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Micah Fielders Family Stories

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My grandpa, never settled down as a kid. Came to this state, settled down and had a family for the first time.

I was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on June 9, 1929. I was given the name, at birth of Richard Phipps, but have now legally changed it as known by others today as Richard L. Fielder.

I lived in Salt Lake until I was two years old, and then I moved to Stockton, California. I lived in Stockton, until I was twelve years old.

I then moved from Stockton on June 5, 1942 and went to Boys Town, Nebraska, which is known as Father Flanagans Boys Town and is now a incorporated town.

While at Boys Town I graduated from grammar school and went on to High School. I worked very hard on a farm while living there, hauling hay and getting cows ready to be milked every morning. I also was a choir boy and sang in the church choir.

While in High School I played football and baseball for four years. I was an All-State player in both of these sports. I graduated from High School on June 15, 1947.

I traveled to Fresno, California and played one year of professional baseball with the Fresno Cardinals, which was a farm team of the St. Louis Cardinals.

In September of 1947, I enlisted in the U.S. Navy in San Francisco and went to boot camp in San Diego. I spent two years stationed on a ship which operated out of Apra Harbor Guam and returned back to the United States in September of 1949.

From there I went and served as an aircraft machanic. I also played both football and baseball with COM AIR PAC. This team which consisted of all aviation personal in the Pacific Fleet.

Discharged September 22, 1953 with 6 years of the U.S. Naval Service which included duties in the Korean Conflict and served aboard aircraft carriers in Korea of which I was assigned to the air rescue helicopters. Duties of this position included the picking up of down pilots, etc.

While stationed at N.A.S. in Alameda, California I met, then dated, and later married Zora Johansen, a girl who had been raised in Utah on a farm. We were married in February, 1952.

Upon discharge we came back to Zora's home town of Castle Dale, UT. This was my first time seeing this country.