

I am Beth Shaw Parker, 6th child of John Riley and Josephine Cottam Shaw. I was born October 14, 1922, in the two story brick home located at what is now 500 West Pleasant View Drive, Pleasant View, Weber County, Utah. It was on the state highway between Ogden and Brigham City, Utah.

I was given a very lovely family to be raised in. I was in the middle so I was able to be with each of my brothers and sisters, and I love each one so very much. They all have played an important part in my life and I'm so grateful for them. We didn't have many worldly things, but lots of love was in our home. We were taught to work, to share with each other, and that has made me appreciate things more.

I lived in Pleasant View until I was fourteen years old. I saw the folks lose their farm, cows, horses, tools and all they had during the depression of 1932. It was a hard time for all. We moved into Grandma Cottam's house on 1100 West and I have fond memories of school in Pleasant View, of sleigh riding, roving over the hills and the friends I had.

In 1936 we moved to California. I graduated from Oakdale Union High School. Times were very hard for the family, but many lessons were learned to take care of each other and to survive.

I met Sherman Parker while he was serving his mission in California. We were married September 15, 1941 in the Salt Lake Temple. Our lives together have been good to both of us. We had two choice daughters, Shirley Parker Jackson and Dianne Parker Phillips. Shirley was born July 16, 1942, and Dianne was born February 7, 1949. They have been my joy and my life. Sherm and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in 1991 and our girls made this occasion one we won't forget.

Shirley married DeWayne Jackson in December 1961. She had four children, Julie Ann, Scott DeWayne, Kara Lynn, and Kent Bryant. They have lived in Salt Lake City.

Julie graduated from Snow College, and served a mission to the California, Anaheim Mission. She married Matthew Horrocks, and they have two children, Abbie Taylor, and Andrew Chase Horrocks.

Scott graduated from the University of Utah, and served a mission to the Hawaii, Honolulu mission. He married Ann Shields, and they have two boys, Tyler Scott and Christian Shields Jackson.

Kara graduated from Snow College and attended Weber State. She married Jeffery Parry, and they have one boy, Brandon Jeffery Parry. Kara and Jeff bought our home in Pleasant View, so I'll always have that special place in our family.

Kent is our big special boy. He served a mission to the Oklahoma, Tulsa mission, and is attending Salt Lake Community College.

Dianne was married and lived in many states. She is now living in Las Vegas, Nevada and teaches school there. She had one girl, Stacey Ann Phillips, who is living with her father in St. Louis. We always look forward to her visits to us.

We lived in Pleasant View most of our married life. When we retired we decided to get out of the snow, cold and away from the slick roads. We were snowbirds for eight years, going south in the winter and returning home in the

summer. In 1991 we bought a townhouse in St. George, Utah and it is our home currently.