rick, his son, lived in Baltimore with Al’s mom and dad but as soon as we married, Rick came to live with us in Arlington, Virginia. After a few years, we got “itchy feet” and decided to move to Texas, where an old friend of Al’s lived and was always trying to talk Al into coming on down. We settled in Houston for about nine months, and about twelve different jobs and decided that wasn’t for us, so we headed for Colorado to see my folks and ended up staying for five years. This is where we bought our first home and where our lovely daughter was born.

Al is an automobile mechanic, so it was not difficult for him to find a job. The cold weather finally got to Al. What started to be a vacation in Arizona ended up becoming our home up to the present time.

I worked for Motorola for 22 years and retired from there in 1998. Al had retired some years before when his father got sick and Al quit work so he could be Paw’s nursemaid, chauffeur, chief bottle washer, housekeeper, etc. and my house husband. I keep busy camping, reading, doing needlework, crafts, volunteer work mostly for the church, watching my grandchildren, family history and anything else that comes up.

Even though Al is a non-member, I stay close to the church and it has been such an anchor in my life. Two children:

1. Richard Williams, b. 16 August 1957 in Baltimore,
Maryland, md. Kathleen Johnson 23 October 1976. divorced September of 1991. My father was in the Air Force and stationed in Puerto Rico when I was born and my mother was living with my Grandmother and Grandfather Williams in Baltimore. I was several months old before my father saw me for the first time. When Dad got out of the service, we lived in Washington, D.C. and Dad worked as a mechanic in the area. In February of 1962, when I was five years old, my Mom passed away. She had lupus, but died of pneumonia. It was a hard time for my father and they could take care of me. He sent me to Baltimore with my grandparents so they could take care of me. Later, my dad married Rosalie Mortensen and I went to live with them in Arlington Virginia. We moved around a little, first going to Texas, then Colorado and ending up in Arizona. I graduated from Mesa High School in 1975. My Grandmother Williams, who had taken care of me after my mom's death, passed away in Spring 1976 and we went back to Virginia for the funeral. It was the first time we had been back since leaving the east in 1968.

On October 23, 1976, I married Kathleen Johnson, whose family lived just a few houses down from my family’s house. Shortly after that I joined the Army. Kathy stayed with her folks while I went to boot camp. Our first daughter was born prematurely on January 3, 1977. We named her Jaime Lynn and she struggled to live. They kept her in the hospital for a couple of months, then we brought her home to the Johnson home, but had to take her back only a few days latter because she got a staph infection. Kathy brought her home again a few days later and had her home only three or four days when she died of SIDS on March 21, 1977. It was a terrible loss but we were young and soon off to see what life had to offer. I was stationed at Fort Carson and Kathy returned to school and life was good. When we got out of the service, we returned to Mesa, Arizona, where we had grown up, and my dad took me under his wing and made a mechanic out of me. On July 12, 1987, my son, Ricky, was born. Then in September of 1991 Kathy and I were divorced. Ricky spends every other weekend with me and we have a very good relationship with each other. Two children:

1. Jamie Lynn Williams, b. 3 January 1977, d. 21 March 1977.


Donna Lee Williams md. second JOHN THOMAS BUMBERNICK 18 October 1993, in the King of Glory Lutheran Church. John was b. 2 March 1959 in
Johnstown, Pennsylvania to James and Esther Bumbernick. On 6 July 2000 John T. Bumbernick was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I grew up in Mesa, Arizona. In October 1991, I met John Thomas Bumbernick who would later become my husband and father to all my children. He spent his early life in Johnstown, graduated from Johnstown Vo-Tech in 1977. As a young man he enjoyed hunting, fishing and baseball. When his father passed away in 1980, he came to Arizona to make a life for himself. He went to work for ABCO Foods and has been with them for 20 years. One year after our son was born, I went to work for United Blood Services where I am a lead tech on the night shift. I enjoy making a living while providing a much-needed service to the community at the same time. John and I both serve in the Scouting program, he with the 12- and 13-year-olds and I with the 10-year-old Webelos. I also am a Girl Scout leader and am really enjoying it. During baseball season, John is usually coaching at least two teams and sometimes three. He really loves baseball! John officially adopted my first two children. This was just a formality since he was already taking care of them as a father does.

Three children:
1. Richard Edward Voris Bumbernick [adopted by John 25 March 1999]. He gets good grades in school, is involved in Scouts and sports (baseball) and is serving as the deacons’ quorum president right now. He is a little shy, but takes his job very seriously. Have you ever heard the saying, be careful what you ask for, you just might get it? When you ask him to clean his room, he proceeds to empty every shelf, every drawer, under the bed, every nook and cranny into the hallway. Then he systematically puts everything back in just the right spot. We’re talking an all-day event, then he proudly asks us to come and...
see. We just don’t have the heart to mention he forgot to dust.

2. Samantha Marie Voris Bumbernick [adopted by John 25 March 1999], is our independent spirit, she is not afraid of anything, she loves to perform. She also loves to help. I continually have to drive over to the school because Samantha is late coming home and I usually find her in the classroom helping the teacher or coming from helping a friend carry something home. She is also a Girl Scout and a friend to all.

3. Brandon John Bumbernick, our five year old, is a spitting image of his dad at that age and is all boy.

3. LORNA JEANNE MORTENSEN, b. 12 May 1945 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. LEO ORENE PRICE 14 December 1965, in the Arizona Temple. Leo, the son of Alfred L. and Grace Rumsey Price, was b. 15 October 1943.

I remember having a good relationship with my brother and sisters and enjoying growing up on the farm, although I do remember fighting with Rosalie. When I was
in the ninth grade, our family moved to Manassa. I graduated from Manassa High School in May 1963, and moved to Alamosa where I got a job at Dr. Johnson’s office.

I started dating Leo Orene Price in August of 1965. He proposed marriage in September and we were married in December. He attended school in La Jara, Colorado, and graduated in 1961. He served a 2-1/2-year mission in Peru for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He graduated from Adams State College with a degree in Secondary Education, Spanish, and Business. He taught school for one year in Douglas, Wyoming, and a year in Grand Junction, Colorado. He then went to work on the farm with his dad. We spent the winter in a trailer home without running water in the middle of a field while they built our home. We had two children at this time, Jeana Lee, and Kevin Lane. In the fall of 1973 we moved into our home and four more children were born, Chad Ryan, Heather Jeannette, Tanya, and Jami. The oldest four are married and have their own families.

Just before bed Leo would sing to the kids. When Tanya was young and he tried to sing to her, she would tell him, “No, Daddy, don’t sing.” Leo has served as bishop twice in the La Jara Second Ward. He is currently serving at stake Young Men’s president for the Alamosa Stake. I am serving as the Ward Activities Chairman. Six children:

1. **Jeana Lee Price**, b. 24 June 1967 in La Jara, Colorado, md. Boe Layne Norton 27 May 1987 in the Manti Temple. Boe was b. 5 August 1965. I spent most of my growing up years on the Price farm in La Jara. I had a great childhood playing with my cousins in the farmyard at Grandpa Price’s. We rode our bikes all over the farm and would eat buckets of peas when Grandpa planted a whole field of them next to the house. We had a little area in the trees between Uncle Stanley’s house and ours with a fire pit and logs and called it “Price Park” where we would have cookouts. I’ve always hoped that my own children could have as rich a childhood as I had.

I studied piano from first grade through my first year in college. I took lessons first from my Aunt Mary Lynn Parker and then from my Great Aunt Lena Sowards. When I was about 16, I earned money by teaching piano to a few beginner students. I graduated from Centauri High School in 1985 and attended Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho, where I earned my associate’s in business in 1987. I then attended Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado, and finished with a B.A. in elementary education in 1989.

I fell in love with Boe Layne Norton when I was in seventh grade and never quite got over my crush. Our maternal grandparents, Verden N. and Doris Dunn Mortensen and Dorrel Duwayne and Voris Jane Miller Cornum, spent many summers together doing road construction in New Mexico. I’m sure they never dreamed that their grandchildren would marry and mesh their family trees. Boe graduated from Centauri High School in 1984 then served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Fresno, California in October 1984. We went back to Ricks College where Boe received a
We are so grateful for our heritage, our wonderful parents and the gospel. Boe is currently serving as second counselor in the bishopric and I am second counselor in the stake Young Women program. We are expecting our fourth baby in December. Our hope and prayer is that we can raise our children to love the Lord and be true to the Gospel and the values and good names that were handed down to us from our parents and grandparents.

Three children:

1. Layne Brice Norton, b. 13 May 1989 in Alamosa, Colorado. He is a fun, outgoing kid, a hard worker and enjoys sports of all kinds and rodeo.

2. Lacie Shae Norton, b. 4 February 1992 in Alamosa, Colorado. She enjoys school, dancing, singing and piano. She is small in stature but mighty in personality.

3. Kade Ryan Norton, b. 12 October 1996 in Carlsbad, New Mexico. He loves life and anything physical

2. Kevin Lane Price, b. October 8, 1969 in La Jara Colorado, md. Heather Marie Kotnick in the Washington, D.C. temple 27 August 1991. Heather was b. in Battle Creek, Michigan, 22 October 1969. I was raised on a farm north-west of La Jara where I grew up and learned many things. One thing that was special to me was the time I was able to spend with my father.
I was deeply involved in sports and student government, girls and some academic areas at Centauri High School. Upon completing high school, I spent the fall working on the farm and coaching football and preparing for my mission. On 7 December 1988 I entered the Mission Training Center to spend the next two years in Perth, Western Australia, serving a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

In January 1991 I attended Ricks College. This is where I was fortunate enough to meet Heather Marie Kotnick. We were in the same ward and had a genealogy Sunday school class together but we really became acquainted on a ward activity. We spent one wonderful honeymoon night in a hotel before we were again off to Ricks College to complete our education.

We were blessed with our first child before we left Ricks College in May of 1993 and spent the summer in Colorado. We moved that fall to Logan, Utah, to continue my education at Utah State University in the field of Human Resource Management. During the completion of my undergraduate work we were blessed with our second son.

At this point I was working at Wal-Mart and had just entered into the Assistant Manager Training Program. In January of 1996 we decided to move back to Colorado and work with my father Leo on the farm. By the end of the summer we knew that the farm was not going to produce enough to support both families, so we found a job in Salt Lake City. I went to work for Salt Lake Community College in August 1996. I have been with them ever since.

Three children:

3. Kasey Tate Price, b. 7 March 2000 Salt Lake City, Utah.

3. Chad Ryan Price, b. 6 March 1974, in La Jara, Colorado, md. Bedie Leanne Parker in the Arizona Temple 2 January 1996. She was b. 16 July 1972 in Flagstaff, Arizona. Bedie is the daughter of Danny Dee Parker and Pamela Kelly Gaefcke. Chad grew up on a farm where his dad taught his chil-
dren how to work. I remember the summer I turned twelve years old. Dad had to get another job, selling insurance, to prevent the farm from going bankrupt. This meant that mom, the three oldest kids (Jeana, Kevin, and me) along with Ross Coombs (family friend) ran the farm while Dad was gone for training. Heather, nine years old, had to help take care of our two younger sisters (Tanya and Jami) while the rest of us were out in the fields. Dad would call every night to get a report and then to give us instructions for the next day. I remember flood irrigating and trying to pull six-inch siphon tubes out of the ditch, only to fall flat on my back in the water. I spent half the summer drenched. I believe this was a great blessing in our family because we had to depend so much on one another that it has resulted in a close knit bond of love.

Through junior high and high school I participated in sports, mainly football, basketball, and track. At the same time I took piano lessons from Lena (Mortensen) Sowards. I graduated from Centauri High School May 1992. I worked in Carlsbad, New Mexico, during the summer for my brother-in-law and sister, Boe and Jeana Norton. I attended Ricks College for one year before receiving a mission call for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, to serve among the deaf people in the United States. I spent two months in the Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah, learning American Sign Language. I had the opportunity to serve in two different missions, Illinois Chicago Mission for one year and the New York, New York South Mission for one year. I returned home in May 1995.

One month later I met my wife to be, Bedie LeAnne Parker. I proposed to her in the Salt Lake Temple on October 14, 1995. She grew up in Camp Verde.
and Springerville, Arizona. Her parents divorced. Her mother married Elmer Jay Richardson. She and the two girls, Tammie and Bedie were sealed to Elmer May 13, 1993 in the Arizona Temple.

Bedie attended Northern Arizona University for two years. She was called to serve in the Rapid City South Dakota Mission. She served for 18 months from July 1993 to January 1995. She attended Adams State College for one semester. Her families stayed in Colorado long enough for us to meet and get married, then moved back to Arizona. We returned to Ricks College where I graduated in April 1997 with an associate’s degree in Civil Engineering. We moved to Phoenix Arizona.

Bedie was told, before we were married, that she would be unable to have any children. When our little girl was born my mom called her “The Miracle Baby.” On Father’s Day, June 18, 2000, I was ordained to the office of high priest by my father. I am currently serving as the second assistant to the high priest group leader. Bedie is an advisor in the Young Women’s organization. Currently we reside in Phoenix, Arizona, where I am working for and attending Arizona State University. I am an interpreter for the deaf and a part-time student working on a bachelor’s degree in Bioengineering. Two children:

2. Brenden Chad Price, b. 16 December 1999 Glendale, Arizona.

I have many fond memories of growing up. I loved to ride my bike with cousins. I also loved to ride in the pick-up with my father. My mother taught us how to make work fun. She had invented some games and we loved them. Our favorite one was called “BOMB.” She would set the timer for about 10 minutes then we would run to complete our assignment. When the timer went off, we would then explode and come dramatically out of the rooms and fall into a big pile on each other. We thought we were playing, but an ingenious mother knew we were getting the work done.

Brad and I both grew up on farms in the Carmel area.
about two miles from each other. We never dreamed we would some day marry. We lived about seven miles outside of La Jara, Colorado. We learned the value of hard work from both our parents and our relatives. Brad and I graduated from Centauri High School together on May 27, 1995. We had become best friends. I then left for college and Brad went to serve a mission.

I went to college at Ricks College in Rexburg Idaho. Brad served in the Guatemala, Guatemala City South Mission. I graduated from Ricks College May 1997 with an associate’s degree and transferred to Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. Brad returned from his mission in December 1997 and after being accepted to BYU he also began his schooling. We quickly renewed our friendship and our love grew. We were married on the same day as my older sister Jeana, only 11 years later. I graduated from BYU in May of 1999 with a major in Elementary Education.

In August of 1999 I began teaching at Hillcrest Elementary in Orem, Utah. I taught third grade in the morning and I taught computers for 3rd-6th grade in the afternoon. I loved teaching. The 2000-2001 school year, I taught second grade. Brad is currently going to school at BYU and studying construction management. He has about two or three more years of school. He is also working as an Assistant Retail Manager at Anderson Lumber. He likes his job and he works very hard. We attend BYU 172nd ward. Brad is serving as Assistant Ward Clerk and is over the budget. I am serving as the Enrichment Leader. We love our callings and our ward is very friendly.

After graduation, we hope to get a good job and find work where we can live closer to family where we could teach our children the values and the importance of hard work that we learned as we were growing up. The church is an important part of our lives and we someday hope to serve a mission together.

5. Tanya Rochelle Price, b. 15 May 1979. Tanya was always a mother’s girl. She just wanted her mother and still does. Tanya played volleyball, basketball, and ran track while attending Centauri High School. She graduated from Centauri High school May 1997. She graduated from Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho in May 1999. She then attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, for one year. She is now serving a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Leeds, England.

6. Jami Lynn Price, b. 13 October 1982. Jami has always been a happy child. The first time she was held by her father, she gave him a great big smile and has been smiling ever since. Jami is a senior. She plays volleyball, basketball, and runs track at Centauri High School. This year she is going to be on a dance team. She loves music and plays the trumpet in the high school band. She sings in the choir at school and at church. She also plays the piano. She plans to attend Ricks College after graduating from high school.

4. MARY LYNE MORTENSEN, b. 18 October 1949, md. LLOYD BLAKE PARKER in Manassa, Colorado, 22 August 1969, sealed in the St. George Temple on 26 May 1981. He was b. 26 April 1948, son of Lloyd Virgil and Mary Ellen Walker Parker. Mary Lyne lived and attended school in Sanford and Manassa, Colorado. She gradu-
ated from Centauri High School in 1968. She attended Adams State College where she met Lloyd Blake Parker. Mary Lyne and Blake lived in Millington, Tennessee, and Corpus Christi, Texas, where Blake was stationed in the U.S. Navy, a cherished experience due to new found friends and magnified appreciation for the Church, the San Luis Valley, family and a wholesome upbringing. Blake and Mary returned to raise their family in Sanford, Colorado. Blake worked for a carpenter, turquoise jeweler, as a heavy equipment operator, trapper and contract mail carrier. He has served in the Scouts, an elders quorum presidency, nursery and as secretary for the high priests. Mary Lyne has worked as a receptionist/secretary at a sawmill, car dealership, hospital, bank, and in law offices. She has served in music, secretary and/or teaching positions. She values her participation in the Denver Temple Dedication Choir.

1. Christi June Parker, b. 26 June 1970 in Corpus Christi, Texas, md. Christopher Thomas Dahle 6 June 1998. When Christi June was four years old her father was honorably discharged from the Navy and the family moved to Sanford, Colorado. After several moves to different locations in the San Luis Valley, the family returned to Sanford to live. Christi attended Sanford Public Schools until her senior year. She graduated from Centauri High School. Christi graduated from Ricks College with an associate’s degree. She went on to graduate from Adams State College with a bachelor of arts degree and a license to teach. Christi taught in the Farmington, New Mexico, School District, where she taught first grade for one year. On New Year’s Eve 1997 she was set up on a blind date by her mother.
and her mother’s boss. It was love at first sight. Christi is currently a teacher in the Center School District. She has served as a pianist in the Primary, as Relief Society teacher and is currently serving as first counselor in the Young Women in the Del Norte Branch.

Christopher was born February 8, 1962, to Janet Roscoe Gerhardt and Thomas Arthur Gerhardt, in Portland, Oregon. After his father’s death in 1964, his mother was married John Dahle. The family relocated to Denver, Colorado. He completed his undergraduate education at Metro State College, earning a B.A. in 1989. Throughout and following college he worked as a cabinetmaker and finish carpenter before entering law school at the University of Denver. He earned a juris doctorate and was admitted to the Bar in 1993. Christopher is currently in private law practice in Del Norte, Colorado. Christopher takes an active role in the community and is currently a member of the Del Norte Rotary Club. He has a beautiful voice and loves to sing. He also enjoys working with model airplanes and going fishing. Christi enjoys playing the piano and the fiddle, and is interested in photography and scrapbooking. She also enjoys horseback riding. Together they enjoy reading, bicycling, camping, skiing, entertaining family and friends, and watching movies.

2. Lisa Marie Parker, b. 1 April 1972 in Corpus Christi, Texas, md. Jason Perry Renner 28 June 1990 in the Denver Colorado Temple [divorced 2 October 1995]. Lisa grew up and attended school in Sanford, Colorado. Jason and Lisa lived in Arizona, Utah, and Colorado. After finding herself on her own with two little children, Lisa decided to pursue her education. She started attending Adams State College. During the summer she earned a CNA license. This has enabled her to work as a CNA while she is attending school and raising her family. She is pursuing a B.S. in Allied Health. She is planning to go on and become an LPN. Lisa has served as Sister Friendly in Pri-
mary, as Primary teacher, chorister, and as a visiting teacher. She enjoys spending time with her children, friends, and family, reading, cooking, riding horses, camping, and movies. Jason and Lisa had two children:

1. Blake Perry Renner arrived on his mother’s birthday, 1 April 1993 in Mesa, Arizona.


3. Juliana Dawn Parker, b. 2 September 1974 in La Jara, Colorado, md. Hank Stanley Allred 18 August 1994 in the Denver, Colorado Temple. He was b. 11 February 1968, the third of five children of Rex and Mary Stanley Allred. She grew up and attended school in Sanford, Colorado, then went on to attend Adams State College and work in the law office of Motz, Gonzales & Martinez. Hank and Julie resided in the San Luis Valley for one year, and then moved to Rangely. He works for the City of Rangely and Julie is a homemaker. Hank has served as first counselor in a Sunday School presidency, first counselor in an elders quorum presidency and is now president of the elders quorum in the Rangely First Ward. Julie has served as a Primary teacher, Young Women’s advisor, Sunday School secretary, second counselor in Young Women and is now second counselor in the Rangely First Ward Primary. Hank and Julie enjoy their children, extended family, church activity, sports, hunting, fishing, skiing, horse training, horseback riding, dancing, music, friends, and movies. They have two sons:


4. Dallas “V” Parker, b. 3 February 1976 in La Jara, Colorado, md. Charla Rae Cooley 7 August 1999, in her grandparent’s yard in Mosca, Colorado. She was b. 1 June 1973, the daughter of Bob and Rita Freel Cooley. Dallas “V” graduated from Sanford High School in 1995 and worked for Butch Crowther at Sanford Processing part-time all through high school and full-time there after until now. He is just starting to work in the meat-processing department at Safeway in Monte Vista. Charla graduated from Adams State College in May 1999 with a bachelor’s degree in Psychology. They enjoy horseback riding, movies, friends, family, gardening, sports, their pets, and bicycle riding. Dallas and Charla have two sons:
   2. Cory Lee Parker, b. 28 June 2000.

5. GARY HARMON MORTENSEN, b.24 April 1951, md. JOANNE WATSON 5 January 1972 in the Los Angeles Temple.

We lived in a small house on the family ranch North of Sanford, Colorado. I have many fond memories of working and playing (mostly playing) with my dad, Grandpa Gene, Uncle Gaylon and his sons as they went about the business of running a farm and ranch. When I was eight we moved to Manassa, Colorado. Dad was working on road construction and we lived in the home of my maternal grandparents, Simeon Harmon and Annie Jensen Dunn. Dad would leave Sunday night and return Friday night.

I graduated from Centauri High School in La Jara, Colorado. I enjoyed my association there with several of the cousins who lived in Manassa or La Jara. School came easy to me and I participated in many extracurricular activities. I played the trombone in band, played basketball on the high school team, enjoyed being in church theatrical productions, belonged to the National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll (an honor society for high school journalists), was editor of the yearbook and assistant editor of the school paper.

I attended BYU on an academic scholarship and majored in zoology, thinking I
wanted to become a dentist. I served a mission in Denmark. It was a marvelous
experience to walk where I knew my forefathers had walked. I served as an assistant
to President Paul L. Pehrson and worked closely with many wonderful and devoted
missionaries to further the cause of our Savior. While there I met a lovely, talented
and spiritual lady missionary named Joanne Watson, daughter of Douglas F. and
Lois Lach Watson, from Orange, California. We knew very soon after our meeting
that we would be married but remained true to our calling as missionaries.

We have lived in Manassa, Colorado; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Farmington, New
Mexico; Kenai, Alaska; Bountiful, Utah; Sanford, Colorado; Sacramento, California;
and Gunnison, Utah, our current home. We have been active in the Church and
have served in various callings. I have been a seventy, stake missionary, seventies
quorum group leader, ward membership clerk, counselor to a branch president,
counselor to a bishop, high priests group leader, stake high councilman, ward
mission leader, choir director of the Central Utah Correctional Facility LDS Choir,
and as a facilitator for the LDS Substance Abuse program and support group at the
prison. Joanne has served as Young Women's president, Primary president, coun-
selor in the Relief Society, Primary teacher, Sunday School teacher, choir director,
w ard music committee chair, chair of the International Humanitarian Aid Commit-
tee, assisted me with the prison choir and is a facilitator for the LDS Substance
Abuse program and support group at the prison. She has been a marvelous mother
and is a woman of great faith. She is a survivor of cancer and is very close to the
Spirit. I am proud to be a Mortensen and hope always to live in a manner that
shows honor and respect to my good mother and father and those who went before.
Six children:

Hayley __________ 20 December 1996 in the Manti Temple. Dad got a job
working for General Electric in Albuquerque, New Mexico, then Alaska for a
short time. Before long we were living in Bountiful, Utah, where I started
school. Some of the friends that I made during this time have been an impor-
tant part of my life ever since. Moving back to Colorado had both its good and
bad sides. While it was great to be around Dad’s side of the family, it was
hard to make ends meet working the farm. I received the Aaronic Priesthood
while we lived there. It was given to me by my Grandpa Watson. Holding the
priesthood honorably was important to me and had a profound influence on
my life. We moved to Sacramento with mixed feelings, but it was a good place
and I was able to make some life-long friends in the Sacramento 9th Ward. It
seems like they were sent by God to prepare me for what lay ahead. They
were so fun and wholesome all at the same time. P.J., Dave, Tim, Quinton,
and I could always be found hanging out at lunch during school, or at the
youth activities. We could also be found each Sunday preparing and blessing
the Sacrament. These guys helped me become the man I am today. It was
also during this time that I had my first real girlfriend. I likewise thank her
for helping me to stay worthy of my future callings. Our time in Sacramento
ended, and we moved to Gunnison, Utah. A little over a year later I left on to
serve in the England London Mission. I met many wonderful people and
hopefully helped a few people get back to their Heavenly Father. Coming
home to Gunnison was great. Over the next two years I started college, dated
a few girls, and then met my beautiful wife. Fate, and some brave actions on her part brought us together. A year later our daughter Kelsee arrived as Hayley was finishing at Snow College. We then moved to Cedar City to continue our educations. I graduated from Southern Utah University in May of 2000 with a degree in Computer Information Systems. We are currently living in Spanish Fork, Utah, while I am working at Novell. Hayley is raising the girls and will be finishing her Sociology degree in the near future. Two girls:

2. Abigail Mortensen, b. in May 2000 in Cedar City, Utah.

2. Marci Mortensen, b. 24 May 1975 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, md. Starbuck Abram Macri 13 June 1998. No children yet. We were never a family to stay in one place too long. In fact when talking about my childhood most people will assume that my father was in the military. I can’t argue that at times I was a brat, just not an Army brat. For the most part, I was a West Coast girl. We even tried our hand on the ranch in Sanford for about three years. After seeing all it takes to run a ranch I have the utmost respect for those who do it day in and day out. We moved to Sacramento, California, where I spent my formative years (again being a brat!). Somehow we ended up in Utah again, which is where I met my best friend and after six years my husband. Children are in our future plans. I have been working the past two years as a Transportation Coordinator for a SLC-based company called ISG Resources and have loved every minute of it.

3. Greta Mortensen, b. in Soldotna, Alaska, 18 May 1978, md. Eric Griffiths in the spring of 1998 in the Mount Timpanogos Utah Temple. The Primary president once told my mother that if I weren’t so darn cute she would have choked me. We moved to Colorado when I was in the first grade. I have hated every move, it just isn’t my nature to like changes. After awhile I made friends and it was fun. My friends were my cousins Mikel, Autumn, and Marcie. I remember every Sunday having dinner with everyone at Grandma’s house. She made the best mashed potatoes and gravy. We would play on the boxcars and hay stacks, it was sooo fun. We were invincible. We moved to Sacramento when I was in fourth grade. I was the only girl there with pants rolled up to my knees, feathered hair and a jeans jacket. Yes, I was a country hick. I soon adapted and became captain of the elementary cheerleading team. My boyfriend was Jared, captain of the football team. My best friend was Emily Jackson. We played everyday. The scariest day was when there was a robbery and murder a few blocks from the school and all the schools were locked down until parents could come. When we got home our house was full of smoke with alarms blasting because my mom was so upset she left a pot of beans boiling on the stove. Next we moved to Utah. I was in the seventh grade. It was AWFUL, but I made friends. I played sports, basketball (bench warmer), volleyball and softball. I graduated from Gunnison Valley High in 1996 and attended Provo College to become a certified dental assistant. I was in the top of my class and a ringleader for social unrest in the college. Eric and I have been living in Springville while Eric finishes at BYU. He has been accepted to Cornell Well Medical School in New York City. He will be in the graduating class of 2004 and then is planning on specializing in his chosen field (as yet unknown). He is a very intelligent and hard-working,
goal-oriented man. I’m glad we found each other. He will be a great dad some-
day. I have been working as a dental assistant for three years and in the
office I work at now we have a patient who has cancer and is dying. Every
time he comes in it makes me realize that I need to live right now and not
wait until it’s too late.

4. Trina Mortensen [twin], b. 10 October 1979 in Bountiful, Utah. I was born
twenty minutes before my twin brother Garet. From the very beginning my
parents knew that I was going to be loud and obnoxious. We lived across the
street from Stoker School and kitty corner from the Bountiful Tabernacle. In
1983 there was a huge flood that affected all of Utah. Bountiful was then like
a war zone, sandbags everywhere. The worst night a helicopter flew over and
told every one to evacuate. We didn’t hear it and we slept all night. It was
quite a year! The same year we had a huge wind that blew hundreds of trees
down including the 40-ft pine tree in our yard. It came within three inches of
our truck. The other disaster was the ceiling falling down in our chapel early
on Monday morning. The Sunday night before it would have killed hundreds
of people who were there for an organ recital. Those are my mother’s memo-
ries of Bountiful Utah. In 1984 we moved to Sanford, Colorado. Lots of family
members lived there and we had fun with growing up. This is where I started
kindergarten!! It was very exciting for me because I not only answered ques-
tions, I got to answer for Garet as well. I was always very outspoken and he
was very shy. For that reason it was my job to speak for him, so I thought.
One of my favorite things to do was to go out on the tractor with Dad and
Grandpa. I also remember the fun times that we had herding sheep down the
small roads of the San Luis Valley. I loved going to Grandma’s house for
Sunday dinners. They were always the best. In 1986 we moved to Resonant,
a suburb of Sacramento, California. I enjoyed swimming with my family. We
took swimming lessons and it was amazing that the whole family passed.
In 1991 we moved from California to a little town, Gunnison, Utah. When we
first moved here the whole family was a little shocked. What a change. We all
(excluding mom) hated it and wanted to move back to California. I soon made
friends and enjoyed Gunnison much better. I also gained a love for country
music, who would have thought?! I graduated from Gunnison High School in
1998. During my four years at high school I enjoyed playing volleyball and
basketball (2A All-State my senior year). I also played softball for two years
and tried to run track. Track didn’t last very long. It took way too much ener-
gy. After graduating I moved to Provo, where I’m currently working at Kinder-
care Learning Center as a children’s daycare teacher.

5. Garet Hain Mortensen [twin], b. 10 October 1979 about twenty minutes
after my sister, Trina, in Bountiful, Utah. From the moment I was born I
demonstrated a quiet and gentle nature. Trina was kicking and screaming,
but I was very calm and relaxed. It was fun having older brothers and sisters.
They helped Mom and Dad take care of me and taught me a lot of things
(most of them good). When I was three (Mom and Dad’s memory) I was run-
ning toward the door after church. Just before the door I tripped on a rug
and hit my head on the square edge of the metal doorframe. Dad was in the
bishop’s office. Marci ran and got him and he took me to the hospital to get a
few stitches in my head. Mom couldn’t stand to go and see me in pain. Even
while they were sewing me up I never cried. We moved to Sanford when I was four. When it came time to start kindergarten the principal, school psychologist and the director of a federal government program designed to help mentally challenged children wanted to put me into that special education program. My mom and dad knew that I was just as capable as other kids were and refused to let them place me there. After a short period of adjustment and separating me from my sister Trina, who answered for me all the questions the teacher asked, I did just fine in school. My Grandpa, Verden Mortensen, noticed that I could take almost any object and entertain myself with it for hours. I showed an early interest in anything and everything mechanical. I enjoy taking things apart and putting them back together.

When we moved to Sacramento, I made good friends with several neighborhood boys who were also members of our ward. We enjoyed playing together and did a lot of fun Cub Scouts things. Moving to Utah was kind of hard because I didn’t want to leave my friends. My little brother, David, was my best friend and we did everything together. When David turned twelve he began to do things with some of his schoolmates and I was left alone. It was kind of sad for awhile. I was a good buddy to my dad and helped him rebuild an old house. The other kids helped too, but I think I helped more. I helped again when we bought an old hotel and rebuilt it into a very nice bed and breakfast.

From a very young age I knew that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was true and I wanted to do everything that I was supposed to do. I was not very patient with people around me who didn’t want to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. I told them they were being stupid and that didn’t make me very popular with them, but I didn’t care. My patriarchal blessing promises that I will not ever be injured in an accident as long as I am living right. My mom was glad for that. I am currently serving as a full-time missionary in the Georgia, Atlanta mission. My testimony of Jesus Christ has grown so much. I am sometimes frustrated that people won’t listen to the message of the Gospel, but I am determined to keep trying and do my best. I love God, I love the Savior, I love the Church and its leaders and I love my family.

6. David Michael Mortensen, b. 1 December 1981 in Bountiful, Utah. Mom and Dad tell me that I came into the family because of an interesting experience they had. After the twins, Garet and Trina, were born, Mom and Dad thought the family was complete. They had five children and Brett, the oldest, was just starting kindergarten. When Garet and Trina were a little more than one year old, Mom started being awakened in the night by a child’s voice calling to her. She would get up and check all of my brothers and sisters and find them all sleeping peacefully. After this happened several times she told Dad about it and he tried to explain it away as a dream or normal night sounds. Mom thought maybe our house was haunted and found out that, in fact, several small children had died in the house during a flu epidemic many years before. Finally, one night Mom and Dad had gone to bed and were just asleep when they both heard a child’s voice say, “Dad, help me!” They sat up in bed and looked at each other in amazement. With a little help from a
neighbor, Mom and Dad decided that another child wanted to come to the family. In due course, I was born.

I was a very happy baby. The family needed me to bring my happy nature. Mom and Dad were pretty busy with all of us kids and work and church responsibilities. Not too long after we moved to Sanford, Colorado (I was about three) Mom noticed that I sometimes looked a little cross-eyed. She took me to an eye doctor and they discovered that I was extremely far-sighted. Very thick eyeglasses were prescribed and I wore them for many years until I could wear contact lenses. After we moved to Sacramento, some kids on the school bus started to tease me about my glasses and Greta told them they better knock it off or she would beat them up. They must have been afraid of her because they didn’t bother me about it anymore. One day I was running down the sidewalk to some of our friends’ houses and tripped over some grass, fell, and broke my collarbone. It really hurt. I laid on the floor of our living room and almost never moved for two weeks.

When we moved back to Utah it was kind of hard. The Utah kids thought we were Californians and city kids and didn’t want to play with us. Pretty soon they got to know us and it was OK. I was always pretty quiet and never made any waves. I worked hard and got good grades in school. I liked sports and played Junior Jazz one year. I decided I really liked to play tennis and was on the high school tennis team for four years. My senior year I played doubles with my friend Ben Brown and we were able to win the District Championship. I qualified for the state tournament both my junior and senior years. I was also named to the Scholastic All-State team. I also discovered that I liked music. I sang in the school choir, auditioned for a school musical and got a major part, began to sing in a quartet and play the guitar and sing with a band. I was able to sing in the State Honor Choir also. I have been accepted to Snow College and will attend in the fall of 2000 on an academic achievement scholarship.


I am the sixth of eight children; nevertheless, I have always considered myself the middle child. We considered the older three girls the first family. The last five are much closer in age and constitute the second family. I’m in the middle of this second family. My father named me Dolores. But the hospital birth record had Delores, so that is what I went by my entire life. In later years we sent for a state issued birth certificate and found the spelling is Dolores. It is the only document I have that has this spelling, so I continue to use Delores.

The town is more than 50 miles away from the farm where my family was living. But, they liked the doctor up there. Because Mother had her babies quickly, she delivered by appointment. Mother would go to the hospital and in a day or two she would go into labor. Consequently, Daddy was not with Mom. He would stay home.
and work, then when the baby came they would inform him of the new arrival.

We lived on the family farm north of Sanford, Colorado, until I was six years old. At that time my Grandmother Dunn died. Since Daddy was working on road construction and gone a great deal of the time, it was decided to move to the town of Manassa and live with my Grandfather Dunn where I grew up. We had a good life. We were loved and although money wasn't plentiful we had what we needed and most of what we wanted. Daddy came home on weekends and we spent our summers with him in New Mexico living in a small, hot trailer. There were many adventures.

I graduated from high school in May of 1972 and that fall attended Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho. After finishing there in 1974, I lived at home for a year and worked as an aide in the school system. This led to an LDS mission to San Diego, California, from March of 1975 to August 1976. I attended Brigham Young University and received a bachelor's in elementary education in April of 1979. I have since obtained a master's degree from the University of New Mexico.

I was teaching fourth grade in Sanford, Colorado, when I met my husband, Paul Douglas Niebel. He was an Army brat and traveled around quite a bit with his family. Paul had received medical training during his two tours of duty in Vietnam and was working in New Mexico as a nurse. For the past several years we have lived in Sanford, Colorado. I am teaching school at La Jara Elementary and Paul is working for the State of Colorado. Our children have been a delight and a challenge:

1. Sariah Niebel, b. 22 April 1982

7. SUSAN MORTENSEN, b. 15 January 1956 in Del Norte Colorado, md. MARK DONALD REED 21 June 1974 in the Manti, Utah Temple. I am the seventh child and sixth daughter. Dad left to work on road construction that year, not returning to live full time with the family until I was married. At the age of three, we moved from the farm in Sanford to Manassa.

I have a lot of good and happy memories growing up there. Our home was where
all the neighborhood kids gathered. We spent most evenings playing five steps, kick
the can, or toilet papering the town. I thought it was because I was popular, but
now I know it was because of Mom’s wonderful hot rolls. (I don’t remember her ever
getting angry when we passed them all out to the neighborhood kids.) I think I may
have been a challenge as a little girl. When I was five, a friend and I missed the bus
because of playing too much while walking to the bus stop. Afraid we would be in
trouble, we attempting to hitchhike. My mother agrees that of all the eight children,
I was one of the few that Daddy spanked. We spent a lot of summers in New Mexico
with Daddy, living in construction camps. We thought it was a great vacation, swim-
mimg almost every day, and playing with new kids. We became very close to Dwayne
and Voris Cornum’s family those summers.

When I was a teenager my mom and Aunt Hazel Nite bought Buster’s Cafe. I spent
the after-school hours and Saturdays waiting tables. I complained a lot, but enjoyed
listening to the jukebox and playing the pinball machine. I graduated from Centauri
High School. One month after graduation, I married. We lived East of Sanford, and
farmed with Mark’s family. After ten years, we left both the farm and Sanford. We
have moved several times, but have never left the valley. We now live south of
Alamosa, where Mark sells insurance, and we do foster care. We always wanted a
large family, so the Lord provided a way for us. We have had over forty foster chil-
dren in our home. Some we still keep in contact with. It has been a rewarding expe-
rience in our lives. I have a testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I know that my
Savior lives and loves us. I love my family very much, and hope to be a forever, eter-
nal family. We have three daughters:

1. **Mikel Rashel Reed**, b. 13 June 1978, md. Dustin Steven Creery 3 Septem-
ber 1994 [divorced 17 October 1997].

**Mikel Rashel Reed** md. second Brandon Ashley Barr 14 August 1999. It took
many prayers and blessings to get me here. After four years and a special
blessing from Uncle Henry Olsen, I was born. My favorite childhood memories include riding in the semi truck with Dad to pick up loads of feed. I remember stopping in almost every town to get a treat. I have always thought my dad was so wonderful. Every morning he would come upstairs to wake me up. My dad took me to Seminary every morning. He would say, “I don’t care if you graduate from high school, but you’re going to graduate from seminary.” Even though my younger sisters were four and five years younger than me, I remember how much fun we would have when Mom and Dad left me home to babysit. We would pull out the video camera and make movies of ourselves. We thought we were so talented.

One thing I remember is finding notes in either my gym bag or backpack or sometimes lying on my dresser. These notes were from my mom. They were usually because she knew I was upset about friends, or a test that day, and sometimes they were just because. I still have some of these notes. I remember my friends always wanting to have parties at my house because they thought my mom was so cool. She was always so involved in everything we did. I always loved that.

Every year our family took a trip together, usually at the end of the summer to go school shopping. We have always loved being together and doing things as a family. I graduated from Centauri High School and Seminary in 1996. I then went to nursing school where I graduated in 1999. I am now working in administration as a Registered Nurse at a care center. Brandon is currently attending Adams State College and is getting close to receiving a degree in Elementary Education. He coaches high school basketball and also works at a fish farm. Everyone loves Friday nights. This is our family night when we play and spend time with one another. We have three children:

1. Kylee Nicole Creery, b. 3 April 1995 and is five years old. She loves to ride her bike and swim.
2. Ryan Michael Creery, b. 20 August 1996. He loves Kylee. He enjoys singing Primary songs, such as “He’s our Bishop,” at the top of his lungs in a public place.
3. Brandon Mikel Barr was b. and d. 26 November 1999. He was a tiny little angel with his daddy’s nose.

2. Amber Dawn Reed, b. 11 October 1982. She enjoys playing the piano and reading. Amber is a senior at Centauri High School, and plans to attend college in the fall of 2001.
3. Brooke Suzanne Reed, b. 25 April 1984. She plays volleyball and basketball for Centauri High. She enjoys her friends, and is quite a character.

8. KATHY JUNE MORTENSEN, b. 9 April 1957 md. DAVID TANNER 19 June 1987 in Ogden, Utah.

Among my earliest memories are those that begin after the family moved to Grandpa Dunn’s house in Manassa. DeAnne, Rosalie and Jeanne had already moved away and Dad worked on road construction in New Mexico. He stayed in New Mexico during the week and then returned home on the weekends. Mom managed the
house, girls and Gary, whom I adored, during the week. We walked to and from school at Manassa Elementary, often with neighborhood classmates Dona Knight and brothers Richard and Jonathan Holman. Mom worked in the school cafeteria while I attended. It was difficult to work there during my lunch period and try to raise money for her birthday gifts without her knowing. I also remember neighborhood boys coming into the kitchen and stealing mom’s delicious freshly baked rolls. We all loved them.

As we reached junior high age, we’d walk to Manassa Ward House for seminary, then catch a bus to Centauri High School in La Jara. I was somewhat shy and reserved and kept to myself a fair amount of the time. Susan was bubbly and fun and I felt envious of her although people confused us with each other all the time. The envy was somewhat more complicated in that she could wear my clothes but I was just large enough to make hers too small for me. It seemed such an injustice.

A small group of seniors, including myself, attended Adams State College the spring quarter of our senior year. I also attended Ricks College in Idaho for a short period of time. Eventually I settled in Salt Lake City long enough to earn a bachelor’s degree in nursing. One of the reasons I had chosen nursing was to allow the freedom to work in different locales should I move around. What an inspiration that decision ended up being.

While working as a nurse coordinator for an adolescent drug and alcohol center in Ogden, Utah, I met a young man that I was attracted to, who was in fact one of my employees. Luckily he shared the same sentiment. David grew up in Preston, Idaho, and was then attending college in Ogden at Weber State College. He earned an associate’s degree in health sciences and worked as a paramedic and then went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in health administration. The drug treatment center we worked for closed so we both found work in Salt Lake City. I began working at the U. of U. Medical Center in the operating room and David worked for another adolescent psychiatric center. David recruited me to go to the psychiatric center during which time I worked days and he worked nights while working on his MBA from the University of Phoenix. As time passed, I realized that the mental health field was not my niche in nursing and David began his executive career. I again worked in the operating room at St. Marks Hospital and we purchased a house in Midvale, Utah.

Our firstborn, Logan Ro Tanner was born September 10, 1993. The morning I woke up in labor with her, someone had stolen our Toyota truck from in front of the house. Mom used to laugh at how David would swing Logan around as she was bundled up into a small ball in her blanket. About the time Logan turned one year of age David began working for Healthsouth and was transferred to the San Francisco bay area. We lived in Foster City, California, approximately one year. We experienced our first miscarriage during this period of time.

David’s sisters, Diane and Sharon, lived in San Jose and we decided that we would move there to be closer to some family. I worked in an operating room in Redwood City and David continued to travel quite a lot. We experienced our second miscarriage while here. However, I did become pregnant three months before we were
transferred to San Diego. I worked at a surgery center part time in LaJolla while awaiting the birth of our second child.

After living in San Diego for about a year, Healthsouth moved us to Birmingham, Alabama. David continued to travel a fair amount and I again worked in the operating room at a local hospital. We lived in our beautiful home for about three years when David was recruited by a competitor in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. We moved to Baton Rouge in June 2000 and are trying to ‘settle in’ as it seems to be our time to do a tour of the south.

I’ve loved the travelling and adventures we’ve had. It’s been so interesting to meet and experience some of America’s subcultures. Most of all though, I’ve learned to love and appreciate my family and loved ones. I miss them all terribly but also hold them each close in my heart. Two children:

1. Logan Ro Tanner, b. 10 September 1993
2. David Cole Tanner, b. 30 October 1996 in LaJolla, California. The nurses used to remove Cole’s cap because they loved looking at his blonde hair.

4. GAYLON “E” MORTENSEN, b. 3 March 1923 Sanford, Colorado, md. DORIS MAE HOSTETTER 16 October 1943. She was b. 29 October 1924 Richfield, Colorado. See p. 1164 for Doris Mae Hostetter.

I grew up on the family ranch created from the hard work of my parents. We always had work to do on the ranch raising sheep and some cattle. In addition, we raised crops primarily needed to support the livestock; hay, grain and grazing plants. Our income came from the annual lamb crop and the wool. We did raise some garden peas for sale in the vegetable market.

Early in my life, farm work required a lot of labor as we were still working with horses. Tractors came later. We hired extra labor during haying season and it was expected that they be fed the noon meal, which was an added burden to Mother. To help minimize costs, Mom would work along side the crews before noon, leave a little early to fix the noon meal and return to the field after the cleanup. We all worked long hours. My sister, Lena, worked alongside the field hands. Mom and Dad would rise very early in the morning, work all day and into the night. The hay was cut, raked and loaded onto buck rakes and then stacked in large haystacks for the winter-feed.

The day began by rising early and “doing the chores,” which meant milking the cows as the source of milk, cream and butter. We also had to feed any animals that were not in pastures. After the chores were done, Mom would have a large breakfast prepared consisting of breakfast meat, eggs (we always had chickens and turkeys) and warmed up potatoes. We always had an abundant supply of meat. Dad had the opinion that if we were going to be in the livestock business, then there was going to be a supply for the table.

After breakfast, we went to the fields and returned to have the noon meal, which we called “dinner.” It was a big meal to give us energy in the fields for the afternoon. Toward evening, we would return from the fields to face chores once again and then have a light supper and fall into bed.
I developed some good friendships growing up in Sanford that have lasted over my lifetime. My best friends were Clyde Mortensen, Howard Crowther and Leonard Peterson. We had good times hunting, fishing and playing sports. We were more interested in these activities than in girls. The four of us formed the nucleus of Sanford basketball teams that were hard to beat. We played in high school and then later on Al’s Bakery amateur team. We took the valley championship many years in a row. Later, Uncle Randall’s sons and my brothers formed a Mortensen Basketball Team. We won the southern Colorado AAU championship several times and a seed in the national tournament held each year in Denver. The overhand shot had not been developed yet. Some say that I had a deadly underhand set shot which came in handy for last minute shots to win the game and at the foul line. I played guard and handled the ball well.

I developed an intense love of the outdoors with the associated sporting activities of hunting and fishing. I’m probably the best customer that Outdoor Life ever had. My mother used to say that if there was a new gun on the market, I just had to have it. I have caught a lot of fish and bagged a lot of game in my life. I have been in most parts of the mountains surrounding the San Luis Valley. Places like Red Lake, Blue Lake, Crater Lake, Green Lake, Tobacco Lake and the Box Canyon of the La Jara are familiar territory. Many times these places were visited while tending to the livestock, combining business and pleasure.

I did develop an interest in girls. However the one who stole my heart was my dear wife, Doris Mae Hostetter, daughter of Glen and Maud Hostetter.

All of us boys worked on the ranch and it became obvious that the ranch was too small for all of us. We had to hire ourselves out to supplement our income. I leveled ground for Ray Hartley and then later became the substitute rural route mail carrier. The ranch was ultimately divided between Verden and me. I became the full-time mail carrier and Loren currently runs the ranch.

One labor of love that I was asked to perform in my mother’s declining years was to give her the pain killing medication by injection prescribed by her doctor. I was trained on how to do it and each night I would go and give her the injection. She was always so appreciative of this service and it provided me with many hours of enjoyable conversation with her.

Doris Mae and I have enjoyed each other’s company for many years. We have spent many hours in the mountains together and with family. We have enjoyed our trips to visit Lisa and her family wherever they have lived. We have had an enjoyable life and count our love and our family as our greatest blessings.

Our sons have served missions and all our children are happily married. Our grandchildren are the joy of our lives. We love and appreciate our family and they are so kind to us as we advance in our years. Four children:

1. CAL GAYLON MORTENSEN, b. 2 October 1948 in Del Norte, Colorado.

2. PAULA MORTENSEN, b. 3 June 1956 in Del Norte, Colorado, md. ROBERT
SCOTT McCARROLL 3 January 1973 in the Manti Temple. He was b. 4 May 1952 in Alamosa, Colorado. Four children:
   1. Bridget Reed.

3. LOREN G. MORTENSEN, b. 17 April 1957 in Del Norte, Colorado, md. SHAUNA LEE HARMSEN 28 September 1978. She was b. 28 April 1958. Five children:
3. Randa Mortensen, b. 6 December 1982 in Alamosa, Colorado.
4. Tod Loren Mortensen, b. 4 June 1984 in Alamosa, Colorado.
5. Greg L. Mortensen, b. 22 September 1985 in Alamosa, Colorado.

4. LISA MAE MORTENSEN b. 19 July 1961 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. RANDAL RAY HAWKINS 3 September 1981 in the Manti Temple. He was b. 15 October 1958 in Farmington, New Mexico. Four children:

5. LENA MORTENSEN, b. 30 May 1927, md. ELWIN SOWARDS 8 September 1946 and sealed 21 October 1946 the Salt Lake Temple.

The doctor was threatened if he didn’t deliver a girl, he would not be paid his fee. I loved this story as it made me feel very special. I was born five miles north of Sanford, Colorado on a ranch, and have lived my entire life in the beautiful San Luis Valley. I love the mountains and the blue, blue sky in this rural area. We learned to work, to care for animals, get up early and to sacrifice for any and everything worthwhile. We send out super missionaries from this area and they go all over the world with the above qualities and it makes us proud.

My mother was an expert seamstress, making her own patterns out of newspapers and taught me provident living which was valuable in my later md.
life. Dad insisted on piano lessons and I started very early. Mrs. Messervy was my piano teacher. My dad was my instructor. Our neighbors were Uncle Walter and Aunt Estella Crowther and their children were about our ages. My schooling was in Sanford. I was fortunate to have great friends, especially Reba Crowther and Sally Ganus.

When I was a freshman, I went to Sunday School one Sunday morning and when I came home, I heard Japan had bombed Pearl Harbor and thus began World War II in 1941. Everyone put efforts toward victory. We bought war bonds and everyone put up with shortages, including nylons, shoes, and gasoline and the valley boys went into the service of their country. The song that was popular, “They’re Either Too Young or Too Old,” was really the truth.

I met Elwin “N” Sowards from Manassa. He was one busy person, with football, basketball, playing in an orchestra, participating in minstrels and musicals. He was singing for funerals at the age of twelve. He was a good student and had lots of boyfriends and girlfriends. I especially liked his clean living habits. The war ended and I graduated from high school. I worked at the County Agent’s Office in La Jara for a year. We married and began our ranching years in Manassa.

Church positions: Organist (almost constantly), stake Relief Society, Primary, stake music chairman, Primary chorister, Relief Society president, Young Women’s Laurel teacher, temple workers for a short time and other callings. A special experience was when Elwin was Branch President at Mesita.

Elwin and I have been married more than 50 years. We have not yet retired from the ranch and we joined the “Silly Club” when we had fourteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren with more expected. We feel blessed beyond all comprehension for our heritage, the legacy handed to us, the Gospel. Elwin teaches his grandchildren the following:

“Use a little forethought” my Grandpa said.
Use a little forethought and use your head
Think things through before you do
And you’ll get rid of strife and have a good life

Thinking has made his life very happily
It’s been all handed down from our family
Using “forethought” is what he preaches
Happiness and joy is what he teaches

When the work starts and we all move out
“Use a little forethought” is what he’ll shout
But his teaching doesn’t apply only to his place
It’s an important lesson throughout life’s race
“Using a little forethought” is his big test  
To make his grandchildren a big success!

by Craig Broyles [a grandson]

Two sons and a daughter.

1. MARK ELWIN SOWARDS, b. 26 September 1947.

2. BRENT E. SOWARDS, b. 19 March 1949, md. RUTH ANN HOLMAN 1 September 1970 in the Salt Lake Temple.

I grew up in Manassa, Colorado. I loved to hunt, fish and work on the ranch. I kept seven sticks of dynamite under my bed for fishing emergencies, when my friends and I would find fish in a hole at the river, a dynamite charge would kill or stun them and we got lots of fish that way. Mark told Dad and I was in trouble.

My mother insisted on piano lessons, but in the eighth grade I discovered the guitar. I took lessons and eventually began playing in my father’s band, and then started a band of my own; this went on for 38 years total. It was extra income and took me places and I had various experiences. Our band was successful and I enjoyed music.

After high school I was called to the Eastern States Mission with headquarters in New York City. Staten Island, New Jersey, Long Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts were all in that area. This was 1968 to 1970. I was called in our mission to play guitar and sing in a group, “THE MORMON 4.” We played at county fairs, Eastern States expos, high schools, universities and we tried to spread the Gospel message with the music approach. It was enjoyable. Due to arthritis, I had to be transferred to Arizona where it was a drier climate, laboring in Globe, Mesa, Miami, and Scottsdale for the last 4 months.
When I came home, I met Ruth Ann Holman from Sanford.

I went to college for awhile and I also attended the Police Academy in Golden, Colorado, and graduated, but I seemed to be drawn more to ranch work and the out-of-doors. I made a trout pond and raised and sold fish for 20 years. Another area I have been involved with was explosives, dynamiting beaver dams, log jams, ice, post holes, old foundations, graves and dynamiting for the Forest Service at different times. I have done gunsmith work. I’ve had a Federal Firearms License (FFL) which permits one to buy and sell firearms, repairing guns and of course I’ve had a hobby of collecting such items. I’ve been in that business for about 25 years

Church positions: Served many years as Scoutmaster, YMMIA president, elders quorum presidency, secretary, Primary teacher, and home teacher. I’ve had arthritis problems all my life and this has been a challenge and has curtailed my activities.

My joy is my family. I appreciate my wife and her patience and all she has contributed to our marriage. Ann and I have been married more than 30 years. I have a strong testimony of the Church of Jesus Christ and am grateful that the family unit can be forever. We have five children:

1. Steven Sowards.
5. Katie Sowards.

3. VALERIE SOWARDS, b. 3 December 1952, md. DAVID EUGENE BROYLES 3 June 1972 in the St. George Temple.

I was born prematurely, weighing 5 lbs. Mom and Dad finally brought me home from the hospital on Christmas Eve and then the tedious task of caring for “THE BABY” began.

When I was around five, mom would take me with her to Grandma Effie’s house. Every Thursday was cleaning day at the ranch in Sanford. While Mother was busy cleaning, Grandma would bravely let me comb her hair and put her make-up on her. I was intrigued with make-up and Grandma Effie trusted me with hers. She did get even. She curled my hair with strips of paper sacks. After she combed it out, I couldn’t believe what I saw!!!

My father, Elwin Sowards, baptized me on my eighth birthday. The next day was fast Sunday, and Dad confirmed me a member of the church and gave me the gift of the Holy Ghost. When Dad blessed me, I felt the spirit so strong. I have never forgotten that experience.

In our family, I was also blessed to have two older brothers, Mark and Brent Sowards. Mark was always so bossy and Brent always stuck up for me when there was trouble. I thought Brent was the greatest! I cleaned his car for his date, and
then he would slip me a couple of bucks and say, “Thanks, sis.” Mark loved to tease me and I always cried, getting him in trouble. We became better friends when he returned from his mission.

I attended school in Manassa, and later graduated from Centauri High School. Dad was on the school board. I was so proud of him! Except, he always knew what was going on and I just about died when he called a teacher and asked why I got a D. That’s right, I was grounded!

Mother was just the best! She would load the car with all my friends and we would drag Main or go to the drive-in movies. The odd thing was, that summer, every time we went to the movies, we always won the free pizza! Mother was also a wizard at sewing. She could make or remodel anything. She even became a 4H Leader so she could teach me how to sew. How I appreciated her for that!

In our family, music was important! Mother, and other teachers, taught me how to play the piano and Dad was my coach. That is, until I started playing his saxophone in the high school band. That was just too hard to take!

My first church job was Junior Sunday School chorister. I loved it! Then I was the ward organist. These were valuable experiences for me.

Every summer my job was to rake hay in the hay field. I hated that! Dad would pray for sunshine, and I prayed for rain. So, when I graduated from Centauri High School in 1971, I announced, I was attending summer school at BYU. It was at this point that I met a returned missionary, David Eugene Broyles.

After our honeymoon, we started our lives together in Orem, Utah. In December 1972, we moved to the valley. David was attending ASC, managing one hundred
hives of bees, and we put in a wheat crop. We didn’t have enough money for crop insurance, and later that summer, we were hailed out. What a blessing in disguise! David and I then moved to Fort Collins where he earned a master’s degree and later a job at United Bank of Denver.

We’ve been blessed with many experiences. David has served in a bishopric, on a high council, as Scoutmaster, high priest group leader, and ward mission leader. My church jobs have been music chairman, choir director, homemaking counselor (three times), pianist in Primary and Relief Society, Young Women’s president, and others. They each have been challenging and rewarding.

As of now, David and I are entering a new phase of life — without children. I loved singing. I was in a group “The Melodees” and we performed all over the Denver area. In 1977, David decided to take a job at United Bank of Greeley. We bought a home and I joined a new singing group “The Entertainment Committee.” In December 1984, we moved back to the valley and David worked for the 1st National Bank of Alamosa, later becoming president. It was heaven to be back with family. I am so grateful to be a member of this Mortensen family, and to belong to such a great legacy! I too want to do my part and try to be as valiant as those who have gone before me.

Four children:


My father has always been tough and has taught me the value of goals and determination. My mother is a very devoted woman who has taught me to have great love for the Savior and the Church. I have two brothers, Craig and Bradley, as well as one sister, Megan. We lived in multiple places during the early years of my life, but we settled down in Greeley, Colorado, for a time and later in Alamosa, Colorado. My brother Craig and I were close in age and we became best friends.

Every summer from a pretty early age, Craig and I would pack up and move to Manassa, Colorado, to live with Grandpa Sowards (Elwin) and Grandma Lena (Mortensen). Grandma made me a duffel bag to pack my stuff in. She
drew pictures of clothes, shoes, toothbrush, etc. on a cloth and sewed it into the bag so that I could pack the bag myself.

I have wonderful memories of driving cattle with Craig and my cousins Steven and Blake Sowards and Uncle Brent Sowards. That is how the summer would begin. After the cattle were all seen to, the hay season would start. At first at an early age we were not much help. We would play in the cattails most of the day. When Uncle Mark Sowards would come by with the baler, we would all jump out of the weeds and throw fresh cut cattails at him and the tractor. Then we would steal the bales of hay to line the various rooms of our fantastic cattail fortress. Even Grandma Lena would come down and crawl through the cattails with us. Later, we were the ones cutting, baling and stacking the hay. Even though it was work, it didn’t seem like work to us. We loved it and we learned a great deal from it. We learned to take pride in doing a good job, the value of hard work and taking responsibility for our actions.

After I graduated from Alamosa High School, I went to BYU for a year until I left to serve a mission in Salta, Argentina. My mission was a great experience, but it was far from easy. The example of my father has always been a source of great strength in my life and during the times when I felt the most discouraged I thought of my father and that would help carry me through. After working hard for two years and falling in love with the land and people of Argentina, I returned home and went back to BYU where I met my wife Denice Hatch. Denice was born and raised in Colonia Jarez, Mexico. She graduated from the Church-owned Academy there and later attended Utah Valley State College. She lived in the same apartment complex as I did, and I was her home teacher. Seeing that she needed more personal attention than our regular home teaching visits, we started dating and shortly thereafter got married.

After getting married, we went to Phoenix, Arizona, where I finished school and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Computer Information Systems from the DeVry Institute of Technology. I have always been into computers since I was about nine years old when my father bought me a Commodore 64 computer. Following graduation we moved to Scottsdale, Arizona, and eventually came back to beautiful Colorado. Presently we live in Denver where we are building our own computer consulting business.

We haven’t lived anywhere for very long but wherever we go, we seemed to get called in the Church to work in the nursery and Primary; however once I was the eleven-year-old Scout leader. We have a tremendous testimony of the Gospel of the Church of Jesus Christ and we are enjoying living so close to the Denver Temple where we strive to attend weekly. I love my family—my grandparents, parents, and my wife and children: I love family get-togethers where we all unite to have fun with each other for brief moments in between the demands of life. My great desire is for me to become as great as my parents, grandparents and those that have walked before me and that we may all reunite after this life to be together forever.
Denice and I have been blessed with two daughters:

1. Nicole Kristen Broyles, has always been a daddy’s girl and I now can’t imagine my life without her.
2. Breanna Irene Broyles. Five weeks after she was born, she acquired a severe fever. The doctor sent us directly to the hospital, I gave her a Priesthood blessing. She recovered fully. After the incident the doctor told us how close to the edge of death she was. I am so grateful for the power of the Priesthood.


When I was born my dad was away at a school and my mom was on her own to make sure I got into this world. She always liked the name Craig so that is my name. It could have been worse. My parents moved from Denver to Greeley, Colorado, when I just a baby and my earliest memories are of my older brother Loren and I living there. I contribute much of my brutal and aggressive nature to my older brother. He made sure my upcoming years were filled with bumps and bruises — I really loved every minute. My dad loved to horseplay with us boys in which the only rule was “NO CRYING.” My brother and I did everything together in which hunting and shooting guns were always involved. He was a great older brother to have as a child especially when he tried out those new pro wrestling moves he saw on TV.

When I was 8 years old I was baptized into the Mormon church and my family moved to Alamosa Colorado. Every minute of every opportunity I spent with my Grandpa and Grandma Sowards. They have a huge cattle ranch in Manassa, Colorado. I would spend the whole summer almost every weekend and winter break at their house. I would drive the cattle up to summer pasture in Cumbres and Brazos on my horse. I would run the windrower in the hay field. My Grandpa would buy cases and cases of Mountain Dew and put them in a cooler on his old pickup. He would come around as we were working and give us all the pop we could drink. Those days with my grandfather are my most treasured days of my life. He treated me like a son and I think of him as a father. He always told me that there is nothing he and I couldn’t do. No one could have been more blessed than I with the family I was born into.

I attended Alamosa High School where my only love was football. It seemed
all I ever did was lift weights and get ready for the next season. I really didn’t chase many girls, just my dad and grandfather’s cows. I love to break horses and anything that my head would get knocked in. Thus football seemed to fit with my personality well. My mother’s only task was making sure her headstrong son would not get into trouble. Many a morning my Mother would follow me to early morning seminary to make sure I’d go. I finally decided to attend Adams State College on a football scholarship. But the Lord had other plans. After a few sleepless nights, I volunteered to go on a mission. My dad had gone to Thailand. My call came for Little Rock, Arkansas. Needless to say I was disappointed but I went anyway. That mission was the biggest kick in the pants. I had a pet squirrel, preachers tried to cast the devils out of me, I got lots of dog bites — who can ask for a bigger adventure. It was there I received my testimony of Jesus and his restored church.

I returned July 1997 and went to Pocatello, Idaho, to Idaho State to play football. I was introduced to Valerie Heath on a blind date. She was also going to college. We dated for a couple of weeks in which she invited me over to her house for dinner one day. She met me at the door with her hair in pigtails and she looked so hot I knew this was the girl for me. We went up to Victoria Island in Canada to salmon fish. She was the only one who caught salmon. I couldn’t have found a better girl in all the world.

We continued to attend Idaho State University with me going to college and playing football. Valerie worked doing everything from insurance secretary to car salesperson to daycare, paying bills. I learned about a COLT team (combat observation lasing team) in the National Guard unit in Pocatello. It sounded so cool so I enlisted. I went to basic training in Fort Jackson, South Carolina. I quickly found out what I had gotten myself into. Yet I did enjoy the environment and the military way of life. I really just love to shoot machine guns. I then went to Fort Sill in Lawton, Oklahoma. That is where I learned how to be a forward observer and where I also realized that being a private in the Army isn’t the best way to live. Officers never clean latrines or do K.P. I finished and returned to Idaho May 18, 2000. Valerie goes to college now to be an English teacher in high schools. I am studying sociology and criminal justice and doing Reserve Officer training corp. When I’m finished with college I’ll be a second lieutenant and I plan to go into the Army Rangers. We plan to have kids so I can pay off my debt to my parents and grandparents for my raising. I am extremely proud of my heritage and my family. I am extremely proud of my wife and our way of life.

3. Bradley Aaron Broyles, b. 28 September 1981 is preparing to leave on a mission.

4. Megan Nicole Broyles, b. 29 April 1983. Megan is a senior in high school.

4. RON ALAN SOWARDS, stillborn in May 1958.

I was named after an uncle and given that name as a first name but all my life I have gone by my middle name of Wayne. My mother used to call me “her old age pension.” We were raised on a family ranch near Sanford, Colorado, a ranch that our father and mother had created out of chico and sagebrush land. We raised sheep, alfalfa, clover and grains. We did have a few years of success raising garden peas for commercial sale in the eastern United States. Being the youngest had some disadvantages of not being included in adult matters but also had the advantage that our family business was thriving when I came along. Many opportunities were made available to me that had not been available to the older children. It was on the family ranch that I learned to work and I’ll be ever grateful for the lessons I learned at my parent’s knee working and playing together on the Mortensen Ranch.

I was blessed by having good friends and though we were far from perfect, Gospel principles and good examples were always there to guide us. Our lives revolved around the ranch, church and school. My best friends in school were Larry Mortensen, Alan Reynolds, and Warren Reed. We became known as “The Four Musketeers.” In addition to academic subjects, my school activities involved sports, band and the annual class play. My favorite sport was basketball and I played on the various team levels in Sanford. I played the trombone. I graduated from Sanford High School in 1953.

**E Wayne and Janice Smith Mortensen family**

*Back, left to right: Lorine Gay Mortensen Day, David Dolan Mortensen, Alan Wayne Mortensen and Carrie Lee Mortensen Eyre*

*Front, Lynelle Ann, E. Wayne, Janice Ann Smith and Amy Merleen Mortensen*
At the conclusion of my high school training, I decided to attend college at Brigham Young University. After attending BYU for two years, Bishop Orval Peterson called me to serve a mission. I was called to serve in the Swiss-Austrian Mission from October 1955 to May 1958. I served in Basel and Baden, Switzerland, and completed my mission in Vienna, Austria. I served as the branch president in Baden. My companion and I were instrumental in finding a meeting place for the Baden Branch, which they used until they built their own chapel—years later.

Upon returning home, I returned to BYU to continue my education in Chemical Engineering. It was at this time that I met my sweetheart, Janice Ann Smith from Woodburn, Oregon. She was a senior and had prepared herself to be an early childhood and elementary level schoolteacher. Janice is the daughter of Samuel H. and Phyllis Merleen Jones Smith. She was born and spent her early childhood years in Utah but moved with her family to the Pacific Northwest during at the end of World War II as her father was serving in the Red Cross. Janice is an excellent student and graduated valedictorian in her high school class. She enrolled at BYU in 1955 while I was serving a mission. It didn’t take us long to decide that we wanted to be eternal companions. Due to Janice’s employment, we moved to Corvallis, Oregon where I completed my education at Oregon State University graduating in Chemical Engineering.

I have spent most of my life in manufacturing of sodium chemicals. A few years after graduating, I was hired by the Arm & Hammer Baking Soda Company to be responsible for the design, construction and operation of their baking soda plants in Green River, Wyoming, and Old Fort, Ohio. We have lived twenty years of our life in Wyoming. We have had other assignments in California, New York, the Middle East and most recently Calgary, Alberta, Canada where we reside currently helping a Canadian company build its baking soda business.

Over our lifetime, we have been given many opportunities for service in our communities and church. Janice has been president of our local school PTA and president of a Nursery School Parents Cooperative. She has been ward Primary president, stake Primary president, ward Young Women’s president, ward Relief Society president and stake Relief Society president. She has been an effective teacher in all of the organizations of the church. I’ve had the opportunity to be Young Men’s president, counselor in bishoprics, bishop, high Councilor, stake president and patriarch. I was appointed by the Governor of Wyoming to serve on the State School Board.

We have enjoyed a wonderful life full of opportunity and adventure. We look forward to our retirement years to enjoy each other’s company, enjoy associating with our family and to be of service in the church. We desire to serve a mission and to honor the legacy of faithfulness that we see evidenced in our ancestors. It is our desire to align our lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Six children:

1. CARRIE LEE MORTENSEN, b. 27 March 1960 in Corvallis, Oregon, md. RUSSELL JAMES EYRE 24 August 1982 in the Jordan River Temple. He was b. 29 June 1960 in Logan, Utah, the son of Irene Anderson and James Hartley Eyre.

I was born while my father attended Oregon State University. I am the oldest of six
children. Being college students, my parents had only enough means for the essentials. My earliest form of entertainment was romping on my Grandma and Grandpa Smith’s front room floor with my dad and grandpa.

My grandpa had a wind-up monkey that played the cymbals. I learned to crawl trying to reach that crazy monkey. Early in my life, my parents learned the power of the Priesthood and its application. Early in my childhood, I developed the eye condition known as strabismus (cross-eyes). After several therapeutic techniques failed, surgery was performed to adjust the muscle length that controls the eyeball. The doctor told my parents that two operations would be required, first on one eye and then later after healing the second eye. I was administered to and after examination
of the healed first eye, the doctor announced that a second operation would not be necessary, that the eyes were nearly perfect in their alignment and that a second operation would destroy that alignment. My parents were grateful for that blessing in my life.

I lived in Oregon, California and Wyoming during my childhood days. I was an excellent swimmer and made the varsity swim team in Green River, Wyoming, my freshman year. In my early high school days, my family moved to Syracuse, N.Y. where I developed another circle of friends with Camille Weight, John and Michael Dippold. One of the factors that helped me build such instant friends was, of course, the church. It also helped that I had obtained my driver’s license while I was in Wyoming. My friends and I were still underage as far as New York was concerned but since I had obtained my license in Wyoming, New York, recognized it on a reciprocity basis. We had a little VW bug that my friends and I hung out in. I graduated from high school in New York and entered BYU as my parents moved to Ohio.

One summer while working in Ohio, I was involved in a head-on collision when an on-coming driver got impatient while driving in dense fog and attempted to pass a car that he was behind. Just as he was passing the car in front of him, unknown to him and me due to the fog, we collided head on. I was unconscious for several days and then suddenly recovered. The doctor could find no after effects from the accident.

It was at BYU that I met my husband Russell in my first family home evening group our freshman year at BYU. We dated in our freshman year, but as friends, and then in September of 1979, he went on his mission to New Zealand. I graduated with a degree in Human Resource Development from BYU in August 1982.

At the first of our marriage, Russell finished his undergraduate at BYU. Then he went to graduate school at Washington State University and we resided in Pullman, Washington. He earned a Ph.D. in Toxicology/Pharmacology. We were happy when we learned I was pregnant and would be bringing children into the world. It was a challenge when I developed severe pre-eclampsia (toxemia) in my first pregnancy. But with the grace of the Lord, all was well.

We moved to Layton, Utah, and Russell worked for Utah Biomedical Technical Laboratory. Two years later, he was offered a position at Baxter Healthcare in Round Lake, Illinois, and we lived in Wonder Lake, Illinois, 1996 to 2000. Presently, he is employed by ICOS, a biotech firm and we reside in Marysville, Washington. We feel fortunate that this move has brought us closer to our families, particularly my sister’s family, Lori and Sam, and Russell’s sister’s family, Jeanine and Jeff.

I have held many positions in the church—Primary music leader, ward music chair man, Laurel advisor, ward choir organist and counselor in the Relief Society. Russell has served the past two years as the elder’s quorum president in our Illinois ward. He showed love and compassion to so many people and led with strong spiritual principles. Our children:

1. Alma Stephen Eyre, b. small, but healthy 23 August 1983 in Provo, Utah.
Alma has a very bright intellect and since he tries hard in school, this is reflected in his academic scores.

2. Nathan Russell Eyre, b. 3 August 1985 in Orem, Utah. Nathan is talented athletically. He enjoys golf, wrestling, and uses his height in basketball. His coach has been pleased with his spunk and spirit.

3. Chelsey Lee Eyre, b. 7 October 1987 in Salt Lake City. Chelsey is self-motivated and organizes our family.

4. Whitney Marie Eyre, b. 30 December 1989 in Moscow, Idaho. She is kind, thoughtful and perceptive of other people’s needs

2. LORINE GAY MORTENSEN, b. 13 February 1963 in San Pablo, California, md. SAMUEL CHARLES DAY 24 May 1989 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 22 July 1964 to Terence Lee and Norma Ruth Thompson Day.

My father had just graduated from Oregon State University and he started his first job in the San Francisco area when I was born. I was plagued by asthma and allergies almost from the day I was born. I needed an oxygen tent and therefore, was hospitalized five times within the first two years of my life. The first time, my father was playing with me while I was lying on his chest. He stated that my face turned blue, and with much anxiety my parents rushed me to the emergency room.

Throughout my life, my mother was tireless in her care of my special needs and me. She spent countless hours monitoring and treating my health, most of these hours occurring in the middle of the night. Other than this issue, my childhood was pristine and happy, for which I credit my parents and thank the Lord.

I was raised in the Bay Area of California; Syracuse, New York; Green River, Wyoming; and Gibsonburg, Ohio. I graduated from high school in Gibsonburg, a small farming community. There were 110 people in my graduating class. Because of my strong religious beliefs, some ridicule and criticism came my way from classmates, particularly about refusing to drink alcohol. However, one of the great-
est compliments of my life came while attending a class reunion in later years when a previously very rowdy classmate remarked, “Lori, I’m so glad you’re here. Since leaving high school I’ve stopped drinking too. I knew if you were here, then I wouldn’t be the only one not drinking.”

Next, I went to Brigham Young University for four-and-a-half years and earned a degree in Medical Technology in December 1985. Medical Technologists are the people who run blood and urine tests that physicians order to aid in diagnosing and treating patients. After school, a company called Intermountain Health Care doing on-site drug screens on urine, to ensure employees were fit for duty and hired me. I moved to Bay City, Texas to install, run and write procedures for this on-site lab.

Being a new young supervisor on a major nuclear power plant construction site provided some interesting experiences. I then moved to Salt Lake City to continue working in the field of toxicology at a lab named Northwest Toxicology.

I worked at Northwest Toxicology until 1987, when I moved to Bellingham, Washington to work in a lab called Whatcom Pathology Associates. There I learned broader fields beyond toxicology in Medical Technology and learned I most enjoyed doing blood banking. After taking out my temple endowments, I spent weekends in Seattle (an hour away from Bellingham) and eventually met many LDS people with which I socialized. It was within this group of people that I met my husband, Samuel Charles Day. He was raised primarily in Pullman, Washington. At the time, my sister Carrie and her family lived in Pullman while her husband, Russell was attending Washington State University. As both Sam and I had family in Pullman, we traveled from Seattle to visit them for Easter in 1989. It was on this trip that we fell in love. We were married ten weeks later in the Salt Lake City Temple. Sam and I had traveled to Salt Lake to witness Sam’s sister’s wedding, and three days before her wedding, we decided to make it a double wedding.

I found a job in Seattle at Northwest Hospital and therefore moved to Seattle in July of 1989. We bought our first home in October 1989 in an unincorporated area of King County, which is now known as Shoreline, Washington. We lived there for five years, then bought a condominium in the historic neighborhood of Seattle known as Pioneer Square in 1995. Sam is a free-lance illustrator and his studio is a block-and-a-half away from our condo. From 1991 to 1998, I worked for Providence Medical Center in various positions including Microbiology tech, Blood Bank Supervisor, and Support Services Manager. I presently work part-time for my husband at his studio as his office manager.

My hobbies are reading, knitting, cross-stitching and traveling to see the world. We have had the opportunity to travel to Mexico and Europe and have the goal to expand this activity in the years to come.

I have loved serving in the Primary as a nursery leader and Primary chorister. I am presently the Relief Society president of our ward, after having served as the education counselor. I have also served as the activities chairman, Relief Society secretary, Relief Society teacher, and Relief Society and priesthood pianist. I have
always had a testimony of the Gospel and thank Heavenly Father every night for the blessings he showers on my family and me. I have a strong heritage of love, devotion to God and kindness to all. I am ever mindful of what Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche said, “What you inherit from your fathers, earn it, to possess it.”


Having two older sisters with which to contend, I developed an outgoing personality and learned quickly to ask for what I wanted. This first demonstrated itself to my parents when traveling with my uncle and aunt. The family stopped for dinner. I was given a bowl of chili, which I finished quickly, as I was hungry. I wanted more and being unable to gain the attention of any of the adults in my family, I climbed down from my chair, took my bowl with me into the kitchen and asked the burly, tattooed cook for more chili. He replied that any three-year-old brave enough to ask him for more could have it on the house. As I returned to the table with my bowl, my parents finally noticed that I wasn't at my chair and were embarrassed that I hadn't been missed.

My family was nomadic, following my father’s career. This permitted me to make many wonderful friends that continue to enrich my life. My closest friends were
Brian Lott, Brett Gardiner and Herb Spanfellner. Our activity in the Church and my participation in sports gained me consistency. I played in peewee football, Little League baseball and when I was advanced enough in school, there were interscholastic sports, I participated in basketball and baseball. My teams were successful and I accumulated many trophies, which reflect our success. I graduated from high school in Gibsonburg, Ohio. In addition to sports, I was the senior class president at the same time I was the student body president and the lead in many plays.

My parents were very supportive of all these extracurricular events, getting me to and from practices and watching me during games and performances. I attended Brigham Young University after graduating from high school. It was in my freshman year that I met my wife, Robyn Hayes, daughter of Lloyd and Jesse Downa Holt Hayes. Although she didn’t specifically wait for me to return from the Mexico, Guadalajara Mission, we did remain friends and resumed our relationship when I returned. After marrying I transferred to the University of Utah where I earned a bachelor’s degree in political science. We then moved to Laramie, Wyoming, where I earned my law degree.

The firm, Wilcox, Dewsnup & King located in Salt Lake City, Utah offered me a summer internship and then decided to hire me part-time while I finished my law degree. The first part of the week I’d do school work in Laramie, then I’d drive to Salt Lake City to work on weekends for the firm. My mentor and best friend in the legal profession was Brent Wilcox. He gave me a start in the legal profession that placed me years ahead of my peers. Unfortunately, we lost him to the ravages of cancer. I can’t thank him enough for his help.

At the University of Wyoming Law School, I served on the Law Review Staff and was assistant editor my last year. I authored and co-authored articles published in the Law Review, which becomes permanent law record. One dealt with abortion and legal inconsistencies in Wyoming Law relating to abortion. For example, in Wyoming an unborn child has rights to its parent’s property but doesn’t have the right to life. My article raised quite a stir in government and legal circles.

After graduation, I worked for this same firm full time. They specialize in personal injury cases. Our family grew by two more girls during this time, After working there for five years, I decided to start my own law firm. I was self-employed until July 2000, when I returned to Dewsnup, King & Olsen. Our fifth child was born. I had the opportunity to serve the church as Young Men’s counselor, Young Men’s president, elder’s quorum president and current as second counselor in the bishopric. Robyn has served in music, nursery, sports director and as Primary president.

We have a good life. Robyn and I and, many times, our family have been able to travel and visit many wonderful places. I consider myself richly blessed. All of our children’s initials are BAM. My father says that Robyn and I got married and things went BAM, BAM, BAM, BAM, BAM. Our five children:

1. Bryan Alan Mortensen, b. 16 August 1988 in Salt Lake City, Utah.
4. Brin Aljanise Mortensen, b. 7 October 1996.

4. DAVID DOLAN MORTENSEN, b. 20 October 1968 in Salt Lake City, Utah, md. STACEY ANN WANCZYK 10 August 1990 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was the daughter of Jim and Sharon Joseph Wanczyk.

They lived in Green River, Wyoming, at the time, but traveled to Salt Lake City for my birth. My middle name came from my father’s brother who passed away at age seven. I am the fourth of six children. I spent the first seven years of my life growing up in Green River. You could safely say that I became a “tag-a-long” to my older brother Alan and his friends. Most of his friends had brothers my age and we would usually follow our older brothers, for better or worse.

In the summer of 1976, we moved to Manlius, New York, just outside of Syracuse. We lived there two years and then moved to a small farming community, Gibsonburg, Ohio. We lived about four miles outside of the town because it was the only house large enough that was available for our family. Here I developed a love of sports, particularly basketball. Being the tallest one in my class helped in my development of that talent. After my freshman year of high school I uprooted and moved back to Green River, Wyoming. This move turned out to be the most rewarding for my family and also for me. Here I developed some close friendships with young men who were members of the church and I gained a stronger testimony of the restored gospel. During my senior year of high school I was called as the Seminary president. I also participated on the high school basketball team, which won the state championship, losing only one game all season. The team is still considered one of the greatest basketball teams in the state’s history.
I chose to attend Ricks College and attempt to play basketball there. I did not have a scholarship offer to play basketball, but due to my seminary leadership, I had a scholarship for school. I “walked” onto the basketball team and earned a starting position on the varsity team. I became the first “walk-on” player to earn a starting role in his first year. I will be forever grateful to my Heavenly Father for blessing my life. The men and women’s basketball teams from Ricks were invited to inaugurate one of Calgary, Canada’s Olympic venues. It was while traveling to Calgary that a beautiful young woman turned around from the seat in front of me. All I remember was how beautiful her smile was and how she had big, beautiful, brown eyes. She was Stacey Ann Wanczyk (pronounced wine-check) and she had grown up in Ogden, Utah. She was the starting center on the Ricks’ women’s basketball team. We dated and decided to write while I served my mission, but that she would continue to date.

I received my call to serve in the Taeto, Korea mission from May 1988 to May 1990. The 1988 Seoul Summer Olympics were held during my service and the whole country was focused on putting on the best games ever. Our mission president allowed us to observe some of the events, I attended a soccer game between Turkey and Iraq.

Upon returning home, Stacey was “still available.” We continued our courtship and we were married. Our first year of marriage was unique in that Stacey was attending school at Idaho State University and participating on their women’s basketball team, while I returned to Ricks and the men’s team. Needless to say, our first year was full of early morning classes, late night practices, and many road trips. It was during this year that Stacey set an ISU scoring record with 34 points in one game. That record stood until 1999. She was also a unanimous All Big Sky player.

Stacey graduated from ISU with a degree in speech communications in May of 1990, and after a one-year hiatus in Laramie, Wyoming, we moved to Fairbanks, Alaska. I was offered a basketball scholarship to play at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. I had a successful career there, being a unanimous All Pacific West player. I graduated in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science. Stacey worked in the Sports Information Department at UAF, among a variety of other jobs.

We moved to Fullerton, California, so I could attend Southern California College of Optometry. I graduated with a Doctorate of Optometry May 15, 1998. During optometry school, Stacey worked as an optician, fitting glasses and contact lenses to people. Thus, while I was learning the “back side,” she was learning the “front side” of the business. Hopefully, we will have our own practice and be able to work together in it.

After graduating from SCCO, we purchased a home in Layton, Utah, where we currently reside. I am employed at Intermountain Eye Care and practice optometry in Salt Lake City. Stacey keeps busy with her calling as the second counselor in the Relief Society of our ward. I serve as the second counselor in the Young Men’s presidency.

Since our marriage, Stacey has served as a Sunday School teacher, a counselor in Young Women’s presidencies, Young Women’s president and in other callings. I have
served as a counselor in Young Men’s presidencies, a Sunday School teacher, a counselor in a branch presidency, and a counselor in an elder’s quorum presidency. We have been greatly blessed by the Lord. We both have strong testimonies of the restored gospel. We know that Jesus is our Savior, that Joseph Smith is a prophet of God. We know the Book of Mormon is true and that by living by its teachings we can be blessed in this life and in the life to come. We are thankful for our pioneer ancestors and the trials they went through, so that we could have this knowledge.

5. AMY MERLEEN MORTENSEN, b. 24 June 1971 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Ernest Wayne Mortensen and Janice Ann Smith.

My family was living in Green River, Wyoming, at the time and traveled to Salt Lake for medical care. The summer of my fifth birthday we moved to a small community outside of Syracuse, New York, where we lived for two years. We then moved to Gibsonburg, Ohio. We were there six years and then moved back to Green River, where I graduated from Green River High School in May of 1989.

I have fond memories of New York, Ohio and Green River. I enjoyed the unique things about each place I lived growing up. It has helped teach me about differences in life and that change in life is a good thing.

After high school I went to Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho (now known as BYU-Idaho). I went there for two years and obtained an associate's degree in General Education. My second year I was able to go to school with my brother David and was able to spend a little time with both him and his wife Stacey that year. After Ricks I went to Brigham Young University, pursuing a dual major. I was at BYU for about a 1-1/2 years when I decided to serve a mission. I was called to serve in the Korea Seoul West mission. I was in Korea from March 1993 to October 1993 when I developed back problems and came home. I was home about a month and a half and was reassigned to the Arizona Tucson Mission from January to August 1994, where I finished out the remainder of my mission. I am so thankful for...
the opportunity to serve a mis-

sion. My testimony in my Savior Jesus Christ and in his gospel was greatly increased.

After my mission I returned to BYU and finished my degree. I lived with my sister Lynelle for a year and we were best friends. I graduated in April of 1996 with a dual degree in early childhood education and elementary education. I then was hired to teach fifth grade at Riverside Elementary in Jordan School District in Utah. I was there a year and then was hired to teach a combination class of K-3 in Boulder, Utah, a small town in south central Utah. I was there a year also and loved every minute of my teaching experience.

I am currently living in Centerville, Utah, and working for EMSI, a paramedical company. We perform life insurance exams and I am an office worker. I am still not sure what I want to do when I grow up but I am content and happy with life right now. I live about a mile from my brother Alan and his family, which I enjoy so I can spoil his kids. I also live close to my other brother David and his wife Stacey and also my sister Lynelle. I get to see my sisters Carrie and Lori and their families often through vacations. We enjoy getting together and spending time with one another.

I currently serve as the senior Primary chorister in my ward in Centerville. I have served as visiting teaching coordinator, visiting teaching district leader, Relief Society pianist, and a Sunday school teacher. My hobbies are reading, cross-stitching, movies, singing, piano playing, and being with my family.

My parents raised me well and in the gospel of Jesus Christ. They provided our family with many opportunities to develop talents and testimonies throughout our lives. I have been able to travel many places throughout the world because of family vacations. I love the gospel of Jesus Christ and the direction it gives me in my life. I am thankful I had grandparents who raised a wonderful son, who in turn raised me along with my mother to be the person I am today.

6. LYNELLE ANN MORTENSEN, b. 17 May 1974 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Wayne and Janice Mortensen. At the time my family lived in Green River, Wyoming, but due to lack of efficient medical care my parents traveled to Utah. I am the youngest of six children. I was two when we moved to Syracuse, New York. I was four when we left New York and moved to the small farming community of Gibsonburg, Ohio. There I attended school until the fourth grade. I met my best friend of 22 years (and counting) Sarah Shadle. Gibsonburg holds many fond memories for me. Spending time with my family gardening (of course, at the time I complained about the gardening) and swimming in our pool are just two of those special memories.

At age ten, my father felt that he needed to leave the company, and venture out with a new company, Tenneco. We moved back to Green River, Wyoming. There I developed many great and lasting friendships. In 1992, I graduated from Green River High School. Mom and Dad often said that each time they have moved, it is where the Lord needed them, and not necessarily for employment. I witnessed this growing up as I saw my father become part of bishoprics, a stake patriarch twice, a Stake
I saw Mom called as Primary, Young Women, and Relief Society presidents, and also an effective visiting teacher and companion.

Mom and Dad always showing respect for one another. I was taught the gospel from my parents. They always helped us as children to recognize the Spirit in our lives. We held regular FHE, had priesthood interviews with Dad, held family scripture study and always had family prayer. It was because of these actions that I was able to gain my testimony of the gospel and to choose the right. One of my cherished memories was being baptized by my brother Alan, and confirmed by my father. Mom and Dad always took us on a family vacation every year. Family vacations strengthened our relationship as a family, and tolerance for other cultures and practices that were not my own.

After graduation from high school, I attended BYU and had the opportunity to live with my sister Amy. I believe this started an eternal friendship with her that no one can break. By the time I was a junior, I made the decision to serve a mission. I left from Ohio and on June 7, 1995, I entered the MTC. It was a goal and dream come true. However, when my call came to serve in the Utah Provo Mission I was a bit shocked. The call told me that I would be assigned to serve in the Visitor Center in St. George, Utah. When my stake president in Ohio set me apart as a missionary, he stated that I would come in contact with many different cultures and countries. My parents and I thought, “In Utah?” It turned out to be true. I had three foreign companions, taught discussions and gave tours to people from all over the world. As part of my duties I proselyted half a day and give tours in the Visitor Center the other half. My mission has prepared me for the rest of my life. I truly enjoyed serving the Lord and am especially grateful for the relationship that I developed with the Lord while serving.

Upon returning from my mission in December 1996, I returned to BYU where I graduated in August of 1998. I was blessed because I got a job as a Kindergarten teacher in the elementary school where I did my student teaching. The children give me such joy, and I love to see them learn and grow.

I love to sing, read, cross-stitch and travel. I have been to many places in the U.S., and Canada (especially since Mom and Dad currently live there) and to various
places in Europe. I hope to continue to travel in the future. I am a huge Mickey
Mouse/Disney fan and am the ultimate Star Wars fan. I have had the opportunity to
serve as a Visiting Teaching supervisor; home education teacher; home education
counselor; secretary in a ward Relief Society presidency; and I am now the Home,
Family, and Personal Enrichment leader, and a visiting teacher. I love the gospel of
Jesus Christ. I know that the Lord has blessed my family and me in so many differ-
ent ways. I would like to thank my parents, because I know it was through their
efforts that I am happy and where I am today.

3B1-2  ELMINA JANE MORTENSEN, b. 2 April 1891 in Sanford, Colorado, md.
DANIEL EUGENE POULSON. He was b. 8 September 1891 in Sanford, Colorado.
Seven children:

1. GENE M. POULSON JR., md. MAXINE AMELIA PETERSON. See p. 1369 for Maxine
   Amelia Peterson. Seven children:
   
   1. ROBERT EUGENE POULSON. Robert md. DARLA RAYE CROWATHER.
   2. DONALD GLEN POULSON.
   3. ALLAN RAY POULSON. Allan md. LINDA STAPLES.
   4. BARBARA IRENE POULSON.
   5. PAUL MARK POULSON.
   6. SUE RAE POULSON, b. 6 June 1958 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. RONALD ALLEN
      DECKER, b. 15 December 1955 in Idaho Falls, Idaho, bpt. 1 February 1964. Five
      children:
      1. Danielle Jean Decker, b. 11 July 1982 in Montrose, Colorado.
      3. Caitlin Sue Decker, b. 29 December 1988 in Montrose, Colorado, d. 29
   7. NANCY LEE POULSON

  2. NORMA POULSON.

  3. THOMAS BOYD POULSON.

  4. MILDRED POULSON.

  5. KEITH LYNN POULSON.
6. RAYMOND H. POULSON.

7. RICHARD WAYNE POULSON.

3B1-2 Elmina Jane Mortensen md. second BENJAMIN POULSON 19 August 1934.

3B1-3 RANDALL CLUFF MORTENSEN, b. 27 August 1894 in Sanford, Colorado, md. HELEN FRANCIS McINTIRE. She d. 30 December 1990 in Alamosa, Colorado. He d. 8 December 1966 in Alamosa, Colorado. Thirteen children:

1. HILLARD RANDALL MORTENSEN, b. 9 March 1915, md. WYNONA MARIE SABIN 5 October 1933. She was b. 23 July 1914. Hillard d. 12 April 1997. Nine children:

Hillard and Wynona Mortensen family
   1. Mark Grady Pottberg, b. 10 January 1957 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. Dessa Mae Mickelsen 22 August 1980 in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was b. 5 November 1953 in Alamosa, Colorado. Three children:
      1. Skyler Mark Pottberg, b. 4 August 1986 in Alamosa, Colorado.
      3. Ashley Mae Pottberg [twin], b. 19 August 1986 in Alamosa, Colorado.
   2. Beaver Franklin Pottberg, b. 3 May 1958 in Alamosa, Colorado.
   3. Rose Marie Pottberg, b. and d. 9 April 1959 in LaJara, Colorado.
   4. Artie May Pottberg, b. 5 December 1960 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. Lee Martin Howlett 16 September 1984 in Oakland, California. Lee was b. 7 September 1951 in Lincoln, Michigan. Two children:
      1. Dereck Hyrum Beverly, b. 16 December 1984 in Alamosa, Colorado.
   Verona Pottberg md. second Thomas Evans 14 December 2001 in Cleveland, Ohio.
   Heidi Pottberg md. second Aberardo Mark Heredia Jr. 19 February 1983 in Manassa, Colorado, [They divorced and remarried 19 November 1995 in Monte Vista, Colorado]. Abe was b. 3 September 1969. Six children:
   1. Amber Nicole Heredia, b. 21 July 1983 in LaJara, Colorado.
   2. Aaron Emory Heredia [twin], b. 27 June 1990 in LaJara, Colorado.
   3. Adam Randall Heredia [twin], b. 27 June 1990 in LaJara, Colorado.
   5. Anisha Heredia, b. 2 January 1996 in Alamosa, Colorado.
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Sines 9 August 2002 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was b. 3 March 1959 in Sheridan, Wyoming.

   1. Dawna Marie Pottberg, b. 21 May 1993 in Alamosa, Colorado.

2. Judith Marie Mortensen, b. 19 December 1938 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. Nelson Odel Smith 15 March 1956 in Taos, New Mexico. He was b. 31 July 1933 in Manassa, Colorado. Two children:
   1. Gwen Udell Smith, b. 26 February 1957 in Alamosa, Colorado. One child:
   2. Tim Smith, b. 21 June 1968 in Hollywood, California, md. Kimberly ________ in 1987 in Tonopah, Nevada. She was b. 18 October 1972.
      Three children:
      1. TJ Smith, b. 8 February 1989.
      3. Tye Ryan Smith, b. 22 April 1996.

3. Randall Lee Mortensen, b. 21 August 1941 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. Leslie Jean Hutchinson 31 May 1981 in Alamosa, Colorado. She was b. 11 March 1948 in Kansas. Two children:
   1. Tharin Wayne Mortensen, b. 8 December 1967, md. Kris Jo Gardner 21 December 1991 in Atwater, California. She was b. 16 May 1971 in Hill Air Force Base, Utah. Three children:
      2. Jacob Robet Mortensen, b. 15 March 1996 in Alamosa, Colorado.
      1. Alisa Mae Darnall, b. 1 August 2001 in Alamosa, Colorado.

4. Dale Edward Mortensen, b. 28 August 1945 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. Sandra Kay Ford 17 October 1964 in Bernalillo, New Mexico. She was b. 11 June 1945 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Three children:
   1. Robin Paulette Mortensen, b. 8 December 1966, md. David Hamilton in Jamaica. He was b. 1 June 1957. One child:
   2. Edward Scott Mortensen, b. 18 May 1969 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, md. Kristie Guiterzioz. She was b. 10 June 1974. Four children:
      3. Dana Dayl Mortensen, b. 20 November 1996.

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3. Jeffrey Don Mortensen, b. 18 July 1972 in Alburqueque, New Mexico, md. Tanya McWilliams in 1996 in New Mexico. She was b. 7 February 1971. Two children, both b. in Alamosa, Colorado.
   1. Hayley Kaye Mortensen, b. 7 July 1996.

5. WILLIAM DEAN MORTENSEN, b. 18 August 1947 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. BESSIE LEE RICHARDSON 23 December 1966 in Bernalillo, New Mexico. She was b. 11 February 1947. Three children:
   1. Randall Dean Mortensen, b. 9 June 1969 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. Janice Baldonado 20 March 1993 in Bernalillo, New Mexico. She was b. 9 January 1970 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Three children:
      1. Ryan Mortensen, b. 7 July 1988 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
   2. Shane Lee Mortensen, b. 21 March 1972, md. Christine Satiiana in Bernalillo, New Mexico. She was b. 12 July 1973 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Two children:
   3. Aaron Lonnie Mortensen, b. 16 March 1980 in Bernalillo, New Mexico, md. Beanann Chavez. One child:
      1. Chad Simone Mortensen, b. 16 April 2002.

6. LONNIE DAVE MORTENSEN, b. 16 February 1949 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. SANDRA DIANE REDDER 5 December 1970 in San Diego, California. She was b. 4 September 1947. Lonnie and Sandra both d. 5 February 1975 in Alamosa, Colorado.

7. SHELLEY JO MORTENSEN, b. 22 April 1953 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. PAUL DEON RUSSELL 17 February 1973 in Sanford, Colorado. He was b. 24 March 1951 in Mt. Vernon, Indiana. Three children:
      2. Daly Joh Condie, b. 4 June 1999 in Utah.
   3. Kasey Dave Russell, b. 22 March 1978 in Pueblo, Colorado, served in the Guatemala, Guatemala City North Mission July 1997 to July 1999, md. Minay McCarrol. She was b. in Alamosa, Colorado. One child:

8. HOLLY WYNONA MORTENSEN, b. 16 December 1955 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. RANDALL LOUIS CHRISTENSEN 2 March 1975. He was b. 6 October 1955.
Three children:
1. Mischell Lee Christensen, b. 5 May 1976, md. Jared Buhr [divorced]. One child:
3. Martin Ted Christensen, b. 21 February 1983.

9. WYNN NELL MORTENSEN, b. 27 September 1957 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. PAUL ALLEN RANDALS 17 September 1973 in Sanford, Colorado. He was b. 28 November 1953 in Denver, Colorado. Four children:

2. LOIS HELEN MORTENSEN, b. 12 February and d. 23 June 1917.

3. JOSEPH CLINE MORTENSEN, b. 20 May 1918, md. RUTH PETERSEN. She was b. 5 October 1918. Five children:

   1. DONNA LAURETTE MORTENSEN, b. 8 April 1940, md. ___________ LARSEN. Five children:
      1. Stoney Joe Larsen, b. 20 October 1959, md. Linda Brady. She was b. 5 October 1955.
      4. Marty Ray Larsen, b. 9 September 1966, md. Lisa Marie Valentine. She was b. 12 December 1968. Three children:
         1. Dusty Shane Larsen, b. 11 January 1986.
      5. Shane Rick Larsen, b. 7 June 1968, md. Tracy Lynn Valentine. She was b. 28 October 1968. Two children:
         1. Mason Shane Larsen, b. 30 September 1993.

   2. SANDRA JO MORTENSEN, b. 4 October 1943, md. CARL FRANKLIN HATCH. He was b. 28 January 1943. Seven children:
      2. Rhonda Jo Hatch, b. 2 December 1969, md. Larry Vernon Conger. He was b. 20 September 1968. Two children:
      4. Tiani Lauarette Hatch, b. 15 April 1974, md. Paul Shoemaker. He was b. 5 April 1974. One child:

3. LYNN C. MORTENSEN, b. 4 October 1950, md. LINDA K. CHACON. She was b. 14 March 1951. Four children:
   1. Laticia Rae Mortensen, b. 1 July 1970, md. Dave Lenz. He was b. 30 December 1965. Two children:
   2. Lance C. Mortensen, b. 15 October 1973 and d. 9 September 1991.
   4. Lacey Lynn Mortensen, b. and d. 26 September 1986.

4. RICKY S. MORTENSEN, b. 9 December 1951, md. CINDY GLYNN. She was b. 6 July 1952. Four children:
   1. Ricky Chad Mortensen, b. 6 May 1971, md. Jody Davies. She was b. 4 June 1968.
   2. Wendi Jo Mortensen, b. 1 June 1973, md. Scott Weideman. He was b. 4 October 1968. One child:

5. SHIRLA RUTH MORTENSEN, b. 28 February 1953, md. JACK REYNOLDS. He was b. 30 January 1950. Four children:
   1. Travis Jack Reynolds, b. 3 January 1971. One child:
   3. Colt Cline Reynolds [twin], b. 5 February 1987

4. LOUISE MORTENSEN, b. 15 October 1919, md. JAMES LELAND DYER 13 October 1940. He was b. 25 October 1918. Five children:

1. HELEN LORRAINE DYER, b. 23 December 1941, md. a _____________ LARSEN. Seven children:
   1. Blane Larsen, b. 22 January 1959, md. Priscilla Dawn Pope. She was b. 14 August 1962. Five children:
      2. Logan Blane Larsen, b. 28 October 1981.
   2. James Kyle Larsen, b. 22 April 1961, md. Marci Ann Marant. She was b. 29 July 1970. One child:
3. Jeffrey Jay Larsen, b. 14 January 1964, md. Brenda Dee Broyles. She was b. 2 March 1964. Three children:
   1. Thad Larsen, b. 15 March 1985.
4. Dana H. Larsen, b. 10 February 1965, md. Wilma Jean Cluck. One child:
5. Rhett Blake Larsen, 1 February 1969, md. Roxane Petersen. She was b. 12 February 1969. Three children:

2. CONNIE JEAN DYER, b. 16 July 1944.

3. BRUCE “J” DYER, b. 17 September 1950, md. CONNIE LEE PETERSEN. She was b. 19 April 1951. Five children:
   1. Stacey Jo Wyatt, b. 1 June 1970, md. Jeffrey Glen Coleman. He was b. 13 July 1970. Two children:
   2. Don Ryan Dyer, b. 5 January 1972, md. Autumn Gayle Mortensen. She was b. 11 August 1977. See p. 1399 for Autumn Gayle Mortensen. One child:

4. GIL “M” DYER was b. 7 December 1951 Alamosa, Colorado, and d. 1 October 1968.

5. BRENT “R” DYER, b. 3 September 1954, md. DARLEE FAYE PITCHFORD. She was b. 6 March 1956. Four children:

5. HERBERT FRED MORTENSEN, b. 11 January 1921, md. CALLIE HUTCHINS 7 March 1944. She was b. 26 October 1925. Herbert d. 27 October 1993. Eleven children:

   1. Bonna Rae Mortensen, b. 2 September 1947, md. Edward J. Vercelli. He was b. 25 September 1945. Ten children:
      1. James Edward Vercelli, b. 11 June 1969, md. Carie Lee Arnett. She was b. 15 January 1970. Two children:
5. Jennifer Julia Vercelli, b. 14 December 1975. One child:

2. CALLIE ANN MORTENSEN, b. 27 June 1949, md. BRUCE “G” JARVIES. He was b. 29 April 1948. See p. 1209 for Bruce “G” Jarvies. Five children:
   1. Kirk Jarvies, b. 7 August 1968, md. Shannan __________. She was b. 19 December 1971. Three children:
   2. Clinton Jarvies, b. 27 September 1969, md. Jennifer __________. She was b. 3 June 1971. Two children:
      2. Reagan Jarvies, b. 22 August 1996.
   3. Mitchell Jarvies, b. 11 October 1970, md. Kristi __________. She was b. 14 September 1971. Two children:
   4. Natalie Jarvies, b. 25 January 1972, md. Jim Paine. He was b. 1 August 1966. Two children:
   5. Rachel Jarvies, b. 29 May 1975, md. Dave Barrows. He was b. 7 May 1973. One child:
      1. Devon Barrows, b. May 31, 1996.

3. MITCHELL FRED MORTENSEN.

4. CINDY MORTENSEN, b. 9 October 1951, md. GAYLAND BRUCE SMITH. He was b. 7 July 1948. Six children:
   1. Blake Smith, b. 4 June 1972, md. Aimee __________. She was b. 13 October 1972. Two children:
      2. Merrick Smith, b. 28 December 1996.
   2. Tyler Smith, b. 8 May 1974, md. Lindsey Miller. She was b. 27 June 1978.
3. Daniel Smith, b. 27 April 1977.

5. SHELA MORTENSEN, b. 4 January 1953, md. VALDEN McGINNIS. He was b. 1 February 1948. Five children:
   1. Toby McGinnis, b. 6 October 1973, md. Tara ___________. She was b. September 1978.
   2. Aaron McGinnis, b. 9 July 1974, md. Colleen ___________. She was b. 4 October 1978. One child:

6. PAMELYN MORTENSEN, b. 26 August 1954, md. GLADE REESE CROWTHER. He was b. 28 February 1951. Seven children:
   1. Mandy Crowther, b. 11 March 1975, md. Judd Brown. He was b. 29 December 1971. One child:
   2. Emily Crowther, b. 29 September 1976, md. Bryan Bloom. He was b. 17 February 1972. One child:
      1. Tyler Bloom, b. 7 May 1997.
   4. Amy Crowther, b. 15 October 1979
   5. Tyson Crowther, b. 4 July 1981.
   7. Sara Crowther, b. 22 May 1985.

7. BRAD WILSON MORTENSEN, b. 20 June 1957, md. LESLIE ___________. She was b. 8 July 1957. Six children:
   1. Janelle Mortensen, b. 9 April 1975, md. Jess Caton. He was b. 15 January 1974. One child:
      1. Lance Caton, b. 3 April 1996.

8. PAUL KERRY MORTENSEN, b. 4 October 1959 in Farmington, New Mexico, and d. September 1969.

10. **SHAWN TYLER MORTENSEN**, b. 16 September 1965, md. PAULA _______.
She was b. 4 December 1967. Four children:
2. Justin Mortensen, b. 11 March 1990.

11. **TERRI DIANE MORTENSEN**, b. 19 March 1968, md. TROY ALLEN. He was b. 18 October 1966. Three children:


1. **LOIS KAY MORTENSEN**, b. 3 July 1947 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. RICHARD KIM MILLER 18 March 1967. He was b. 24 December 1946. Six children:

2. **DIXIE LEE MORTENSEN**, b. 4 September 1949 in Del Norte, Colorado, md. LYNN RAY HUTCHINS 9 September 1969. He was b. 27 December 1948. Seven children:
   1. Lisa Rochelle Hutchings, b. 6 March 1971, md. Steve Amata. Two children:
      1. Kyle Amata.
      2. Braiden Amata.
   2. Tyla Jo Hutchins, b. 29 April 1973, md. Jeff Weaver.
   5. Trina Lee Hutchins, b. 28 March 1980.

3. **GORDON McINTIRE MORTENSEN**, b. 27 August 1950 in Del Norte, Colorado, md. LANAЕ ROGERS 5 June 1973. She was b. 30 June 1953. Six children:
   1. Clinton Randall Mortensen, b. 24 February 1974, md. Lawanna Haws. She was b. 16 April 1975.

4. **PEGGY LOUISE MORTENSEN**, b. 29 July 1953 in Farmington, New Mexico, md. CARL STEPHEN HAYNIE II 22 April 1977. He was b. 29 September 1952. Five children:
   5. Cara Marie Haynie, b. 2 October 1995.

5. **MARSHA GAY MORTENSEN** [twin], b. 4 August 1955 in Farmington, New Mexico, md. JOHN JAMES ALAND. He was b. 27 February 1951. Seven children:

6. **MONTY GARTH MORTENSEN** [twin], b. 4 August 1955 in Farmington, New Mexico, d. 8 February 1956.

7. **RODNEY ALBERT MORTENSEN**, b. 27 April 1958 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. CORINNE DENISE DORSEY 1 July 1977. Four children:
   1. Tasha Lynn Mortensen, b. 10 August 1978.
   4. Albert Cole McIntire Mortensen, b. 12 January 1987


9. **NEAL KEITH MORTENSEN**, b. 20 January 1965 in La Jara, Colorado, md. NICOLE BLISS. She was b. 1 March 1968. Four children:
   4. Jada Mortensen, b. 21 October 1996


When I was one year old we moved to Questa, New Mexico, where dad worked for the Postal Service and molybdenum mine. When I was three my family moved to Jarosa, Colorado, where my dad started farming. We started school in Jarosa and then went to Alamosa schools for two years.
We moved to Sanford and lived on the McIntire Ranch, five miles east of Sanford. I graduated from high school in 1941. I helped Dad farm till I married.

I have many happy memories of my childhood. I loved horses. Chasing and breaking wild horses was one of my favorite pass times. I liked swimming in the river, playing baseball, basketball and football at home and in high school. At one time we had a Mortensen basketball team with my cousins and brother-in-law.

We had a double wedding with my brother Albert and Kathleen Paulson. We had a great time going to Yellowstone Park after we attended the temple. I worked at the La Jara Potato Growers Co-op as foreman and later as General Manager for 49 years. I retired in June of 1999. We are so very proud of our family and feel very blessed because they are all active in the church and have all been sealed in the temple.

I have always loved the church and tried to do the things I've been called to do. My family has been my greatest joy in life. Watching our boys and their children perform in cultural, spiritual, and athletic events has been a highlight for me.

Some of my callings in the church have been teaching in the Aaronic priesthood, Explorer leader, on a high council for ten years, stake Young Men president, counselor in a bishopric, and home teacher. The last and most rewarding call has been as a temple ordinance worker in the Denver and the Albuquerque Temples.

We celebrated our fiftieth wedding anniversary in July 1996 along with Albert and Kathleen and all of our families. What a rewarding posterity. Three children died in infancy. We have been blessed with four sons.

1. **STEVEN CLYDE MORTENSEN**, b. 5 November 1949, md. SUSAN HORCH from Bremerton, Washington. She was b. 15 May 1952. After graduating from high school he served a mission in the New England States. He then went to BYU and graduated with a degree in business. Steve and Sue are presently living in Layton, Utah. They have four children:
   1. **Kirstin Marie Mortensen**, b. 4 June 1974, served a mission in Canada, md. Jake Cutler. They have one daughter:
      1. **Iva Cutler**.
   2. **Dustin Clyde Mortensen**, b. 24 June 1976, served a mission in Chile. He attended college at University of Utah.

2. **CRAIG “H” MORTENSEN**, b. 2 June 1951, md. MARGIE ANN CLEMENTS from La Jara, Colorado. She was b. 22 April 1953. After graduating from Sanford High he enrolled at Adams State College where he played varsity basketball for three years. He graduated with a degree in Physical Education and later returned to obtain a master’s degree. He presently teaches and coaches in Craig, Colorado. They have four daughters:
   1. **Jinny Ann Mortensen**, b. 4 May 1977. She is presently attending Adams
State College. She has one son:
1. Isaac Danner Gauthier, b. 21 August 1996.
2. Erin Ann Mortensen, b. 18 October 1980. She is attending Ricks College.
3. Emily Ann Mortensen, b. 21 December 1982. She is a senior at Moffat County High School in Craig.
4. Laurel Ann Mortensen, b. 25 October 1984. She is a sophomore at Moffat County High School in Craig.

3. KENNETH WADE MORTENSEN, b. 15 May 1954, md. LINDY LOU VEZZANI from Walsenburg, Colorado. She was b. 5 October 1957. Kenneth graduated from Sanford High School, then attended Adams State College. He played varsity basketball for four years, graduating with a degree in Physical Education and later obtaining a master’s degree. He is presently coaching and teaching in Cortez, Colorado. They have five children:
   1. Amber Lee Mortensen, b. 2 July 1975, md. Chas Mueller.
   2. Anna Marie Mortensen, b. 11 January 1982. She is a freshman at Sterling Junior College.
   3. Marcus Wade Mortensen, b. 21 July 1984. He is a sophomore at Cortez High School.
   4. Ryan Michael Mortensen, b. 3 July 1986. He is in the 8th grade.

4. TOD GANUS MORTENSEN, b. 20 March 1959, md. DEBBIE DEE JOHNSON from Manahawkin, New Jersey. She was b. 20 July 1960. He graduated from Sanford High School and then attended Snow College and Southern Utah State College. He graduated with a degree in Business Administration and played football and baseball during college. They now reside in Alamosa, Colorado. Four children:
   1. Tyler McKay Mortensen, b. 3 July 1981, served in the Morristown, New Jersey mission.
   2. Spencer Lewis Mortensen, b. 29 October 1982. He is a senior at Alamosa High School.
   3. Kristy Lee Mortensen, b. 2 February 1984. She is a junior at Alamosa High School.

8. RALPH KENT MORTENSEN, b. 8 September 1925 in Questa, New Mexico, md. DONNA JUNE HOSTETTER 11 March 1951. See p. 1164 for Donna June Hostetter.

We enjoyed being on the Sanford ranch with our large family. We rode horses to do our irrigating, herding the cows and horses, harvesting the hay, grain and other crops. I learned how to train horses by reading a book that Fred Mortensen brought home from his mission in Missouri. We had our own basketball team, played a lot of baseball. We loved to swim in the Conejos River and water fights were frequent. Dad always had licorice for us when we were working; we chased wild horses on the prairie, and generally worked hard and had more fun than money can buy.

It was here in this special place with my special family that I gained a testimony of the truthfulness of the restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the earth through the
Prophet Joseph Smith. During this time I tucked the Book of Mormon in my shirt as I rode a horse down to irrigate. I read while the water was completing a set. When the work was done in the evening and the supper was over, I spent peaceful times reading from that sacred book. I was thankful for Sunday to come around because it gave me time to read more. From three hours of steady reading one Sunday, I felt a love and a peace that passes understanding. (This book from the Lord has the power to change any life for the better.)

Two wonderful years of building a testimony prepared me for entering the United States Armed Forces in July of 1944. I took my basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas. Gene Kreps and I went through the Salt Lake Temple on our way to the West Coast. I sailed from San Francisco, California, on December 19, 1944, on “The Sea Ray” and was 44 days reaching Leyte in the Phillipine Islands. I helped organize an LDS sacrament meeting where we met in our own lower room during that 44 day journey. (See “The Chaplain Changed His Mind” in the July 1988 Ensign, pp. 54-55.)

I joined the 77th Infantry Division, 305 Regiment, 3rd battalion and K company. I was active in the Okinawa campaign, and was getting ready to invade Japan when the atomic bombs were dropped and the war ended. Our army outfit went to Asahigawa on the Island of Hokkaido, Japan, where I was chosen by Chaplain Lyman C. Berrett as his assistant to replace Paul H. Dunn. We all enjoyed several months of good times together before Paul went home. I enjoyed meeting Fred Mortensen in Japan. I was discharged 8 April 1946 from Fort Douglas, Utah. (I received a bronze star and a purple heart.)

After six months at home, I left October 2, 1946, to fill a two-year mission in the Northwestern states. I was released October 19, 1948. I made up my mind that I was just getting a transfer and began working with the missionaries in the San Luis Valley. This transfer has lasted about 50 years. I went to BYU a year, received a blessing from Elder Kimball to start the Seminary program in the valley. I met and married my eternal companion. Donna went on a mission at age 19. When Elder Ezra Taft Benson set her apart he indicated it was for a special reason (being so young) and she would know what that reason was in the future. She knew it was so she would marry me. I graduated from Adams State College, sold World Book, spent 32 years in public education, served as stake mis-
sion president several times, in three bishoprics, as a high councilor, eight years serving in the temple; and was set apart as a sealer by President James Faust in January of 1998.

I retired in 1988 and have been active in writing, temple work, missionary work, home teaching, training horses, and playing various sports. We have seven children:

1. **REBECCA MORTENSEN**, b. 19 February 1952 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. RAN-

DALL JAMES GULLEY 12 February 1971, sealed in 1976 in the Salt Lake Temple [divorced]. Eleven children:

2. **Preston Troy Gulley**, b. 6 June 1973 in Alamosa, Colorado. Preston had a child by Tammy Dey Ermand:
   1. **Gabrielle Danae Gulley**, b. 10 February 1993 in Wheatridge,
5. Nicholas Tray Gillen, b. 21 April 2000 in Wheatridge, Colorado.
   1. Seth Dean Gulley, b. 11 April 1997 in Wheatridge, Colorado.
6. Cameron Burke Gulley, b. 9 October 1979.
7. Tashina Chaundelle Gulley, b. 2 July 1981.
10. Toby Lane Gulley, b. 31 December 1987.
11. Trent Aaron Gulley, b. 16 February 1990.

Rebecca Mortensen md. second VAUGHN TY WILSON 15 December 1995 and sealed in the Denver Temple. He was b. 25 December 1955 San Pablo, California. Six children:
   2. Jill Elaine Wilson, b. 19 April 1978. Jill had two children:
      1. Danielle Wilson, b. 21 August 1995 in Vallejo, California. Her father is Edwin Goozman.
      2. Isabelle Wilson, b. 30 June 2000 in Modesto, California. Her father is Roger Padero.
   5. Lindsey Ann Wilson, b. 1 October 1982.
   6. Ashley Christine Wilson, b. 25 August 1984.

2. GLENNA MORTENSEN, b. 23 June 1953 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. LARRY SIMON PHILLIPS 8 September 1972 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was b. 12 December 1949 in Mt. Clemons, Michigan.

3. MICKIE MORTENSEN, b. 12 August 1954, md. MICHAEL RAYMOND ORTIZ 14 February 1970 Alamosa, Colorado, sealed 28 August 1999. He was b. 7 July 1951.

I grew up in Alamosa, Colorado, living briefly in Manassa, Colorado. My parents still live in the home I grew up in. There are times when I want to “hug the walls” of that sacred place. There are so many memories intertwined in my childhood home. I was one of the baby boomer generation, and maybe the last generation that was able to grow up in innocence and have the playful kind of childhood that was intended for everyone. We learned how to work, and play together in the family I was born to. My parents worked right along side us, and taught us the value of this important principle. We planted a big garden every summer, and to this day, those are some of my
best memories of summer, picking enough fresh corn for Sunday dinner, fresh radishes and cucumbers, snapping and canning green beans, picking peas, beets and all of the wonderful fresh vegetables we could eat. We worked in the garden every day, weeding, hoeing, and watering.

We had other chores as well, building fences, painting, helping to mix cement to make sidewalks, and working on the continual additions to our house to accommodate the needs of a growing family. I treasure the fact that I learned to work—it is a saving principle. There were also many carefree hours spent playing in the fields behind our house, lots of creative games, building houses in the weeds, taking miscellaneous pieces of wood and building cars and airplanes.

Many of our afternoons were spent at Splashland, the only public swimming pool in Alamosa. Luckily for us it was near our home, so we could walk after we finished our chores. We wore ourselves out swimming in the natural warm water pool, but felt invigorated by a game of Pool Tag or Marco Polo. Every once in awhile we went to our Uncle Albert’s ranch and swam in the Conejos River. It was always a wild time of dunking each other, playing tag and dodging the horse flies that were as big as a horse. Summertime was wonderful. It was also marked with picnics with our extended family—lots of cousins, aunts and uncles and of course in the earlier days, my grandparents.

The winters were long and cold, in fact there are only two seasons in Alamosa, 4th of July and winter. We ice skated on the nearby ponds, did some sledding and built a few snowmen, but mostly we tried to stay warm and inside playing games, popping popcorn and singing together as a family. Singing was something we all enjoyed, and we did it every chance we got. My dad played the accordion, and he would pull it out on Saturday nights, after we watched “The Lawrence Welk Show.” He played polka music and we danced together. We got very wound up and excited, and it was sure a lot of fun, but we were hardly ready to settle down and go to sleep after that! I am grateful for home movies that cement these memories in my mind. They are evident on the old reels of film.

Life was simple, my mother was home to care for us, and my father worked hard to provide a living for his large family. We loved each other and there was not really a care in the world that we were aware of.

I married Michael when he was a freshman at Adams State College. We were young when we had our first child, Heather. She was the first grandchild on both sides of the family and adored by everyone. Her big green eyes and blonde hair and her wit and charm began at a very early point in her life. We enjoyed living near our families for the first three years of her life, but after Mike graduated from college he began looking at graduate schools far from “home.” We knew two professors at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro who talked to Mike about their program, and we made a decision to move there. It seemed as if our hearts would break, leaving all of our family and friends behind. Mike’s father was in the hospital, and we said good-bye from the hospital parking lot. It was an awful moment, but a turning point in our Lives. As it was, the graduate program was not what we expected it to
be, so Mike made arrangements to use the school’s art studio at night and he learned how to do iron work in the construction trade during the day.

Away from family and familiar surroundings we relied more on the Lord, and ultimately that is where my testimony of the gospel was solidified. Although it was a painful process to cut the apron strings that tied our hearts to home, it was a very good step towards becoming the people we are today. While in Greensboro, I felt the desire to have another baby, and two weeks later I was pregnant with our daughter Erin. The heat and humidity made for a rough go the first few months, and I longed for the cooler Colorado climate. In the meantime, Mike was injured in a fall from a two-story building, and we ultimately returned to Alamosa while he healed.

He had been accepted in a graduate program and awaited student housing at Colorado State University. We spent a few months living with his grandmother, Marina Ortiz, and witnessed a true saint in action in every sense of the word. She was one of the most kind and genuine women I have ever known.

On July 8, our daughter Erin was born. She was such a sweet baby, and since it had been almost four years since Heather was born, it was like having my first baby all over again. When Erin was two months old, we moved to Fort Collins, Colorado. We lived in student housing, met wonderful people in the housing complex, through the University, and in my ward at church. This become our home. Half-way through Mike’s first year of graduate school I became pregnant with our third child, Melissa. She was born on July 24. And thus we finished out eight years of college together, with our own little, but growing family.

After graduating with a BFA and an MFA, we were ready to move out of student housing. During that time I was feeling ill, but thought it was due to the stress of moving and all that entailed. After settling in to our duplex. I realized that I was pregnant. On May 8, eight months after Mike graduated from college, our only son Jason was born. He added a new dimension to our family. Although I had brothers while growing up, having a son was different, and our whole family rallied around this new blonde, green-eyed baby brother.

The time has flown by. We have seen our family grow up, and move into their own lives. Mike has continued with the iron work trade and has done artwork on the side. His talents are numerous and his goodness has prevailed. I am so thankful that he is my husband. Although we have been through the ups and downs of life, we have ultimately come out on top. I have been successful in having my own photography business for four years and have been doing some freelance writing for a newspaper for the past two years, but my ultimate happiness comes from my family and serving in the Church.

Being a grandmother has added a new dimension to life that I dearly love. These little ones are precious and remind me of the carefree days I was able to spend as a child. I am grateful for that time as a foundational period in my life. Knowing the importance of eternal families and the need for a strong home base has given me the drive and courage as a parent to try to establish that same foundation for my children.  

August 5, 2000
Four children:
1. **Heather Leigh Ortiz**, b. 2 September 1970 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. Theodore Robert Bonnema 7 August 1994 in Ft. Collins, Colorado. He was b. 16 April 1970 in Ft. Collins, Colorado. Heather works for MCI and is fortunate to be able to work from home most of the time. One child:
2. **Erin Elizabeth Ortiz**, b. 8 July 1974 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. James Tige Richardson 21 August 1993 in Fort. Collins. He was b. 15 April 1969. Erin was endowed 28 August 1999 in the Denver Temple. Two boys:
   1. **James Clark Richardson**, b. 3 August 1995 in Fort Collins, Colorado.
   2. **Marina Elisa Valdez**, b. 3 January 2000 b. in Fort Collins, Colorado.
4. **Jason Michael Ortiz**, b. 8 May 1979 in Fort Collins, California, served in the Santiago Chile South Mission.

4. **RON KENT MORTENSEN**, b. 19 September 1956 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. JILLYN CORBETT 30 May 1980 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b. 23 October 1960 in Nephi, Utah. Five children:
3. **Brian Randall Mortensen**, b. 17 March 1984 in Walnut Creek, California.
5. **Neil Conner Mortensen**, b. 20 September 1995 in Walnut Creek, California.


b. 23 May 1963 in Provo, Utah. Four children:
   2. Dallas Rocky Mortensen, b. 4 June 1987 in Grand Junction, Colorado.
   3. Lindsey Donn Mortensen, b. 15 September 1989 in San Gabriel, California.

7. LORI ANN MORTENSEN, b. 1 September 1962 in Alamosa, Colorado, md. MICHAEL CLAIR WILLDEN 19 January 1991 in Provo, Utah [divorced March 1999]. He was b. 26 December 1962. Michael had three children by Sheila Dorothy Hamilton. Lori and Michael had four children:
   3. Austin Michael Willden, b. 15 September 1993 in Alamosa, Colorado.

9. DONALD EUGENE MORTENSEN, b. 12 April 1928, md. BARBARA LOUISE THOMAS 7 May 1953. She was b. 24 July 1933. Donald d. 20 October 1987. Nine children:

1. DAWN ADELE MORTENSEN, b. 22 January 1954, md. MICHAEL DOW CARNEL. He was b. 19 May 1954. Three children:

2. CARRIE JANE MORTENSEN, b. 25 August 1955, md. DAVID WALLACE. David was b. 15 May 1956. Two children:
   2. Lydia Diane Wallace, b. 30 April 1996.

3. PATRICIA LOUISE MORTENSEN, b. 18 August 1956, md. DANIEL LAURENCE LANGMADE. He was b. 16 December 1956. Three children:
   1. Emily Marian Langmade, b. 21 September 1983.

4. DAVID T. MORTENSEN, b. 26 January 1958, md. VALERIE DE LAO. One child:
   1. Samantha Carol Mortensen, b. 11 October 1996.

5. MARY ANNE MORTENSEN, b. 21 March 1960, md. WAYNE JENSEN DOUGLAS. He was b. 4 February 1954. Two children:

6. THOMAS CARL MORTENSEN, b. 30 August 1961, md. COLEEN MARIE HILL. She was b. 16 January 1964. Four children:
   3. Rebecca Dawn Mortensen, b. 5 March 1993.
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7. KELLY EUGENE MORTENSEN, b. 30 September 1965, md. STEFANIE JO PACHECO. She was b. 6 June 1976.

8. AMY HELEN MORTENSEN, b. 25 April 1968.

9. JENS MATTHEW MORTENSEN, b. 8 June 1977.

10. CAROL LAVON MORTENSEN, b. 7 March 1933, md. ELDRED JEAN McDaniel 17 August 1951. He was b. 26 May 1931. Carol d. 22 April 1992. Six children:

1. ROBIN ELDRED McDANIEL, b. 10 March 1952, md. NANCY PAGETT. She was b. 19 May 1952. Seven children:

2. DEBRA JEAN McDANIEL, b. 20 August 1953, md. JACK “C” GILLELAND. He was b. 21 April 1953. See p. 1207 for Jack “C” Gilleland and children.

3. RITCHIE LEE McDANIEL, b. 18 October 1957, md. ERICA JO NORTH. She was b. 12 May 1961. Four children:
   2. Tate Randall McDaniel, b. 13 January 1990.

4. STEPHANIE McDANIEL, b. 20 October 1961, md. MICHAEL SHANE KELLY. He was b. 18 March 1961. Five children:

5. NANETTE McDANIEL, b. 13 October 1965, md. BART DAVID SOWARDS. He was b. 5 December 1968. Three children:
   3. Benjamin David Sowards, b. 29 October 1996.

6. JERAMY “R” McDANIEL, b. 8 December 1972, md. CYUNTHIA TRENTH. She was
b. 25 December 1974. One child:

11. MARIE MORTENSEN [twin], b. and d. 13 February 1935.

12. ALICE MORTENSEN [twin], b. and d. 13 February 1935.

13. COURTNEY FRANK MORTENSEN, b. 2 October 1937 in Portland, Oregon, to Marcella Mortensen, a sister to Randall Cluff Mortensen. Courtney md. NANCY LOUISE HIGEL 12 June 1959 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She joined the Church in 1968 and we were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple in June 1970. Nancy was b. 29 September 1938.

  I went to live with Mom and Dad (Randall and Helen) when I was 3 or 4 years old. They raised me as their own on the ranch in Sanford until the sixth grade when we moved to Alamosa. I graduated from Alamosa High School in 1956. I enjoyed football, basketball and baseball. Sports were my life in high school. It was there I met and later married my wife-to-be, Nancy Louise Higel. I guess my mission was converting my wife.

  I started out at age 22 as a tank truck driver for Texaco. We later bought the business and are presently still working there along with our youngest son, Dan. I have held numerous positions in the Church. I am presently the Regional Welfare Director.

  Most of our time is spent working and enjoying our family in all their activities. We especially enjoy all their sports activities, which, of course, keeps us very busy with church and working. I enjoy fishing, horses, spending time in the mountains, and raising a few cattle. I am so grateful for Mom and Dad taking me in and raising me as one of their own and especially for my own family. Four children:

1. RANDA MORTENSEN, b. 21 January 1960, md. MARK MCCARROLL. He was b. 27 February 1959. Seven children:
   1. Michelle Alynn McCarroll, b. 28 April 1981.

2. TRACY MORTENSEN, b. 28 July 1961, md. STERLING STEVENS. He was b. 16 July 1964. Six children:
   2. Amber Renee Stevens, b. 11 September 1980.
   5. Brooklyn Paige Stevens, b. 16 October 1990.

3. LARRY MORTENSEN, b. 26 December 1962, md. CAROLYN FULKERSON. She
was b. 15 December 1966. Two children:

4. DANIEL LEE MORTENSEN, b. 18 January 1969, md. JESSICA DUNLOP. She
   was b. 19 August 1974. One child:

3B1-4 HAZEL ROZELLA MORTENSEN, b. 26 October 1895 in Sanford, Colorado,
   md. MARION RICHARD CHRISTENSEN 30 December 1914. He was b. 2 March
   1893 in Manassa, Colorado. Eight children:

1. MARION RICHARD CHRISTENSEN JR., b. 24 November 1916 in Antonito, Colorado, d.
   28 August 1918.

2. CHESTER LYNN CHRISTENSEN, b. and d. 2 April 1919.

3. GRANT M. CHRISTENSEN, b. 28 June 1920 in Mesa, Arizona.

4. RUTH CHRISTENSEN, b. and d. 9 July 1922.

5. LENORE CHRISTENSEN, b. 29 February 1924 in Long Beach, California.

6. HAZEL LOUISE CHRISTENSEN, b. and d. 17 February 1926 in Manassa, Colorado.

7. GLENNA CHRISTENSEN, b. 22 April 1927 in Los Angeles, California.

8. Cherie Lou Christensen, b. 7 August 1932 in Alamosa, Colorado.

3B1-5 LAURA NELLIE MORTENSEN, b. 14 February 1897 in Sanford, Colorado, d.
   October 1897.

3B1-6 LEONA MORTENSEN, b. 31 January 1900 in Sanford, Colorado, md. OTTO
   JASMANN 17 April 1926 [divorced]. Three children:

1. OTTO HENRY JASMANN JR., b. May 29, 1927 in Santa Monica, California.

2. HUGO J. JASMANN [twin], b. 29 January 1929 in Santa Monica, California.

3. HUBERT M. JASMANN [twin], b. 29 January 1929 in Santa Monica, California. One
   child:
   1. GARY DALE JASMANN, b. 11 September 1952.
3B1-6 Leona Mortensen md. second GEORGE FREDERICK STRONG June 1941. He was b. 5 January 1907 Hinsdale, Montana.

3B1-7 Aaron Crowther Mortensen, b. 13 April 1901 in Sanford, Colorado, md. IONE ANN SCHMIDT [divorced]. She was b. 15 October 1900.


3B1-8 Clifford Mortensen, b. 17 March 1903 in Sanford, Colorado, md. HELEN WANDKE [divorced].

3B1-8 Clifford Mortensen md. second GOLDA ARMITTE PACKARD 24 July 1932. She was b. 11 November 1904.

3B1-9 Marcella Mortensen, b. 7 January 1905 in Sanford, Colorado, md. WILLIAM FRANKS. Two children:

1. Coralee Elaine Franks, b. 24 May 1934 in Los Angeles, California.

2. Anthony J. Franks, b. 4 October 1937 in Portland, Oregon.

3B1-10 Golda Mortensen, b. 2 February 1907 in Sanford, Colorado, d. in 1907.

3B1-11 Lynn Hemming Mortensen, b. 1 May 1908 in Sanford, Colorado, md. RUTH VIOLA MATHEWS 31 December 1932 in Taos, New Mexico. She was b. 18 June 1913. One child:

1. _______ Mortensen.

3B1-12 Cora Mortensen, b. 23 April 1910 in Sanford, Colorado, md. STEPHEN MARONI [divorced]. One child:

1. Stephen Lynn Maroni, b. and d. the same day.
3B1-13 ANNE MORTENSEN, b. 1912 in Sanford, Colorado.

3B2 FRANCIS IPSON MORTENSEN, b. 5 January 1869, the second son of Anders Jorgen and Wilhelmina Christina Ipson Mortensen, md. MARY ANN HYDE in the Salt Lake Temple 11 October 1900. Mary was b. 16 October 1872.

The following is taken from a scrapbook written by Francis.

“I was born in a little log cabin which faced toward the West and was located on Main Street, the second house north of the Parowan United Mercantile Institution. The house had a door and one window in the front, an old-fashioned fireplace with a small wooden mantel shelf over it, and a door in the back of the house which opened into a little lean-to shanty which served as a kitchen in summer. The furniture consisted of a large home-made bedstead, a small trundle bed that could be shoved in under the large one during the day; and a home-made cradle in which we children were all rocked.

“Also, there was a small home-made table, two or three chairs including a rocking chair, a bench and best of all, two small chairs—one owned by my brother, Holm, and one by me—a cupboard, and a barrel used for flour. An old charter oak stove, a few furnishings, and the little spinning wheel at which my mother used to sit and spin the thread out of which much of our clothing and all of our stockings were made, completed the home.

“My mother and father taught me to read some, and how to write before I got old enough to go to school. Father made me a present of an ABC book when I was about three years old; and at the same time gave my older brothers a slate. Then we had a fortune. Later when my brother was sent to school, he was given an old blue-backed spelling book and a primer. In about a year, I was told that I might go with him to school a few times. The teacher, Harriet Ann Richards, then gave me permission to come with him all the time, though she would not put my name down because I was too young. When I was about seven or eight years old, I was sent to school to a widow woman who had no other means of support. Her name was Barker. She taught in her own home, which was a little log hut with a dirt floor, a chimney in one corner and a door and window in the front. I would get about eight to ten weeks a year, as father had a large family and a small farm. My school work consisted of reading and spelling from the book and some work in numbers. Things got better from year to year. This sort of work continued
until I was sixteen years old.

At a very young age I was introduced to general housework. My mother was so badly crippled with rheumatism that she was unable to do her own work, and hiring was never thought of. I did all of our housework: cooking, baking, washing, ironing, and cleaning; I also did a good deal of cording, mending, and helped in making quilts. I had little outdoor work until I was about sixteen. In the summer of 1882 my mother’s mother died.

“In September 1884, while working on a threshing machine, my father took sick and died October 13, 1884. During the winter of 1884 and 1885 we made preparations for moving to Colorado, where three of my oldest brothers had already located. On May 29, 1885, my mother, sister, and younger brother together with father’s first wife and two children left by rail to go to Colorado. The rest of us went by team. That day was the last day I saw my mother, for she died July 8, 1886, just one week before we reached Manassa, Colorado.”

Francis lived with his brothers and sister in Manassa for a short time, and then they moved to Richfield, about six miles farther north. Here they bought a home and some land which had a crop on it, so they had something to go on. Francis helped haul the first logs to begin building in Sanford. As the new town was laid out, he bought a lot and in the summer of 1887 they moved there. They built a log meetinghouse in which they fitted up a stage and organized a dramatic association. Francis helped paint the scenery and took part in the first play, entitled “The Golden Farmer.” Later Francis worked at the carpenter trade with William T. Morris. Then again he did farming.

His sister, Laura, became very ill with heart trouble, and it was decided that she be taken with her brother and his wife to Salt Lake City for treatment on July 23, 1892. That summer, Francis worked at a shingle mill up in the mountains. On October 29, he bade farewell to Sanford and her people and started for Utah, thinking that when his sister recovered he could put her and himself in school. It seemed that this was not to be. It was decided to send Laura and his brother’s wife to do work in the Temple. Arrangements were made and they were gone about a month. When they returned, it was evident that Laura was slowly getting worse. They planned to take her to Parowan, hoping that the change and satisfaction of being with old friends and relatives, and the cure of good nurses would help her.

Francis left with Laura December 11, 1892, and arrived in Parowan December 14, 1892. He spent all his time caring for her, but she grew worse. On January 10, 1893, Holm arrived in response to a telegram sent by Francis. Their sister passed away January 14, 1893, after a terrible day’s suffering, and was
buried in Parowan by the side of her father.

In February 1893 Francis went to Leeds, Utah, where he got work and stayed until the last of March when he came north with some people who were coming to Salt Lake City to attend the dedication of the Temple. In April Francis came up to Layton, Utah, where he found work on the farm of Mr. John Weaver. At first his wages were $22.00 a month, but later he received one dollar a day. When he worked in the hay and on the header he received $1.50 and $1.20 per day. That fall he went to Salt Lake City to school entering LDS College as a first-year normal.

The following summer and winter he worked and saved money so he could go back to school in September 1895. At the close of his second school year he spent the summer at Layton, Utah, again working on a farm. The third school year he was given the janitor’s job which helped in paying his way. During the following summer he was asked to join the Jubilee Chorus which was conducted by Professor Evan Stephens. He sang with the chorus when the corner store for the Brigham Young Monument was laid. At the unveiling of the monument, Francis had the honor of shaking hands with Wilford Woodruff, the Prophet.

The next fall he entered the last year at school and in June 1898, he delivered the valedictory address at the graduation exercises. This day was one of rejoicing for he felt well paid for the efforts and struggle he had while working his own way through school.

In September 1898, he went to Kaysville, Utah, to teach school. It was while here that he met Miss Mary Ann Hyde, whom he married. He continued teaching school in Kaysville where they rented a house.

In December 1901, their first child was born. In June 1903, he accepted a position as a teacher in the shorthand department in the LDS Business School and they moved to Salt Lake City. Their second child was born July 17, 1906. They adopted their only daughter, Maurine, February 20, 1909. She was taken to the temple and sealed to them for time and all eternity.

A few years after moving to Salt Lake City, Francis gave up teaching and later entered the real estate business. In 1914 they moved to Tremonton, Utah. In 1920 he was made postmaster at Tremonton, the job he held at the time of his death October 13, 1934. At the time of his death Francis was a high priest in the Tremonton Ward.

He was a very active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was taught to pray as soon as he could talk. He was baptized in the old mill pond, southeast of Parowan by Smith Rogers in the fall of 1877.
When Eliza R. Snow Smith went through the southern cities organizing the Primary association at Parowan, Francis’ name was the second to enroll. When he was twelve years old he was ordained to the office of a deacon under the direction of John E. Dalley. At about 14, he was ordained a teacher, an office he held until March 13, 1894, when under the direction of Bishop Charles Adams of Parowan he was ordained an elder. He was ward clerk in the Waterloo Ward in Salt Lake City. He was very instrumental in organizing and directing the choir in Tremonton Ward. He was a lover of music and gave of his time and talent very freely. He was a teacher in Sunday School, MIA, religion class, genealogy, and ward junior seminary, and he was a member of the Benson Stake Genealogical Board. He did temple work in the Salt Lake Temple and the Logan Temple.

Three children:

3B2-1 ROLAND HYDE MORTENSEN, b. 8 December 1901, md. MABEL CLAIR HAWS 19 October 1930 in the Logan Temple. They have one child.

3B2-2 FRANCIS HYDE MORTENSEN, b. 17 July 1906, md. HAZEL TAGGART 18 July 1928 in the Logan Temple. They have three children:

1. LA DAWN MORTENSEN, b. 27 May 1931.
2. KIMBALL TAGGART MORTENSEN, b. 7 August 1935.
3. CRAIG MORTENSEN, b. 16 September 1938.

3B2-3 MAURINE MORTENSEN, b. 20 February 1909, md. KOFFORD WALDEN PECK 8 January 1930, in the Logan Temple. They have one child:

1. CHARLENE PECK, b. 3 January 1932.

3B3 LAURA ANDREA MORTENSEN, b. 27 June 1873 in Parowan, Utah, to Anders Jorgen Mortensen and Wilhelmina Ipson, d. 14 January 1893 at Parowan, Utah.

After her father died October 13, 1884, she moved to Colorado in May 1885 with the family. They lived in Sanford most of the time.

Laura’s health was not very good, so Bishop Berthelsen took her to his house and gave her as good a care as could be given her. She did not improve as her brothers would like for her to, so Francis took her to Parowan. They started
December 11, 1892, and arrived in Parowan December 14, 1892. Francis sent for Holm who was in Sanford, Colorado, and he arrived in Parowan January 10, 1893. She was buried in the Parowan Cemetery by the side of her father, Anders Jorgen Mortensen.

3B4 HEMMING CARL MORTENSEN, b. 29 May 1879 in Parowan, Utah, to Anders J. and Wilhelmina C. Ipson Mortensen, bpt. 29 May 1887, md. LILLIAN MAUDE GADE HOOPER 18 December 1912, in the Salt Lake Temple. She was b. 19 September 1886, in Salt Lake City, Utah, d. 23 August 1927 at Salt Lake City. Hemming died 14 April 1956, in Springville, Utah.

After his father’s death he moved with the family to San Luis Valley, Colorado, leaving Parowan May 29, 1885. His mother passed away July 8, 1886, at Manassa, Colorado. The two families (of Anders J.) moved to Richfield and later to Sanford. Hemming made his home with Holm, Francis, and Laura in Sanford and Eastdale.

In October 1897 he left Sanford, going to Salt Lake City, Utah, to attend the Latter-day Saints Business College during 1897 and 1898. He attended the University of Utah in 1899 and 1900 and graduated from the LDS Business College in 1901. He was employed in Salt Lake City until 1903. In July 1903 entered the employ of the Oregon Short Line R. R. at Pocatello in the Claims and Law Department. He spent two years with the railroad in Pocatello, Idaho; Omaha, Nebraska; San Francisco, California; and Salt Lake City, Utah. He left the employ of the railroad in May 1906 and entered private business. In March 1907 he was sent by a business house through Old Mexico.

He was called to serve a mission to the Northwestern States leaving December 7, 1907. He was assigned to Seattle as president of the Branch and Conference. On the arrival of President Melvin J. Ballard, he was called to be mission secretary at Portland.

I was released from my mission and returned home June 1, 1910. I then entered the employ of the Deseret Gymnasium May 10, 1911, as membership secretary and was appointed manager of the Gymnasium December 31, 1935, by President Heber J. Grant.

I have lived in the Waterloo Ward, Granite Stake, since 1901. There I was president of the YMMIA, assistant superintendent of the Sunday School, assistant chorister and manager of the ward choir for several years. I served as first counselor to Bishop Asahel H. Woodruff from January 2, 1915, to January 2, 1917, and first counselor to Bishop Jacob Mauss from January 2, 1917, to May 25, 1924. I was set apart as
Hemming has always been very energetic in Church work as well as in financial affairs, caring for his family by giving them a good education and good training in the organization of the Church.

Six children:

3B4-1 **WILMA MORTENSEN**, b. 15 January 1914 in Salt Lake City, Utah, bpt. 15 January 1922, md. JOSEPH WILLIAM GELRAITH.

3B4-2 **H. HOOPER MORTENSEN**, b. 30 October 1915, bpt. 30 October 1923.

3B4-3 **LILLIAN MORTENSEN** [twin], b. 5 May 1918, bpt. 5 May 1926.

3B4-4 **LORRAINE MORTENSEN** [twin], b. 5 May 1918, d. 2 February 1922.

3B4-5 **RUTH MORTENSEN**, b. 23 October 1921, bpt. 26 October 1929.

3B4-6 **GRANT HOOPER MORTENSEN**, b. 31 July 1927.

**3B4 Hemming Carl Mortensen** md. second MARY ANN BARNES 18 December 1929 in the Salt Lake Temple by President David O. MacKay. She was b. 20 October 1879 in Kaysville, Utah, to John Richard Barnes and Emily Stewart. No children were born to this couple.