

Vance Grange

A Brief History of the Life of Edward Vance Grange Jr after graduation from Emery County High School.

When the new school, Emery County High School (the name was later changed to Emery High School), was constructed in Castle Dale, I attended Emery County High School for my Junior and Senior years of High School. I graduated in 1964.

I attended BYU for two years.

I served a 2 ½ year mission in Hong Kong for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

I returned to BYU after my mission and graduated with a degree in English literature and a minor in Spanish.

I served in the United States Army for two years and eight months. After training at Fort Sill in Oklahoma and Fort Huachuca in Arizona, I served the remainder of my enlistment at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

After my release from the Army, I traveled a bit and then rushed to Logan to begin a two-year master's program in accounting at Utah State University.

On November 13, 1974, I met Tamara Lewis from Smithfield, Utah. She had served a church mission in Germany and was just finishing her coursework for a bachelor's degree in English. We were married on February 1, 1975. We lived in a small house for the remainder of the school year. I locked myself out of the house twice on our wedding day and had to break into my own house twice. We then served as head residents of a boys' dormitory (a time never to be forgotten). During that time, our son, David, was born.

Upon graduation, we moved to Sacramento, California, where I worked for a large CPA firm for two years. Our daughter, Heidi, was born in Sacramento.

After two years in California, we moved back to the Logan area in 1978 and I taught at Utah State University as an Instructor. I also had my own practice as a CPA. Our daughter, Jill, was born in Logan.

In 1980, we moved to the Austin, Texas area and I began a doctoral program at The University of Texas at Austin. I taught accounting and tax classes to feed our family. Our daughter, Rebecca, was born in Austin.

In 1983, we moved back to Logan and I returned to teaching as an Instructor until I finished my dissertation; then I became an Assistant Professor. Our fourth daughter, Kristi, was born in Logan. I became interested in personal financial planning and eventually taught classes in accounting, income taxation, personal financial planning, retirement planning, and estate planning. I loved teaching and I especially enjoyed working with students. We started a financial planning student organization, and I enjoyed many trips and activities with the students. I established a personal financial planning firm and enjoyed providing financial planning services for my clients

I retired from USU at the end of June 2020, at the age of 74. I stayed that long because I loved my work. I continue to provide financial planning services for my clients.

My greatest experiences have been family experiences with my wonderful wife and our five children. We have also enjoyed our church involvement throughout our marriage. We are now enjoying our grown children and our grandchildren.