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I am married to Ferris Oman from Castle Dale and we have two children, both girls. We lived in Salt Lake City when Ferris was going to college and I worked at the Utah State Tax Commission as a stenographer. After he graduated, we moved to Livermore, California, for three years, where we both worked until our first daughter, Leigh Ann, was born then I got to be a stay-at-home mom. We moved back to Utah, first to Hinckley, then Tooele, and then Grantsville. Our second daughter was born when we lived in Grantsville. When we had the chance, we moved back to Huntington where my husband worked for the coal mines and eventually UP&L Hunter Plant as a journeyman mechanic. He worked there until he was hurt and had to leave his job. He was on disability until he was able to take an early retirement in 1998.

After the girls were in school, I went to College of Eastern Utah and after one year got a job as a division secretary at the college and continued going to school part time. It took me a while, but I finally graduated, and I was a Valedictorian. I worked at the college for 15 years. When I left, I was the Executive Assistant to the Academic Vice President. I quit when my husband retired.

In 2000 we sold our home in Huntington and moved to the St. George area. We really love the warm winters; they make up for the summers. When it gets too hot in the summer, we take our RV and go where it is cooler. When they discovered I played the piano a little, that is what I do in the ward. I play the piano in Relief Society and the organ in sacrament meeting. I am playing fewer and few wrong notes now, in a few years I might even be good.

Our oldest daughter, Leigh Ann, graduated from CEU in Price and SUU in Cedar City with a degree in Sociology. She worked as a social worker in Rock Springs, Wyoming, until she got married and moved to Phoenix, Arizona. After her divorce she decided to go back to school for her masters in Counseling.

Our younger daughter, Michelle, graduated from CEU with a degree in Graphic Arts, then went on an LDS mission to Guatemala. She married

Bryan Pack in the Manti Temple. She graduated from Utah Valley State College with a certificate in Graphic Arts and a Legal Assistant bachelor's degree. She worked as a paralegal in Provo until her son, Ethan, was born. She is now a stay-at-home mom. Her husband graduated from the BYU Law School, passed the Nevada bar and is working at a law firm in Las Vegas doing litigation. Our grandson, Ethan, is such a joy.