

## JAMES FARRELL BELL

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I was Born on March 22, 1920 and my parents are, James Blame Bell and Lola Farrell Bell. The birth took place at the home of my parents which was one mile south of Richmond, Utah. The Family Doctor, Dr. Adamson had driven to our home by horse and buggy early in the day and spent the day visiting, eating lunch and dinner and waiting for my arrival which took place at 10:00 p.m. that night.

My first five years were spent on the farm learning to love our horses and other cattle and learning to play alone as there was no other children near to play with. My parents moved to the Richmond soon after I was five, where I lived until I was 20 years old.

My schooling for the first eight grades were at the Richmond Park School and then the four high school years were at North Cache High School which was also located in Richmond. All my summers from the age of seven were spent working on my grand father Bells farm and when not needed there I worked for other farmers in the Richmond area. When not working I spent a lot of time with my young friends that had been made during my school days.

A year after I graduated from high school, I moved to Logan, Utah and lived with my grandmother Farrell to attend college at Utah State. I was able to find work in a grocery store which paid for my schooling. My college education was stopped with a call to serve my Father in Heaven as a missionary in the Southern States Mission with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. I entered the mission home on December 7, 1941 and filled a great mission in Georgia and was released to return home February 2, 1944.

Soon after returning home, I met a lovely lady, Fae Jensen from Preston, Idaho. We were married in the Logan Temple on April 5, 1944. From that union came five special Children, Glorienne, Farrellyn, Richard, Robert and Pamala. Soon after our marriage, I answered the call of our the Country and entered the Navy. After boot camp I was assigned to serve on the General W. C. Langfitt (AP 151) a troop transport, transporting troop across the Pacific and Atlantic ocean. I was released from the Navy on December 17, 1945.

When I returned home, my occupation started in the grocery business and I soon became the store manager of the American Food Store in Preston, Idaho. After seven years with the company, I left them and started in the Life Insurance Business and was very successful selling life insurance for the following year and a half. I was then contacted by the Company President, Howard Cullimore, of Snake River Mutual Insurance Company and accepted the job as Marketing Representative which required our moving to Idaho Falls, Idaho. A year and a half later I was sent to Twin Falls, Idaho as the Branch Manager to open a new Branch Office. After a year and a half, and on November 15, 1955, I was transferred back to Idaho Falls, Idaho as the Branch Manager of that office. In 1965 Snake River Mutual merged with Allied Mutual of Des Moines, Iowa. In June 1966 I was asked by Allied to move to Boise, Idaho and was given the job as Underwriting Manager in the Regional Office. I was there for five years when a special

meeting was held in the Boise office with the Company President., John Evans, and in that meeting a full day was spent talking about the company opening the State of Utah for the company to begin operation. At the end of the meeting President Evans told the group that I was to be appointed to open the state as State Manager. In June 1971 I moved the family to Taylorsville, Utah and was the State Manager until my retirement with the company in April 1985.



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All my life I have been active in the Church and have held the following Callings. Home Teacher, Missionary from 1941-1944 in Georgia, Sunday School teaching, Young Mens President, Franklin Idaho Stake Mission President, Stake Genealogy Chairman, Bishop, High Council, three different times, Councillor in two Bishoprics, High Priest Group leader and councilor in three others, Stake Sunday School President, Temple worker in New Zealand, Salt Lake and Jordan River Temples. Mission to the New Zealand Temple with my companion, Sealer in the New Zealand, Salt Lake, Bountiful and Now at the St. George Temple. Director of operation for the Church's 2,000 acre Irrigated and Dry Farm and cattle ranch in Ammon, Idaho, General Chairman of the 24th of July Celebration in Idaho Falls in 1963, My companion and I served a mission for 18 months in the New Zealand Temple in 1988 and 1989.

In 1984 my Sweetheart of 42 years was called home and left me a very lonely Man. In the spring of 1986 on April 3rd, I was married to Vivian S. Seibold in the Jordan River Temple for Time Only. Both of us have been sealed to our previous companions. We were called on a mission to the New Zealand Temple for 18 months and there spent a wonderful, full and happy mission. When we returned from our mission we settled in Bountiful.

My Hobbies have been Fishing, Golf and Genealogy research and Family History.

As far as my personal spiritual experience, they have been in the 100s and many are too special to write or tell about. There has been healings, blessings of special instruction and advice, Revelation, and one a special vision and instruction from the Lord, and many others where help was needed. I have truly been blessed by my Father in Heaven all my life and have felt the presence of the Holy Ghost and have heard his promptings.

What do I want to be remember for?

My deep abiding love for my wives and all our children. My love and trust in my Father in Heaven and His Son Jesus Christ and my love and desire to be faithful to them and endure to the end and be counted in Their numbers and House Eternally.