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## *J.B. and Udene Cooper*

J.B. (John) and Udene Cooper were both born and raised in Lehi, Utah and have given a lifetime full of service back to our community. They grew up in Lehi and graduated in the same class from Lehi High School. After attending BYU for one year, they were married and have raised five children: Michael (Kathleen Franklin), Rae Dene (Richard Clay), Kim (Laurie Depew), Rhonda (Bart Blackstock), and Howard (Bonnie Brown). They also have ten grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. As newlyweds, J.B. and Udene began their community service as part of the Junior J.C.'s Organization. This organization was responsible for Christmas lighting on Main Street and started the yearly Easter Egg Hunt at Wines Park. For his service, J.B. was given their Outstanding Service Award. J.B. worked at General Refractories in Lehi for 45 years. He was the Union President most of those years. Udene worked at the State Driver License Division for 21 years. Udene has spent her entire married life supporting J.B. in his pursuits and raising their family. With her support, J.B. was involved in the creation of Lehi Recreation including the beginning of Little League Baseball, Football and Basketball. For the hundreds of hours spent in recreation for the youth of Lehi, he received no monetary compensation. He was also involved for many years as Director of the LDS athletic program in Lehi. Both, He and Udene have held many LDS church positions during the 79 years they have been married. J.B. served on the City Council for 12 years and as a State Representative from the Lehi/American Fork area for 3 terms. He also served as chairman of the Hutchings's Museum board for several years as well as working for the State and County AARP. J.B. and Udene were the Grand Marshals for the 2008 Lehi Round-Up Celebration. J.B. and Udene have been outstanding citizens of Lehi for 88 years and have helped mold it into the fine city we can all be proud to be residents of.

## *Kent and Lois Davis*

Kent and Lois Davis moved to Lehi in November of 1959, and immediately knew it must be meant to be that they were there.

Kent and Lois met on the first day of High School in 1945 in Spanish Fork. Both graduated in 1948 and Kent attended Brigham Young University. After serving a mission, they were married and Kent finished a third year at BYU. He was accepted into the Dental School in he served two years in the Air Force at Dyess Air Base in Abilene, Texas.

Because they had started a family, they decided to return to Utah and find a suitable city to raise their family. The problem, WHERE was solved for them when a dentist from Lehi passed away suddenly and Kent was asked to see the patients that were scheduled ahead. He did and they fell in love with this small town feeling. It was an ideal place for them.

Their family consisted of four boys and one girl. They acquired two additional children along the way. One a Navajo boy through the Indian Placement Program and a tall 17-year-old Brazilian young man from Rio de Janeiro. Both were welcomed into their home and treated like family.

Kent and Lois served in many callings in the LDS church through the years. Kent was in the Bishopric of the 8th ward and ten years on the Stake High Council. He spent many years teaching and leading the Young People of the wards he was in. He enjoyed teaching the gospel doctrine class for many years.

In the Community, Kent was a member of the Jaycees, the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club of Lehi. He spent six years on the Lehi City Council.

Kent enjoyed 53 years providing hundreds of people with their dental health needs. He made many friends throughout his dental practice.

Lehi had a Coordinating Council where he served and spent 17 years as the Parade chairman. It became necessary to transfer the Church miniature parade to a combination Miniature and Mammoth Parade. This, Kent worked to see accomplished.

Lois served in many capacities in the Church. Namely, Relief Society President and teaching in both the Primary Organization and Young Womens. She wrote and directed Roadshows, Kent and Lois served on a Santa Rosa California Mission for 15 months. When they returned they were called to a two-year calling of teaching at the Developmental Center. This was one of her favorite callings and she has always loved being with special needs individuals.

During her service as a member of the Utah County Ladies Dental Association, Lois enjoyed many years visiting Elementary schools in Lehi and surrounding cities, presenting dental health skits and presentations.

She served on the Miss Lehi Pageant Committee and was director for one year, and opened her home to whomever acted as Master of Ceremonies. As a member of the literary Letitian Club, she was president on at least three occasions. Many years she helped build floats for the Miniature Parade, taking Sweepstakes a couple of times. Lois has served on the Lehi Library Board.

Kent and Lois feel it has been a blessing living in Lehi, raising a family here, and have established many many choice friends.

## *Mary Ann Judd Johnson*

Mary Ann was born in Price, Utah in 1941 and moved to American Fork when she was two years old. Her father, Alden Gray, worked for Utah Power and Light and her mother was a homemaker and later worked for Alpine School District in school lunch. Mary graduated from American Fork High School in 1959. She went on to receive a Bachelor's degree from Northern Colorado University in Art Education, then a Masters of Fine Arts from Brigham Young University.

Mary taught art for Alpine School District for 30 years and raised five children. She and her husband, Leo Johnson, live in Lehi where she still paints and teaches water colors. Together they enjoy restoring old cars that you can see throughout her paintings of historic homes in Lehi, Fairfield, Cedar Fort, American Fork, Alpine City, and Pleasant Grove.

# *George Cleon (Clin) and Relva Laney*

They are lifelong Lehi residents.  
They served the nation.  
They served the community.  
They served God.

Clin came to Lehi after returning from military service in 1946. He and Relva married on January 9, 1947. They lived in Lehi from then on totaling sixty-two (62) years. They made their home at 165 South 100 East, where Relva still lives today.

Relva was born and raised on the Peck dairy farm (what is now Dairy View Estates subdivision) at about 1600 East 1200 North.

Clin served as a commissioned officer, specializing as a radio communications engineer, in the US Army Air Corps in the Pacific Ocean Theater of World War II. He was instrumental in establishing radio communications on islands as US forces gained control of them, from the Japanese. He witnessed the horror of war, which bothered him for the rest of his life. But, he also witnessed and was part of valor and history. He was on the deck of the USS Missouri with his fellow servicemen when the Japanese surrendered to General Douglas MacArthur.

Clin and Relva have made a difference in the history, and lifestyle by the following accomplishments and service to Lehi:

- Together they operated two successful businesses on Main Street for many years.
- They led and served in the community.
- They led and served in local church auxiliaries.

Clin's family moved to Lehi while he was serving in the military. Lehi is where Clin came home to, at the conclusion of World War Two (2). Clin made Lehi his permanent home, after his marriage, and honorable discharge from the military.

Driven by a strong entrepreneurial spirit that inspired him throughout his life, Clin acquired and remodeled the "Utah [movie] Theater", where "Pioneer Party and Copy" is now located. Both Clin and his father George, owned and operated the store located at 86 West Main, where the Lehi Vision Care is now located, in addition to working at the store.

Relva also worked for Clin, at the theater. After their marriage, Clin and Relva owned and jointly operated the theater, and in 1952 acquired the store from Mr. Leslie Allred. Eventually the store would be named "Laney's of Lehi", and in 1960 the theater was sold. For forty-five (45) years Clin and Relva worked side-by-side, in the Lehi store. Relva specialized in clothing, and Clin focused on the electronics / appliance side of the business.

True to their entrepreneurial spirit, Clin and Relva successfully adapted to an ever-changing economic and competitive market place. They kept a successful business on Lehi Main Street, for all of those years. They also ran several successful advertising campaigns that involved the community. One of which many people remember, was the campaign with "Gunne Sax" dresses. During the "Gunne Sax" campaign, Relva sold the dresses, and Cleon photographed various women for the advertisements, in the Lehi Free Press. These specialized dresses were manufactured in California.

Clin and Relva realized the importance of having a vibrant downtown. So for many years, they chaired the "Gift-O-Rama" campaign, which encouraged local shopping, and culminated in several community drawings, just before Christmas. The "Gift-O-Rama" campaign drew large crowds to the downtown area. The downtown always knew it was Christmas time, because Clin and Relva had loud speakers on the storefront that played Christmas music throughout the season.

As president of the Lehi Chamber of Commerce, Clin encouraged businesses to remodel, and stay with the times. Cleon also served as the City Promotional Manager for twenty (20) years. He donated his time and loudspeaker equipment, to make community announcements and promote the Lehi Round-Up. They regularly sponsored bagpipes and floats, in the Lehi Parade.

Both Clin and Relva enjoyed and were active in civic service. Clin served as the Republican Party Precinct Chair, and was a member of the American Legion. Relva served in the Serimpian Club, and the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. As active members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Clin and Relva raised their family to have faith in, and serve God. Both Clin and Relva served in various church capacities.

## *Bud and Kathleen Lott*

Bud and Kathleen Lott are sixth generation Lehi residents. Both were born in the Lehi Hospital. They grew up in Lehi, attended Lehi High School and married in 1955. They raised their five children in Lehi and have been lifelong residents of the city.

Bud worked for Geneva Steel, then spent thirty-two years at Hercules (now ATK) in Magna. Kathleen stayed at home with the children as they grew, becoming an accomplished seamstress and cook.

Both of the Lotts have been involved in Lehi community organizations. Kathleen served in the PTA, and a docent at the Hutchings Museum, and an officer in the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. Bud was a member of the Riding Club and served as a Director on the Civic Improvement Associations for many years, and is now serving on the Collections Committee for the Hutchings Museum.

Bud and Kathleen served two LDS missions to Nauvoo, Illinois. Bud has been a farrier for 60 years, but gave it up in 2014, when he turned 80.

Today, Bud's hobby is the "Hardway Ranch," so named because it's too small for a tractor, but too big for a shovel, so everything has to be done the "Hardway". This six acre property, is in south Lehi, has hosted many reunions, youth conferences, scout meetings, family activities, and community gatherings. Bud has been working on it since they purchased the property in 1996, and he adds buildings and improvements each year.

Bud and Kathleen's greatest accomplishments are their family. They have five children, sixteen grandchildren, and fifteen great-grandchildren.

## *Leo and Edna Loveridge*

"We're nothing special," says Edna. "Just ordinary people doing ordinary things." But in a community like Lehi, it's those "ordinary" lives that create the glue that makes this an extraordinary place to live.

Both Leo and Edna were born in Lehi back in the day when most of the streets were paved with dirt and there were no sidewalks. They both remember when the first traffic light was installed on the corner of 100 East and State Street, long before the Interstate cut through the middle of the town. They dated in High School and when Leo was drafted to Hawaii to serve as an assistant secretary for Lt. General Richard C. Richardson, Pacific Area Commander, it was thoughts of Lehi and his beautiful Edna that kept him going.

During that time, Edna attended BYU. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple while he was home on a short leave in November 1945.

After the war, they made their home in Lehi a block from Wine's Park, where they raised their daughter and three sons.

Leo worked days at Geneva Steel in the production planning and traffic departments, but during his off hours he and Edna worked together as photographer and correspondents for several local newspapers. Together they chronicled much of Lehi's history as it happened. Edna also volunteered countless hours helping type the content for Lehi Centennial History, 1850-1950, a thick compilation documenting the stories of this community; she also served the community as a member of the Serimpian literary club.

Edna became a high school secretary where she worked for more than two decades. She has served on the Lehi Library Board, shared her violin talent in the orchestra for many school musicals, and continues to be an active member of the Evansville DUP Camp.

Leo embraced an opportunity to be a tour director with the Geneva Recreation Association and together with Edna, enjoyed taking Lehi people all over the world. He continued directing tours long after he retired from Geneva, collecting new friends along the way.

Both Leo and Edna are active members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and have served in many Church positions, including bishopric member, stake clerk, mission leader and high councilor for Leo; Primary teacher and leader, chorister, and stake Relief Society president for Edna. Both also enjoyed serving at the Mt. Timpanogos temple.

Leo passed away in April 2014, leaving his sweet wife to lead a s matriarch of their growing family, with four children, 17 grandchildren, and 36 great-grandchildren.

## *Karl & Virginia Moore*

Karl and Virginia Moore were married in 1949 and moved to Lehi, UT in 1950. Prior to their meeting Virginia lived in Payson Utah where she became valedictorian of her graduating high school class. Karl was raised in Spring Lake, UT and served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. From their early days together up to the present service has been a big part of their life together. Virginia has always loved to serve and volunteer with her children and grandchildren in activities that have included serving as a volunteer for the PTA, Bookmobile, 4-H, cub scouts, LDS Young Women's, Primary, and other activities. She has also served as a Judge of Election in many local, State, and Federal elections over the years. Karl has served in the Boy Scouts and in numerous callings in the LDS church. He has also served on the Lehi Planning and Zoning Committee, as docent of the Hutchings Museum, and in the American Legion organization. His most notable accomplishments with the American Legion was the organization and placement of the American flags on Lehi's Main Street and the construction of the Veterans Honor Wall at the Lehi City Cemetery. Also, for many years during the summer, their garage was turned into a float workshop for the Round Up miniature parade. They are the parents of seven children and have 33 grandchildren, 64 great grand-children with 4 on the way, and 1 great, great-grandchild.

## *Marilyn Nielsen*

As a lifetime citizen of Lehi, Marilyn Nielsen has been a pillar in the community. Her many service hours include being a member of the DUP (Daughters of Utah Pioneers), The Booster Club, the Historical Society, and several more organizations. She is the head of The David Evans Family Association, which raised private funds towards the statue honoring his name, and has played for events, funerals, and special needs. She has also volunteered her time for the Abington Manor and other elderly residences. Whatever Marilyn has set her eyes on, she has accomplished, often with a smile on her face and a go-getter attitude, as evidenced by her successful creation and sale of the Lehi City Sesquicentennial Cookbook, which brought in funds for the DUP. She was just honored with the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award and now chosen as Lehi's Walk of Fame recipient. Being the youngest and only girl in her family, she was often showered with love and adoration by her big brothers; and now with posterity of close to 100, she has done the same with 40 + grandchildren, and nearly 30 great-grandchildren, of whom are proud to call her "Grandma Nielsen."

# *Leo Val and Carolyn Player*

Carolyn Nichols and Leo Val, aka Emo, Player met in high school. They both graduated from Jordan High School.

Carolyn and Emo married July 1, 1957, and made their first home in Bennion, Utah. They were blessed with five wonderful children.

The family moved to Lehi in 1969 where Emo and his partners opened a John Deere dealership. He later opened his own business repairing farm equipment for many Lehi farmers. Emo was an exceptional mechanic and fixing balers was his specialty. He also served as a volunteer on the Lehi Fire Department.

As soon as Carolyn arrived in Lehi, she was involved in community service. She brought back the Miss Lehi Pageant and also served as a hostess for the Miss Utah Pageant for 14 years.

She served as a Lehi City Council woman for four years, six years on the planning and zoning commission and President of the Lehi Chamber of Commerce. Carolyn was chairperson for the Lehi Easter Egg Hunt for ten years and also the GiftARama activities. She has also held many church callings.

Carolyn and Emo loved Lehi from the very beginning when there were only 8,500 residents as opposed to today's 60,000 plus.

Leo Val, aka Emo, Player passed away August 2013.

They are proud to be part of the Lehi Pioneer Walk of Fame.

## *Glen and Beverly Smith*

Glen and Beverly Smith have lived in Lehi for over 50 years. Glen was born in American Fork, and Beverly was born in Orem. They met while in high school, and were married in June of 1959. Shortly after, in 1963, they moved to Lehi, and as they say, the rest is history. They are the parents of four children, all of which attended and graduated from Lehi High School, and grandparents to ten grandchildren.

Glen taught for 34 years, before retiring in 1995. He taught 25 of those years at Lehi High School. While there, he taught many different classes ranging from survival skills to debate, and modern dance to ecology. He was most notably remembered for teaching drama, and building a love of the arts in Lehi. Over his lifetime, he has directed around 100 plays and musicals both in the school setting and in the community. Long before there was a Lehi Arts Council, he was directing plays for the community in his backyard amphitheater, giving countless youth the opportunity to experience and participate in the Arts. In 1988, he served as the deputy marshal of entertainment in the Lehi Round up Days Parade. He served as the Lehi Arts Council Chairman for a few years in the late nineties, in which he was one of the main contributors responsible for converting the old Hutchings Museum into the existing Lehi Arts Council building. His students affectionately call him "G" and he is still remembered for his enthusiastic pantomime, "Bacon."

Beverly was also a teacher and taught either elementary school or preschool for over 30 years. For almost ten years of her career, she taught Kindergarten at Lehi Elementary. She can still remember several of her students, and they remember her. She was also a preschool teacher for the HeadStart program that was located at Meadow Elementary for several more years through the 1990's. She has faithfully supported her husband in all of his many endeavors over the years. Whether it was painting sets, designing programs, making costumes, or playing

in the orchestra for one of his many productions, she was always contributing. She also helped out quite a bit with the summer productions in their backyard amphitheater.

Both Glen and Beverly have served in many church callings over the years. Glen participated actively in the BSA scouting program, and received the Silver Beaver award in 1979. They both served a mission to Nauvoo, IL and they also served at the Family History Center in Salt Lake City. They have served the community and the youth of Lehi in many capacities over the years, and they love

## *Dale and Bette Lou Walker*

Lorin Dale Walker was born in Pleasant Grove, Utah in 1932, son of Lorin Arnell Walker and Vivian Street (Lehi native). He spent his youth there living on a farm where he learned the value of hard work and developed a strong work ethic. He married Bette Lou Brooks in 1952. Bette Lou comes from a family who has been in Lehi since 1854 and through her influence and others Dale quickly developed a strong love for Lehi and the community. Dale grew deep and lasting roots in Lehi, committing himself to serving his family and the community. Together, Dale and Bette Lou had five children: Terry, Perry, Larry, Barry and Sherry, who gave them 14 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Dale started working for Lehi City in 1954, becoming a part-time spell policeman, while maintaining his job at Geneva on the furnace tear-down crew. Later, Dale was part of the Auxiliary Police that he was instrumental in forming. They did the same things the spell policeman had done, but also had the responsibility of ambulance calls. A year later, he also worked part-time loading dump trucks for the city, while the City was putting in the original sewer system. This led to him starting full-time with the City in 1959 in the water and sewer department. Also in 1959 Dale joined the Civic Improvement Association (CIA) mostly because of his love of horses, rodeo and anything cowboy. He was a member of the Lehi Riding Club where he participated in the pole bending, keyhole, barrels and relay races. He was involved with the CIA for 40 years, as a committee member and then as Director from 1986 to 1999. For his work with the CIA, Dale was awarded the John Justin Boot Co. Standard of the West Award in 1990 as the volunteer committee member who made outstanding contributions throughout the year. He and Bette Lou had many good times and made many life-long friends in this organization. Dale retired from the CIA in 1999 after 40 years of committed service.

In 1960 Dale was named as Superintendent of the water/sewer department where under his leadership the city installed a new citywide pressurized

irrigation system. Also in 1960 Dale joined the Lehi Volunteer Fire Department and was a Lehi Fireman for thirty one years, retiring in 1991.

Dale retired from Lehi City as the water/sewer Superintendent in 1997 after 43 years of committed service. Dale was also involved in the J.C.'s and the Civil Air Patrol. Dale and Bette Lou were honored to be chosen as Grand Marshals for the Lehi Roundup celebration in 2001.

For better or worse, Bette Lou had good training for the demands that the City and other organizations had on Dale's time, as her father, Charlie Brooks was the Superintendent of the Lehi City Power Department for many years. She remembers taking him his dinner and he would let her turn the street lights on. Bette Lou put up with the inconvenience of calls that came through in the middle of the night, during family gatherings and holidays and they came to accept the position as a blessing in their lives. Bette Lou always supported Dale in the many things he did.

Bette Lou is a force in her own right. She was born in Lehi in 1934, daughter of William Charles Brooks and Arvea May Gurney. She attended schools in Lehi and graduated from Lehi High School where she participated in the band, track, Booster Club and girl's athletic association. During her married years, she worked for several local businesses in Lehi including Lehi Bakery, Christensen's Wholesale and Manager of the Chicken Time Restaurant. She served in many church callings with her favorite being her involvement in the scouting program. All four sons achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and were brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow, three of them earning their Vigil and one being awarded the Silver Beaver. In current years, Bette Lou has been called to serve as ward and stake genealogy consultant. She was then called as a World Wide Missionary for the LDS Church providing support for genealogy research. She did this for four years with New Family Search and she is about to start another service mission. Bette Lou stays active serving and visiting her family, doing genealogy, crocheting, making quilts for her family and reading.

## *Evelyn Yates*

Evelyn Wilcock Yates was born in Panguitch, Utah in April 1934. She is the first child of Glen and Vina Moore Wilcock. They lived on a farm north of Panguitch during the depression. Her hardworking parents always provided for the family. Siblings Rose, Marvin and Joan were born while there. In June of 1948 the family moved to Lehi, Utah where Evelyn still resides. She married Dwane Yates (later divorced) in April 1951 and they are the parents of Doug, Robert, Scott, Craig, and Suzanne. She has 19 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren. Evelyn has served in Primary, Cub Scouts, Relief Society, and the singles program through the years. She began working at Lehi City in 1978 in utility billing and the Justice Court. Evelyn was later hired full time and did accounts payable and went to Atlanta, GA to utility billing training on computer. She assisted the City Recorder with payroll & budgeting and Evelyn was appointed Lehi City Recorder from 1994-1999. After retirement, she has traveled, served in Family History, and spent time with family. Evelyn enjoys yard work, reading, temple attendance, and visiting friends. She is a longtime Serimpian Club member and Daughters of the Pioneers (camp and company officer). Evelyn enjoys serving with the Lehi Historical Archives committee.