

## Virginia Ann Lowther Kessell

I have chosen to write my essay about my great grandmother Virginia Ann Lowther Kessell. She was born on March 30<sup>th</sup> 1943. She was born in San Diego California to the parents of Herbert J. Lowther and Jennie Goldie Shade. My grandma was born in California, but her family was from Ogden, Utah. My grandma's great grandparents on her father's side were Jennie Spill man who was from London, England and Joseph Smith Lowther who was from Durham County, England. Her great grandfather Joseph worked as the brakeman for the Ogden railroad in the 1900's. He lost one of his toes because a train ran over it.

My grandma's great grandparents on her mother's side were Sylvia Ann Garneau who was from Canada and Martin Eugene Shade who was from Utah. My great grandma Virginia lived in California for most of her life. She has 3 sisters, Margie, Gloria and Sylvia and 1 brother named Ralph. On August 30<sup>th</sup> 1957, my great grandma met my great grandpa Robert Morley Kessell who was born in Boston, Massachusetts. They met each other when my grandma was only 15 years old. They were married in Las Vegas, Nevada on April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1961. Together they had 5 kids, Edward, Ralph who is my mom's dad, Robert Morley JR, Lori Ann, Kellie Marie, and Brian David. My great grandma stayed in California while raising her children with my great grandpa. In the year of 1995, after 911, my grandma's kids were grown and she moved to St. George, Utah. After 3 years in Utah, my great grandparents decided to move to Boise, Idaho where they still live today.

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