

Leo Blunck Family

Leo was born in Herbert on the dry farm one wintery day in January 72 years ago. His father had the flu but had to ride a horse for the midwife. She put him to bed and rode back and brought Leo into the world. How glad I am she did. I'm not sure how Leo feels about it!!

Irene was born in Menan 70 years ago. The next to the last of 12 children and last in the line of 9 girls.

We were married on October 30, 1930 and the next day we went out to Aunt Minnie and Uncle Joe's. Leo helped in the potatoes and I helped Aunt Minnie cook for the men. That was our honeymoon! We slept in the loft.

We lived the first 20 years in Menan then moved to 266 Harvard Ave in Rexburg where we have been for 30 years.

We have four lovely children, Margene, Garry, Don, and Renae. The hardest thing we have had to face is the loss of our beloved Renae in February of 1969. She was 23 years old.

Margene and Don live in Rexburg and Garry in Salt Lake.

Our 50th Anniversary was last October. Our children gave us a grand 50th Anniversary Open House where we were able to visit with so many of our relatives and friends. It was a delightful day.

Last winter Leo and I had pneumonia at the same time. We were side by side in the hospital for a week. Leo had it again and had to return to the hospital without me.

We have enjoyed taking short trips with the camper where just the two of us could spend some time together.

When Renae died she left us a grand little boy to enjoy. He is now 13 years old. He calls about every week to see how we are since his Grandpa's leg has been so bad. He can sing just like his mother could. He sings in church and around the area. He is Secretary of the Deacon's Quorum. He loves to fish.

We have 13 grandchildren and in October we will have 12 Great-grandchildren.

L. Garry Blunck Family

Prior to moving to Salt Lake, Garry and Bev had enjoyed life in the Military, traveling and living in the Eastern, Southern, and Southwestern United States. After Garry's flight training, we spent three fun and exciting years in Germany. We enjoyed traveling through Europe when Garry could take leave from his military duties.

Upon returning to the States, we spent another year in Alabama and Texas, and then it was off to Viet Nam for Garry. After a year of helicopter combat duty and Garry's safe return, we returned to Kentucky. We soon made the decision to return to civilian life and settled in Salt Lake where Garry made use of his B.S. degree in Architecture working for an architect firm.

Certain aspects of the military beckoned him, especially his love of flying, so he joined the Guard where he could continue to fly. Soon he gave up his drafting and went full-time Guard.

Garry and Bev and family live in Cottonwood Heights near the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon, and have lived in their present home on Campus Drive for nearly 13 years, enjoying the area and friends and neighbors immensely.

Garry is employed with the Utah National Guard Headquarters as a Lt. Col and Logistics Officer. He is involved with and managing a \$4 million budget which buys supplies and services for the Guard.

He spends enough time away from home with his monthly Guard drills plus his annual 2-week summer training camp, various out-of-state conferences and conventions, and occasional trips back to Washington D.C. to confer with Pentagon sources.

Garry is currently serving as first counselor in the Butler 15th Ward Bishopric. Church work and his employment and family keep him occupied and busy all the time.

Beverly enjoys her duties as homemaker and mother, but also finds catering weddings at The Old Meeting House Reception Center to be both satisfying and fun as well as hectic at times. Bev is presently serving as Laurel Adviser in her Ward, finding great enjoyment in teaching and keeping up with her 10 16-18 year old girls and all the activities.

Energetic Kelly, born in Nurnberg, Germany, Aug, 7, 1961, is approaching the age of 20, and has spent the last two years attending Utah State University on a dance scholarship. She is busily involved at school, especially in her field of dance and the USU Concert Dance Company, traveling and performing regularly. Kelly has the opportunity of spending the summer in Logan developing a program and teaching children dance through the University. She likes this offer, and especially the idea that it will be a paying job. Her parents are very proud of Kelly and her talents and accomplishments.

Mark was born May 26, 1967, two months after we moved to Salt Lake. He was born two weeks early just so he could arrive on his Dad's birthday. What a present for Dad!

Mark is 14 years old and growing taller by the day it seems. He is active in his Teachers Quorum and advancing towards his Eagle in Scouting as he hikes 50 miles into the back country of Yellowstone Park and attempts numerous other hikes, expeditions, camps, and projects. He enjoys all kinds of sports and is looking forward to attending a week long Basketball Camp in Price this summer.

Mark is spending the summer doing yard work and landscaping with a professional gardner, earning and saving money for his future mission. He is looking forward to attending Brighton High this fall.

Stefanie, the youngest, and quick of mind and tender hearted, is almost 11 years old. She was born in Salt Lake August 23, 1970.

Stefanie is enjoying her summer roller skating, swimming, slumbering, and playing with her neighborhood friends. After dancing and accordion lessons, she is now up for the piano. She enjoys her Merrie Miss class in Primary and the good lessons and fun crafts and handwork she is learning.

Stefanie is her own person with her own likes and dislikes. Her older brother and sister enjoy her honesty and even her stubbornness at times. Kelly and Stefanie have a special sister relationship.

Stef is a whiz of a student and is looking forward to attending Butler Middle School in the fall.

Don Blunck Family

After completing Trades School at Idaho State we moved to Bountiful, Utah. We lived there for 6 years while Don worked for Sperry Utah. Then home beckoned to us and we returned to Rexburg. Don worked for a electrical contractor for a few years. Seven years ago Don started his own electrical contracting business and just this past year has opened a branch in Wyoming. Since this came about Don has had very little time at home and much time is spent on the road.

We have lived just east of Rexburg in the home we built ourselves since moving back to Rexburg.

In 1979 while Donnie was stationed in Germany we spent 3 weeks touring Germany and Austria. We really enjoyed our trip there.

Last Spring (1980) we went back to Georgia to see Ron and Jen. We spent a few extra seeing the southern states on our way.

Each year we try to take our children as soon as school is out and go some place for about 10 days. It has brought our family much closer together.

Don is presently serving as 2nd councilor in the Rexburg 18th Ward Bishopric. He enjoys the men he works with and the chance to get to know the new members of our fast growing ward. He is President of the Madison County Fire Commissioners. These duties plus his family and keeping up to business here and in Wyoming keep him very busy. Sometimes we don't see too much of him.

Marcile enjoys being a homemaker and Mother. The duties of part time secretary and all around errand girl seems to occupy much of her time. She has just been released from the stake young women board and is now the Laurel advisor in her ward and is serving as the stake 4th year camp director. The Young Women program is her first love of all the church organizations and is enjoying every minute of it.

Things get pretty hectic around home but we enjoy it.

We have 7 children..2 of them are married. We are thankful to have 2 great daughter-in-laws.

Leo Don.....Married to Marcene Sommer

Ronald.....Married to Jennie Leonard

Jerry was born July 6, 1962. He has just recieved his mission call to the Spain Madrid Mission. He goes into the MTC on July 23rd. He has been attending Ricks College this past year and working for his Dad. He just returned from Rick's Discovery program. They visited the Salmon River country, Oregon Coast, and Yellowstone Park for a 5 week course. He was a super wrestler in high school. He was district champion 3 times and 2nd at state. He beat the Montana state champion. He has helped coach Madison High's wrestling team the past year. He went to Germany with us .

Bradley was born February 15, 1973. He just finished the second grade. He

enjoys reading, riding his bike, and cub scouts. His car was grand champion at the Pinewood Derby. He was the youngest in the cub pack at the time. He loves little kids and is always helping them.

Suzette was born April 2, 1975. We finally got a girl!! She is looking forward to going to first grade this fall. She takes dance lessons and was just in a dance revue. Her kindergarten teacher says she has a real good voice. She loves to sing.

Michael was born August 5, 1976. The first few months of his life was pretty hectic. He was really sick and we weren't sure he was going to make it. He is a special little spirit in our home. He wears his feelings on his sleeve. He is a energetic and active little guy.

Marie was born August 14, 1978. She is extra active and really keeps this family on the move. She has a mind of her own and doesn't like anyone to change it.

Ronald Blunck Family

Ron was born November 9, 1960 in Salt Lake City. He lived most of his growing up years in Rexburg. He was active in all City and church sports.

He raced Motocross Motorcycles from about age 10 thru most of his high school years. At 12 he was the Idaho State Jr. Motocross Champion. He ski raced for Grand Targhee Resort of 2 years. He most enjoys airplanes and snowmobiles. For a short time he took flying lessons. He is a history and flying nut. Anything you want to know about World War II he can tell you in a hurry.

Jennie was born October 1, 1960 in Ririe and lived there until her marriage to Ron. She was active in church and church sports. She was also active in school clubs. The highlight of her high school years was the tour she took to London and France with the french club.

Ron and Jen met in the sprin of 1978. They were introduced by Steve and Celia Willmore(Margene's Steve, Celia is Jennie's sister.) They were married in September of 1978 and lived in Rexburg until Ron went into the Air Force.

While stationed at Wichita Falls, Texas the area was hit by the worst tornado in many years. Much to the dusmay of our parents no one could get thru to that area. But we were a few miles away at the base and were unharmed.

We were moved to permanent station at Robins Air Force Base near Macon, Georgia. Since being atationed there Ron has been selcted 19th OMS squardon airman of the month twice and has received early promotion to Sr. Airman.

Since being stationed here we have made several trips home and both parents have been to visit us. Ron has seen much of the world on temporary duty assignments.

In March of 1980 we were sealed in the Washington D.C. Temple. We have held various jobs in the church. Ron is now serving as Blazer B teacher and Jen is a districts visiting teacher supervisor.

We have 2 children:

Michelle was born August 6, 1979. She is a very energetic and bright litle girl. She is the apple of her Dad's eye.

Travis was born September 24, 1980. He is a very active and bright little boy. He learned to crawl at 5 months much to his mother's dismay.

DON AND MARCILE BLUNCK FAMILY

Leo Don Blunck, born November 25, 1958 to Don and Marcile Blunck. He is the oldest of seven children.

After attending high school in Rexburg, Idaho, Donnie joined the Army. He was stationed in Missouri, Texas, and Georgia.

After marrying Marcene Sommer on February 15, 1978 in the Idaho Falls Temple, he was transferred to Germany. Marcene followed him three months later. They lived there for two years while Donnie worked on a Surgical Intensive Care Unit at Landstuhl Army Medical Center.

They returned to Rexburg on June 13, 1980, then moved to St. Anthony, Idaho a few months later. Donnie worked for the County Ambulance Service there.

Donnie and Marcene had their first child, a boy, on October 10, 1980 in Rexburg. His name is Ryan Don Blunck. He will be joined by a new brother or sister this coming October.

Donnie and his family now live in Salt Lake. He is working as an Emergency Medical Technician at St. Mark's Hospital and will be attending school here this fall. He plans a career in the medical field.

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back with the snake on a pitch fork. Garry said, Here comes Dad and he ain't dead yet!

Ken worked in potato warehouses sorting potatoes the next few winters. He also worked at the sugar factory.

On February 15, 1944 Peggy Jo was born. She was blessed by Grandpa Blunck. She was the best baby ever. She loved her thumb and only a new bicycle helped her to quit.

Taking care of family and working on the farm kept us occupied. On July 24, 1946 we had a stillborn baby girl.

Louise was born November 19, 1952. She was welcomed by her sisters and was a pretty girl, but a little bashful.

The years have blessed us in a good many ways. We have had ups and downs and sadness in the last few years but I guess the Lord will take care of everything. We are grateful for our 22 grandchildren.

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Mary Ellen Blunck Durtschi 7 May 1942

Ellen and her husband Lawrence Durtschi reside on Fairview Road, north of Idaho Falls, Idaho. We are busy raising our seven special spirits that our Father in Heaven has blessed us with. Ellen is serving as M.I.A. secretary and is kept busy with the young people and their activities in the ward. Everything is fine with us. We have had a hard year but have been greatly blessed.

Lawrence Armin 30 July 1967

A straight A student. He was chosen as outstanding 8th grade science student this year. He is in the Pep Band. He is working on his Eagle in scouting and hopes to complete this award by his birthday in July. He is serving as deacon's Quorum President.