

Jerry Wayne Lockwood

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Jerry was born November 5, 1932, in his home in Ringling, Jefferson Co. Oklahoma. Jerry is the youngest living child in his family. Jerry has three half brothers and a half sister. Jerry's mothers name is Clorine Morris, and his dads name is Walter Hugh Lockwood. They met while working on their families farm when Clorine was in her twenties. Walter had already had three children with his first wife. Walter was told, if you plow deep straight lines, your crop would grow better. So as Walter was plowing one day, he looked over at the next plot where he saw someone else plowing. He noticed that this person was plowing just as deep and straight as he was. Walter plowed faster so he could be at the fence at the same time. As Walter waved for the farmer to come over, the person took off their hat, and long hair flowed down. This, he knew was the girl he wanted to marry. Clorine died giving birth to Jerry's only sister in 1945, when he was 12.

When Jerry was young things cost a lot less then today. Food was 5 cents to 15 cents. Movies were 10 cents to 15 cents. Toys were 25 cents. Stamps were 3 cents, and a penny for a postcard. And gasoline cost 19 cents a gallon. Times were hard on the people in the United States at this time. Like now days, they were going through a recession. One night as Jerry's family were coming home from a day in town, they notice someone running from the back of their home. The cars lights hit the person as Jerry's oldest brother, and dad got out of the car and ran after this man. As they ran and caught the man, Jerry's mother and the rest of the children went to see what he could have been doing. He had been trying to steal a Ham and a slab of bacon. Jerry's dad brought the man back to house to talk with him. The man had a wife and kids. They had fallen on hard times and had no food. Walter took the ham, and bacon, cut it in half, and gave it to the man. Clorine went and got a quart of canned vegetables, and a quart of fruit. They wrapped it up and told the man, if you ever need anything knock on our door and we will help you. Walter died of cancer in 1976.

Jerry and his family were members of The Assembly of God church, but later in 1947 was introduced to the Mormon religion. And later was baptized. jerry brought all of his children up in the Mormon church.

Jerry moved to California. He played football in High School and sang in Choir. Jerry met his wife Geraldine Massey in 9th grade Algebra. She didn't like him at first, but his coolness shined through and won her heart over. Their friends always called them Jerry and Jerri. They married in Arizona, on their way to Oklahoma, in white shirt and jeans, June 22, 1951. They later moved back to California. They had three children. Cheryl Fawn Lockwood Patton, Curtis Wayne Lockwood, and Kristin Marie Lockwood Schwiermann.

Jerry felt strongly against prejudice, particularly against Native American. Jerry's family comes from the Choctaw Indians, and feels they were unfairly treated. Jerry always told his children "Never judge a book by its cover".

Jerry lived in a time where the Atom bomb and Hydrogen bomb were invented, along with jet aircraft, diesel powered trains, television, video, and audio tapes, VCR, cellular, microwave cooking, colored movies, synthetic cloth, nuclear power, radial tires computers, laser discs, compact disc and microchip technology. Cures for Polio, influenza, measles and whopping cough.

Jerry has a Associates of Arts Degree, Bachelor Of Science Degree in Administration of Justice, and a Specified Subjects teaching degree. Jerry has had many jobs including, apprentice pipe fitter at Sunkist Products, oil field roughneck, restaurant manager and chef, apprentice jig and fixture builder at Rohr Aircraft, Southern California Police academy instructor, college teacher, real estate salesman and appraiser, U.S revenue agent and security supervisor

Jerry was a Riverside Policeman then became a California Highway Patrolman. Jerry had many things happen to him on the job and is writing about them. Jerry watched president Richard Nixon give a speech, drove a car in a caravan carrying three white house photographers with Lyndon and Lady Bird Johnson, and had his picture taken with California State Senator Craig Biddle.

In 1979 Jerry suffered a heart attack. Jerry was retired from the Highway Patrol until 1986 then retired again in 1992.

He is also writing a journal and I am excited to find out more about him. Jerry is now 76 years old and is living in Saint George Utah with his wife Jerri. And I am proud to be his Granddaughter.