

## Paulette Hansen Kelly

Sixty years sounds like such a long time. Looking back on it, it went by so fast. I have had a full and happy life.

After graduation I went to Washington D.C. to work. I was there for eighteen months. I saw lots of amazing things. Talk about culture shock.

I came home and married Kent Kelly whom I had dated a bunch in High School. He was in the Air Force, and we lived in California until he got out.

We moved to Provo where I worked at Utah Valley Hospital while Kent went to school. When he finished with school we moved to Salt Lake City where I worked at LDS Hospital.

Next, we had a house built in Layton and started a family. We had three boys. Being a mother was a lot of work but it sure was a lot of fun.

About then Emery County was booming, and we moved back and bought a house and ten acres in Lawrence. Our boys had a lot of room to run in. They had horses and four-wheelers. Fishing, hunting, camping, and boating was just thirty minutes in one direction with the desert and all it had to offer fifteen minutes in the opposite direction.

I had a small business catering and decorating for weddings for about twenty years, which I gave up when I went to work at Huntington Elementary. I was the librarian and a reading aide. I loved that job. What can be better than helping kids improve their reading and then helping them choose good books to read. I retired after twenty-one years.

My boys got married and gave me six grandsons and two granddaughters that range in age from eight to twenty-one. Grandkids are such a great blessing and enjoyment.

Over the years some of the activities I have been involved with are Primary, Cub and Boy Scouts, San Rafael Quilt Guild, American Legion Auxiliary, Daughters of Utah Pioneers. My ward has a lot of widows, and we go to lunch and different activities. At the present time I am First Counselor in Relief Society. I have a part time job at BK's in Huntington. I work a couple days a week. I enjoy being out of the house and getting to be with people.

Kent's health wasn't very good, and he passed away in 2012 leaving me alone. I miss him but I stay busy and active, so I don't dwell on losing him. Thank goodness I am quite healthy which I am grateful for. I am contented with my life.