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After graduation from high school, I attended Snow College on a basketball scholarship. After working out and showing our skills and I was 1 of 12 that made the team. Competition was tough but after four preseason games I was able to break into the starting lineup.

The Vietnam conflict and church missions decimated the Snow college basketball team, and I was the only returning sophomore, but never made the team.

Prior to my sophomore year I married a young lady from Manti whom I had met at a dance, and whose name was Suzanne Larsen. Suzanne was the bread winner that year working at the Pacific Trail sewing plant and I played around and fished quite a bit. I did however graduate with my associate degree.

I had been accepted to the University of Utah and we moved to Salt Lake and moved into an apartment near the U.

While attending the U I had a construction job and since Suzanne was then pregnant, she was unable to work, so I split time between working and going to school. I was able to graduate in the summer of '69.

Upon graduation I was offered and accepted a job in Boise, Idaho. I was hired to develop community recreation programs for the disabled and handicapped population. That position led to a statewide position as the Director of Special Olympics. That is one program I can honestly say brought much satisfaction and pleasure to me personally.

Moving forward I left what I refer to as my years of public service, where I found myself in the Insurance Industry selling all lines of personal service. After 25 years selling insurance, I retired at age 62 and I never regretted it. Suzanne retired one year later.

Suzanne and I have 3 children, Brenda a single lady, has worked for the Saint Lukes Hospital system for over 25 years and resides in Boise.

Terri Sue is married to Sean West and they live in Richfield, Idaho. Both work for Glambia, a corporation that produces dairy products. Their location produces protein distributed throughout the world.

Brandon Lloyd lives in Kotzebue, Alaska with his wife Laurel. Brandon is the facilities manager for the North Bureau School District and Laurel is a teacher. Brandon is responsible for the schools and teacher living quarters for eleven villages, all above the Arctic Circle.

Suzanne and I have enjoyed traveling and have followed Boise State University for many years as season ticket holders for both basketball and football.

We have been especially lucky people as we have not experienced any real traumatic health problems. Both of us have had right knee replacements and other minor anomalies but just trying to age gracefully.

Let me wrap this up by saying I am proud to have been born and raised in Emery County. I enjoyed all my early years of school and all the activities and knowing that country well. I have enjoyed occasional contact with several of the classmates and look forward to seeing those that are able to attend our class reunion. I grieve those who have passed.

Yes, I still fish. Suzanne thinks it to be too much, but I respectfully disagree.