

BARTON

Dean Preston Barton and Arlene Rasmussen

Roots

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Dean

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are Rasmus Charles Rasmussen and Elverda Huntsman. At her birth Dr. Easley was the attending physician, and was paid one load of fire wood for the professional help. Dr. Easley held Arlene up and said this girl weighs about nine pounds (no scales).



Arlene

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Arlene also attended Ferron Elementary, South Emery High School, and Utah State. Arlene was active in all school activities including the school news paper and the band. Some of her best friends were

LaRue Thomas, Roma Nordell, Marilyn Beach, and Joyce Peterson. She and Patsy Bohleen were as close as sisters. Arlene enjoyed working at the Ferron Drug Store.

Branding Calves

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would brand, vaccinate, and castrate young calves. They would also move the cattle to places where the grass had not been grazed and distribute lumps of salt. They lived in tents on the south side of Big Mountain. This was the highlight of each

summer for the boys — especially when they held mini rodeos.

Raising Steers for Auction

During the school years in Ferron, Dean and Arlene would each raise and show calves. They would break them to lead, wash them, and finally sell them at the Southeastern Junior Livestock Show held in Ferron. In 1945 Dean raised the grand champion steer.

Life on the Farm

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mosquitoes, and (8) bathing in a portable tub. The things that were most enjoyable were (1) driving tractors or trucks, (2) branding and ear-marking cattle, (3) attending summer cattle drives (brand), and (4) riding horses.

Each summer in Arlene's earlier years, her parents moved from Ferron city to the their farm. She learned how to tend animals, milk cows, and ride the derrick horse. She recalls that families in Ferron did not have telephones during her formative years. Now some people carry telephones in their pockets.

Marriage and Family



Arlene & Dean Barton

Dean married Arlene Rasmussen in the Manti Temple 22 Jul 1952. They have four children — Sue, Sharon, Stuart, and Douglas. Daughter Sharon lived

but a day and is buried in the Ferron City Cemetery. Their first home was the basement of Darrel and Edna Petersen. Since then they moved away to make a living. Dean and Arlene have lived in Massachusetts, Maine, Utah, California and Illinois. They now reside in Draper, Utah. Each year they



A favorite city

spend a few weeks in their Ferron cottage. Of course, Ferron is their favorite city.

Some of Arlene's church callings were president of young women, president of a ward relief society, and stake relief society counselor. Dean has been active also, being called to the high council for a number of years and as bishop.

Dean and Arlene's children and twelve grandchildren are presently (2000) living in California, Oregon, and Georgia.

United States Air Force

During the Korean War from 1953-55, Dean served as a Lieutenant in the USAF. He was trained as an aircraft controller using radar. His on the job training was in an F94C jet fighter.

Ferron Cottage

In 1929 Grandfather John Zwahlen built the house now numbered 998 South State. Arlene and Dean inherited the house



Ferron Cottage

from Emma Zwahlen and have remoded and lived in it a few weeks each year since 1985.

Burial

Dean and Arlene will be buried in the Ferron City Cemetery, Block 12, Lot 20.