

Vvs Maxine Fotheringham Baxter
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Vvs Maxine Fotheringham Baxter, my great grandmother on my mothers side of the family was born the 17th of April 1910 in a small mining town Mammoth, Utah, her parents were Zela beta Memmott Fotheringham and Arnold Fotheringham, she was the only girl and had four brothers. She was a beautiful child and had gorgeous auburn colored hair Her mother beta was a beautiful seamstress and made all her clothes. Her father was a miner and loved the association and closeness which miner's have. When the mining was slow they moved to Portland, Oregon where her father worked in the ship yards. Later they came back to Utah and mining, later settling in Minersville, Utah. Her father died a young man of Black Lung Disease.

After graduating from High School, she attended a business college in Southern California. After completing business college she was employed at Jefferson's a grocery and mercantile store in Milford, Utah where she was a bookkeeper. She married Harold J. Baxter on Sept 3, 1929, they had five children. Harold was an electrician by trade and worked for the Union Pacific Railroad, he also had an 80 acre farm, besides the crops they raised and sold they had a large garden and animals which made them very self-sufficient.

They were both very talented, Vvs played the piano beautifully , Harold played the saxophone and guitar. They played in an orchestra every Saturday night and during the depression this was one way they made a little extra money, plus the enjoyed it so much.

Vvs was a very special lady, she was not only beautiful but beautiful inside, she was a terrific homemaker, she didn't have a lot of fancy things but she made what she had look nice and her home was always very, very clean, there was always plenty of food (not fancy or expensive) but Oh so Good!! She was a great cook, everything she made was terrific, her bread, rolls and homemade pies were unbelievable and everyone always felt at home.

She was thoughtful of everyone and was always willing to help anyone, she never had a bad thing to say about anyone, did not gossip! Could not begin to count how many Ring-A-Lings or goodies she took to people in our small town. She taught piano lessons to quite a few children in the town, she was very proud of their performances at their recitals.

My mom and grandmother talk about my great grandmother often. I wish I could have known her, but my grandmother is just as great.