

## Arthur Olsen

I was born on October 13, 1946. One of my earliest memories is of my father's working team of horses—one of the last teams in Castle Dale. I remember helping harness and drive the team to haul loose hay to be rolled onto the stack with the "V" cable and big ropes. I also remember helping my dad cut and haul aspens out of upper Joes Valley. One day I was riding a horse that was pulling logs with a chain. Something spooked the horse and it took off on a long and dangerous run. I stayed on the horse until it finally stopped in a clump of trees.

When I was thirteen and my brother Henning was twelve, we would stay alone at the ranch in Joe's Valley, twenty miles from home, to tend water, mend fences, and herd cows.

I enjoyed sports in high school playing varsity football and wrestling. I was captain of the first Emery High wrestling squad and one of two wrestlers to qualify for state competition.

After high school I attended the College of Southern Utah in Cedar City for two years then transferred to Utah State University in Logan, graduating in December 1968 with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics and a minor in Business.

While at College in Cedar City I met Shannon Williamson from Salt Lake City and we were married on March 21, 1968, during my senior year at Utah State. We have five children, Scott Arthur, Rebecca, Michael Kristine, and Margaret. They all live with their spouses within an hour and half of our home.

In 1969 I enlisted for six years in the US Army Reserves at Fort Douglas and completed Basic training at Fort Ord, California, and advanced training in the Finance School at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

After returning from active duty, I started work with the U.S. Statistical Reporting Service in Salt Lake City. After three years employment there I transferred to Farmers Home Administration and moved to Orem, Utah. In 1974 I accepted a transfer to the Price office and returned to Castle Dale where we built a new home, and I took over the family ranch in Joe's Valley.

We enjoyed raising our family on this ranch I have enjoyed service in the LDS church. I have served in many callings including a couple of times in bishoprics.

A highlight was our one-and-a-half-year mission to Los Angeles. I was the car czar and Shannon worked in the mission office.

We have enjoyed traveling to places in the United States, Mexico, Guatemala, Hawaii, Caribbean, Israel, Egypt, Jordan, the British Isles, Greece, Italy, France. Our annual trip to Lake Powell is a favorite of our family.

Our real joy comes with having our five children twenty grandchildren, and soon to be nine great grandchildren.