

RULON DETLEF BLUNCK

RULON DETLEF BLUNCK was born April 21, 1914 in a one room log cabin on the Henry C. Blunck family farm. His mother Hattie, was attended by a mid-wife, named Rosine Pfost. Herbert, Idaho was our Post Office address but it has since gone out of existence. He spent most of his childhood and youth on the family farm during the summer months and in Rexburg during the winter. He attended the Adams and Washington Schools for his Elementary School education between the years 1921 and 1929. He was an average student in High School and participated in both football and basketball. He was also very active in F.F.A. (Future Farmers of America) and was on the live-stock judging team. He attended Ricks College in 1933 and 1934 and was on the College Championship football team that played in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Rulon's very dear Mother died on the 6th of May 1935 and this was a very sad time for the Blunck family and especially for his three youngest sisters, Viola, Irma and LaVina. In October of this same year he left for a two¹/₂ year Mission to Germany and Austria. He had a very successful Mission and said it was one of the most rewarding experiences of his life. At the conclusion of his Mission he traveled extensively through eleven European Countries before returning home.

In the fall of 1938 he attended one semester at B.Y.U. and then took off for Los Angeles to seek his fortune. After working at several jobs he was drafted in the U. S. Army for one year but on December 7, 1941 that time was extended to four years and nine months. It was during this time that Rulon met a very vivacious blonde from Mesa, Arizona who was working in San Francisco, California. It was love at first sight and after six months they were married by Ruth's cousin, German E. Ellsworth, who was the California Mission President. Being very lucky, Rulon was able to stay in the States long enough to be sealed in the Arizona Temple on November 24, 1942; exactly ten months later. After completing his assignment with the Coastal Artillery, he was sent to the Stanford University Campus for further processing and remained there to be with Ruth at the time David was born on July 23, 1943. One week later he was sent to U.C.L.A. (He got to see David at home for about three hours before he left.) He was assigned to the Army Specialized Training School in languages and European area studies. From there he was assigned and sent with the Engineer Maintenance Battalion out of Camp Cooke, California with additional special training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri before going over-seas.

Ruth and David stayed with her folks in Mesa until the end of the war. Rulon was allowed a week leave and was able to spend that time with his little family. By this time David was a year old and he really enjoyed being with them.

He sailed out of New York on the S.S. Amsterdam with 9,000 other G.I.'s and landed in Glasgow, Scotland. After a short stay and more training in South England, they moved over to the Continent. He campaigned in France, Belgium and Holland. In Holland Rulon got another assignment to work in the Counter Intelligence Corp. (Ruth's Aunt Jessie was working in Paris, working in General Eisenhower's Headquarters and saw his new assignment come through. She hoped Ruth would not worry about him so she wrote to her and told her "he had a job something like a travelling salesman." That's good?) He was sent alone back to France to join a new detachment working with the 45th Division of the 9th Army.

He stayed with C.I.C. until the end of the War. They fought all through France; stayed in Paris a week; through the Siegfried Line into Germany. They crossed the Rhine and went on into Germany (Munich) where the war ended.

Rulon's Outfit took over the Concentration Camp at Dachau and as long as he lives will never forget the horrible things that took place there. After the war ended in Europe, Rulon and a 1st. Lieutenant was put in charge of a whole County or Kreis (as they called in Germany). This was done until the Military Government was set up four months later. During this time he met some Polish Jews from the Concentration Camp who told him where the notorious Hans Frank might be in hiding. After the second day, Rulon found him working on a manure spreader on a farm south of Munich. He didn't realize who he really was until he was tried and hung at Nurenberg. Hans Frank was the leader of all Poland during the occupation by Hitler. Ron, Ruth and Rulon's 2nd oldest son, was born in Mesa, Arizona, April 18, 1945 while he was in Germany.

After coming back to the States he moved his family from Arizona to California. They lived in Upland, Ontario, and Rialto. His son Jerry was born in Upland, California on March 22, 1949 and Karl was born in Ontario, California, February 27, 1955. At the time he was released from the Service in November of 1945, there were so many young men being released that it was difficult to find a job. At 31 many companies said he was too old to start with them. He was, however, fortunate to go to work for the Southern California Edison Company and stayed with them until he retired in 1975.

Ruth, Rulon and family have been very active in the church and three sons have filled Missions. They have been in Boulder City, Nevada now for nine years and who knows for how much longer.

RUTH ELLSWORTH BLUNCK

Ruth Ellsworth Blunck was born January 9, 1916 in Mesa, Arizona. She was blessed the same day by her Grandfather, George Franklin Ellsworth, Sr. one of the early settlers of Mesa. He had phlebitis from an operation and by the January 24, 1916 he had passed-away. Her parents are George Franklin Ellsworth and Caroline Sarah Janes formerly from Cache Valley, Utah. On December 26, 1919 her mother died and on January 9, 1920 she was four years of age. I

It was very hard for a man alone to raise a small child and since her father had met a nurse who had cared for his wife, and finding that she had twin daughters, Lora and Dora Corbett, just 11 months younger and they seemed to get along very well together, after much soul-searching and prayer they decided to join forces and be married. Annie Dean Corbett Ellsworth was a convert to the church in England and had worked at the Mission Home in Liverpool before coming to the United States. She did her training as a nurse at the Provo General Hospital. After her first husband died she came with a family to Mesa, Arizona. She had such a strong testimony and was an inspiration to all who came in contact with her, especially her children. She was such a wonderful mother that at the time she passed away, her children each expressed the feeling that she had "liked" him or her the best and the Bishop at her funeral who had known the family for more than nine years said that he hadn't realized that there were three separate families included in her family circle. That is how great her love was to all of them.

Five additional children were born to this union. George Dean Ellsworth born July 12, 1921; Naomi Ellsworth (Harris) born November 19, 1922; Joseph Franklin Ellsworth born May 29, 1925; Robert Lovell Ellsworth born May 8, 1930 and Martha Ann Ellsworth (Randall) born May 6, 1932.

Ruth completed her elementary schooling at the Irving and Franklin Schools. She graduated from Mesa Union High School with the class of 1933. She attended Arizona State University at Tempe, Arizona with the idea of becoming a teacher, her first love, and a minor in Commercial subjects. By the time she had completed the two years and money being very tight for a family with many small children, she decided to use the shorthand, typing and bookkeeping knowledge and find employment as a secretary instead of waiting the two additional years required to become a teacher.

She was working for the Agricultural Workers Health and Medical Association in the head office in Phoenix when she was asked to go to San Francisco as their head statistician was taken into the military service for a year. After "Pearl Harbor", December 7, 1941 she decided she liked San Francisco so well that she transferred to the California Physicians Service when her boss made the change. (Of course, in the meantime she had met a very handsome man from Rexburg, Idaho whom she hoped to get better acquainted with.) When Rulon went to Idaho for Thanksgiving, Ruth went to Mesa to spend it with her folks. While there, she attended a Friday night dance at the Mezona which was sponsored by the church and renewed acquaintance with her former High School Teacher, J. C. Anderson whom she had known, as well as members of his family. He asked (as they often did after a girl reached 21 and hadn't married), if she had a steady boyfriend? Her answer was "You wouldn't know him as he is a boy from Rexburg, Idaho". He said "Who is it?, I just might know him as he comes from a town where I once lived." When she said he was Rulon Blunck, he said "Who? By a strange coincidence, I knew the family quite well as I was Ward Clerk when his father was the Bishop." He was so pleased that she had chosen such a fine young man that he soon contacted her folks to tell them about him and his family.

Needless to say, upon returning to San Francisco and having the advent of Pearl Harbor and his having to remain in the service for the duration the war, when Rulon called her at work on a Monday and said they could be married the following

Saturday when he would be allowed two precious six hour passes, she didn't say but stood stunned with the telephone still in her hand. He said they'd have to go to the San Francisco courthouse to apply for the license on Wednesday as his Sergeant would allow him to "hop out of the Army truck just long enough to run into the County Clerk's office as they would be on their way to their temporary post manning an anti-aircraft light up on the hill above Golden Gate Park. They did the same thing on Friday when they picked up the license. Saturday, with eight friends in attendance, they were married by German E. Ellsworth, Northern California Mission President, on January 24, 1942. At that time all service-men were restricted to quarters with very few passes being granted as they were subject to being shipped at a moments' notice. Ruth and Rulon spent every spare moment together, Ruth sometimes had to go up on the hill at their light post to visit him.

David was born in San Francisco July 23, 1943 and she followed him to Los Angeles when David was a month old. When he was being shipped she returned to Mesa to stay with her family there. Rulon was able to be with Ruth and David in L.A. until he was one year old before he left. He had a weeks pass and flew out to see ^{us} ~~us~~ from Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri (when ^{they} learned ^{there} their was a second son on way).

Ron was born on April 18, 1945 in Mesa, Arizona. When Rulon left the Service in November of 1945, he found a job in Ontario, California with the Southern California Edison Company, staying with them until he retired in 1975. He spent many weeks working "out of town" but the family joined him whenever they could

Jerry was born March 22, 1949 in Upland, California and was able to complete Kindergarten in Ontario, California before the move to Rialto. Karl was born February 27, 1955, the same year that the move was made to Rialto in September where the family remained for 17 years.

By the time Karl was to begin his Senior Year, Rulon had been transferred to Boulder City as a transmission line patrolman.

Ruth and Rulon have been very fortunate in that while they were living in Rialto and Ruth was teaching on a Provisional Credential (after taking additional courses at Redlands University, San Bernardino State College and Chaffee in Ontario), belonging to the Teachers' Association, they travelled with a group of mostly College teachers to England, Frankfurt (where David was stationed in Army and Caroline and their first born, Jonathon were). They picked a Volkswagen at the factory in Wolfsburg, Germany and were able to cover some of the territory Rulon had covered in the War, as the area he had served on his mission was now behind the "iron curtain" and could not be visited. We were also able to return to Germany while Jerry was in the Service there and could not speak the language but could get a weeks leave, Rulon wanted to take him around to see a little of the country.

The years have been busy and happy for the Rulon Blunck family. All seemshappy ^{Tos} for the boys and their wives and children and Ruth and Rulon now have 18 grandchildren.

RUION DAVID BLUNCK

I was born in San Francisco, California on July 23, 1943. Moved to Mesa, Arizona with Mom while Dad served in the Army in Europe. We then lived in Los Angeles, Pomona, Upland, and Ontario, California. I finished elementary school in Ontario and we moved to Rialto, California where I completed high school. After a year of junior college I received my mission call to the Bavarian German Mission. I served faithfully with the German saints from August 1962 to February 1965. I lived in the cities of Munich, Nuremburg, Ingolstadt, Erlangen and Wurzburg. I learned the gospel of work and sacrifice and grew stronger in my testimony of Jesus Christ. I then attended Brigham Young University and graduated with a BA Degree in German. I spent one semester in Salzburg, Austria during the Spring of 1967, and worked two summers in Alaska fighting forest fires.

I met Caroline Bell during my Senior Year at the "Y", and we were married in the Los Angeles Temple on September 14, 1968. I was drafted into the Army and had completed Basic Training at Ft. Ord, California prior to marrying Caroline. We were first stationed at Ft. Holabird, Maryland, near Baltimore, where I attended Interrogation School. We then spent the remainder of my two years stationed near Frankfurt, Germany. I taught early morning Seminary and Caroline worked in the MIA. We had a very close servicemen's Ward in Frankfurt and got to help build the Frankfurt Ward Meeting House and Church Offices Building. Jonathan was born on June 14, 1969.

Caroline and Jonathan flew home early to Fullerton, California while I finished my tour of duty in Europe. Kristina was born in Fullerton on May 27, 1970 and was two weeks old when I got back to the states. We attended another year of school at BYU where Diane was born on July 24, 1971. We moved back to Fullerton, to find work and started with Home Savings and Loan Association as a management trainee. Michael was born December 22, 1972. We moved to Pasadena, California and worked there as assistant manager. Caroline worked in the ward

Junior Sunday School as Coordinator and I was a counselor to the Elders Quorum President and taught early morning Seminary. Karin was born on October 26, 1974. I became the Quorum President and served for two years. Caroline then worked in the Ward Relief Society. I was transferred to Beverly Hills, which was a long commute, and worked as the operations manager and supervised 63 employees. Elizabeth was born September 3, 1977 in Pasadena. I became the Stake Education Director and supervised seminaries for one year. Caroline worked in the Stake Relief Society. I then worked in Lakewood and later in Glendale, California, before moving to Victorville to take over the Beneficial Life Office in October of 1978.

In Victorville we finally got a new home, by a lake, in the middle of the desert. I was immediately called to be Elders Quorum President, and Caroline was called to teach the Gospel Doctrine class (none finer, in fact this was the first time I had seen her in action as a teacher and she is great). MaryAnn was born September 16, 1980.

It is now June of 1981 and I have been Senior President of Seventies and Stake Mission President for one year. Caroline is the Ward Beehive Teacher and has about 10 active girls to work with. We have established a pension design and administration service (Blunck, Horne & Reeves) serving the high desert area (the Mojave Desert) and need a bigger house. All in our family are healthy at the present time, and we are working towards becoming "a forever family."

CHILDREN OF RULON DAVID BLUNCK AND CAROLINE BELL

JONATHAN DAVID BLUNCK: Was born 14 June 1969 in Frankfurt, Hessen, Germany in the 97th General Army Hospital. He has attended schools in Pasadena and Victorville, California. He distinguished himself as an artist at age three and continues to develop his talents in art and sports. He has served on the student council and has been a top student each year in school. He is now a cub scout and Blazer and will be ordained a deacon in June.

KRISTINA BLUNCK: Was born 27 May 1970 in Fullerton, Orange County, California in the St. Jude Catholic Hospital. She has attended schools in Pasadena and Victorville. She excels as a dancer and in reading, both at home and at school. She was student body vice-president and just completing her year as a fifth grader. She is also very diligent in her Merrie Miss B class.

DIANE BLUNCK: Was born 24 July, 1971 in Provo, Utah County, Utah in the Utah Valley Hospital. She has attended school in Pasadena and Victorville, and is also an exceptional dancer. She is friendly, outgoing, and an excellent tree climber. She enjoys cooking and is currently a Targeteer B in Primary.

MICHAEL JOSEPH BLUNCK: Was born 22 December 1972 in Fullerton, Orange County, California in the St. Judes Catholic Hospital. He has attended Pasadena and Victorville schools, and is also a good artist. He is very cheerful, strong, and enjoys competitive sports. He is now in CTR B in Primary.

KARIN BLUNCK: Was born 26 October 1974 in Pasadena, Los Angeles County, California in the Huntington Memorial Hospital. She has attended schools in Pasadena and Victorville and actually taught herself to read before starting school. She is a good dancer and always has a cheerful smile for everyone. She is now in CTR A.

ELIZABETH BLUNCK: Was born 3 September 1977 in Pasadena, Los Angeles County, California. She has attended Tiny Tots Pre-School in Victorville and loves to roller-skate, draw, and print the letters of the alphabet. She is a Sunbeam.

MARYANN BLUNCK: Was born 16 September 1980 in Victorville, San Bernardino County, California. She is a doll; the best baby of the bunch and has eight family members vying for the opportunity of baby-sitting and playing with her. She can stand alone; wave on command; laugh to her hearts content; but can't call her parents by name yet.

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FAMILY DATA:

Ronald (Ron) Douglas Blunck	4-18-45	Son of Rulon & Ruth Blunck
Sandra (Sandy) Ann Blunck	8-24-48	Daughter of James & Elaine Gardiner
Karalee Blunck	10-21-73	of Glendale, California
Cynthia (Cindy) Elaine Blunck	3-7-75	
Ryan Kelly Blunck	12-26-77	

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The Ronald Blunck family has resided in San Deigo for the past seven years after Ron's graduation from BYU. Ron is a Project Engineer in Manufacturing Technology for General Dynamics. He is involved in computer automation and advance process development in manufacturing in the aerospace industry.

Since coming to San Diego, Ron has enjoyed serving as Sunday School and Elders Quorum president, a member of a bishopric and as a high councilmen. He presently serves on the Poway Stake High Council and as Stake Young Men's President. In his spare time he enjoys "building" projects around the home, sailing, electronics, computer programming, and has just started into radio control model planes.

Sandy has also kept busy since arriving in San Diego. She has served as Young Women's President, primary teacher, and is presently Relief Society President for the ward. In her spare time she likes flower gardening, growing vegetables, and decorating the house.

Karalee has finished second grade, enjoys reading, dancing, and dress-ups. Cindy just finished a fun year in kindergarten and loves to help her Mom cook. Ryan at three years is all boy. He excells in playing cars and trains and is Dad's big helper in the garage.

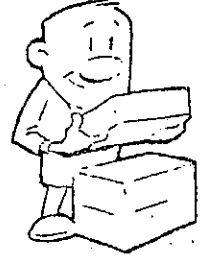
Needless to say, their biggest activity this past year has been church related, but Ron did spend a week in charge of swimming activities at an LDS scout camp for a change of pace. The family also had a nice vacation last summer visiting in Boulder City, Zions, The Grand Canyon, Flagstaff, Prescott and Mesa, Arizona.

Dear Family

They call these the busy years, and I'm learning why. The days seem to be getting shorter even with daylight savings time. It used to be I would plan a vacation for weeks and months ahead. Now I'm lucky if I remember when I'm going. By the way... when is the June reunion?



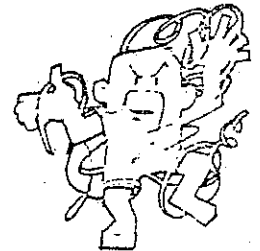
The only change around our house is a food storage room I built in a corner of our garage. It was something Sandy had wanted for some time. Our garden is in now but coming up slowly. The only thing that has done well this year is a very nice area Sandy planted in wild flowers. There were some California poppys and some red wild flowers that were really bright.



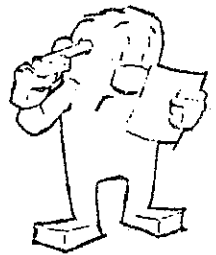
The Relief Society sisters have been playing basket ball one night each week for the last three months, and Sandy has been staying right in there with the best of them. She clams she can out jump them all. They haven't imporved too much but they have managed to break one finger, one foot, sprain an ankle and bloody a few noses. I guess someone forgot to tell them it was a non-contact sport. They do have a lot of fun and it's good exercise for them.



Our girls are really growing, and helping out more around the house. Karalee, our dancer, got to perform with other kids in a ward skit doing the "Winnie The Pooh" song. It really was cute. Cindy is growing taller and leaner, and still likes piggy-back rides on her Dad. Ryan is a sharp little 3 year old that likes to count. Everything has to be counted now. I'm going to put a train board up for him this summer. Or is that for Dad? I'll never tell.



I attended a 3 day Priest/Laura Conference in Carlsbad that was a lot of fun. I helped out and took mental notes because next year our stake puts it on for our four stake area.



We hope everyone is well and happy, and planning on getting together this summer. We'll see you all there.



Love Always

Ron and Family

Answer
letters
promptly



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JERRY MAURICE BLUNCK, third son of Rulon and Ruth Blunck, was born in Upland, California, March 22, 1949. He attended kindergarten at the Edison School in Ontario, California.

In September of 1955 the family moved to Rialto, California. Jerry completed Elementary and High School in Rialto. The following summer he worked with the U. S. Forest Service at Lytle Creek fighting forest fires as well as other preventive work. He also worked with a unit known as the "Hot Shots" during one fire season. This unit was available to go anywhere in the U.S.A.

While he was being processed for a mission, his "draft notice" arrived and he was inducted into the Army on 3 December 1969. He served with U.S. Army Artillery working with "Honest John Missile" at Geissen, Germany. He was released on November 24, 1971.

He married Katherine Anderson on March 3, 1972 in the Los Angeles Temple. They have 5 children:

Robert Brian Blunck--born 25 August 1973 in San Bernardino, California.
Erin Marie Blunck--born Oct 16, 1975 in San Bernardino, California.
Jennifer Lee Blunck--born Oct 4, 1977 in Henderson, Nevada
Kristin Elizabeth Blunck--born Jan. 7, 1980 in San Bernardino, California.
Mary Ann Blunck--born April 20, 1981 in San Bernardino, California.

Jerry is at present working for the Clark County School District in Boulder City. He and his wife and family are at present in the process of moving and we do not have the new address but we will forward any letters if they are addressed:

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KARL EDMUND BLUNCK was born February 27th, 1955 in Ontario, San Bernardino, California, the last of four boys. Eight months after Karl was born the family moved to Rialto, California where he spent all of his young years until his last year of high school.

At 17 he and his folks moved to Boulder City, Nevada where Karl enjoyed his senior year as a new boy in a small town. He graduated early from Boulder City High School, January 1973. Early in the spring, he, two friends from California (former buddies of his in high school in Rialto), and his dog, Ginger, left for Alaska with pick-up camper, a van and a motorcycle between them. They spent six months in Alaska and then returned to San Bernardino, California for school.

When summer came, he was asked to go to Europe to make arrangements for a travel group who wished to tour many cities in Europe. When his responsibility for the group was completed, he was free to tour on his own. He was in Amsterdam when he learned about President Kimball's appearance at a Conference in Denmark. His Eurail Pass made it possible for him to be there. Sometimes he stayed at Youth Hostels in the different countries. He also looked up missionary buddies. One night he slept on the lawn of Hyde Park in England. The Bobbies' must have been lonely because they would awaken him, tell him he should not be there, chat awhile and go about their business. He also slept in his sleeping bag near the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

It wasn't long after he returned to San Bernardino before he left on a mission to the Brisbane Australia Mission. After two years serving the Lord and loving the Australian people, he returned to attend BYU.

At BYU he met his wife, Karen Lynn Brinkerhoff in an "Interpersonal Communication Class. They married shortly after on December 19, 1978 (and, of course, received an A for their Communication class.)

They have two boys, Kacey Edmund Blunck born in Provo, Utah October 8, 1979 and Kendal David Blunck born in Provo, Utah on August 16, 1980. Kendal was born 2½ months prematurely and weighed 3 lbs. 3 oz. He spent the first two months plus a few days more in the hospital receiving extra special care and because of all the monitoring devices, etc. and a very conscientious doctor and alert nurses, he is alive today and doing well.

Karl and Karen are now buying a home in Pleasant Grove, Utah.

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Hi Ya All,

Some people write on sheep skin, some on plates, some on paper, but I write on the skin of my teeth! Well this is still April isn't it? Aren't these supposed to be post marked April 1981?

Well we are all just happy to be here. We know the gospel is true and are glad to be a part of this time on the earth. All is well here except that time flies by too fast. The kids are growing like weeds. Kacey is almost talking and Kendal has two teeth. We love them so much. I can really see how mom and dad feel about us boys. But I can truly say that they never had to change my diaper as much as we change these boys. Right Mom? Dad?

We are having fun fixing up our home, but boy is it a job! How did you keep your yard so nice Dad? We realize it all takes time but we just can't seem to find it.

My job as ward clerk is helping us to get to know more people in our ward. Karen has just been called as the welfare representative. This calling has really got her concerned about our food storage. She says we have got to stop eating it and get more. She really is right and we are trying to get ourselves prepared in all ways for the rough times.

We are beginning to feel at home here in Pleasant Grove. We have a park just two blocks away and we can walk down town in just three blocks. Everything is so close and convenient. We can also go up into the canyons and be in a whole different world. We feel very blessed to have so many beautiful things around us.

It was so fun to have Dave and his family come and stay with us during the conference weekend. Kacey had the best time playing with his cousins. It is so nice to have family come and stay with us. We want you all to know that you are always welcome at any time. You might have to sleep on the floor but we hope you won't mind. And please don't forget your sleeping bag.

Dwayne has two of our kitchen cupboards built. So now we just have to get the counter tops and linoleum for the floor. So maybe by next year we'll have our kitchen in and finished. Any volunteers to help out? I don't blame you. There just isn't enough time to do all the things that we need to do. Well, I guess we'll just make our letter short and sweet. We love you all and are looking forward to seeing you at the family reunion, which I believe is in June. There is plenty of room here for you all to stay with us.

Love,

Karl, Karen, Kacey, and Kendal