

Stan Fisher:



I was born in Salt Lake City in 1936, the first born of 3 children, to a struggling carpenter's apprentice and his young bride. I was blessed to come from a strong pioneer heritage, as 15 of my 16 great-great grandparents immigrated to Utah as Mormon pioneers. The remaining great-great grandmother died in Denmark before the family joined the Church. I was fortunate to have known one great grandmother, who crossed the plains as a child in a covered wagon.

I attended school in Salt Lake, becoming a Granite High alumnus; after which I joined the Navy towards the end of the Korean conflict. The Korean Truce was signed very early during my enlistment; hence I did not see any combat.

The Navy trained me as an Electronics Technician, and then sent me to Submarine School. I served aboard 2 sister submarines (the USS Runner and the USS Argonaut) out of Norfolk, VA, for the duration of my 4 year enlistment.

On my first night home, after being discharged, I was introduced to an acquaintance of my best friend, Lynda Browning, who became my wife 7 months later. Lynda was not a member of the Church when I married her, but due to the efforts of some diligent Stake Missionaries, she joined the Church 7 months later and has been a stalwart member for the past 48 years.

Our union was blessed with 9 children, 5 daughters and 4 sons. We were also blessed to be able to raise one of our grandsons. These children, with their spouses, have blessed us with 37 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. There are 2 more grandchildren en route at this time.

After my term in the Navy, I enrolled as an electrical engineering student at the University of Utah, but due to the requirement to provide for my fledgling family, I suspended my schooling to accept employment with the Philco Corporation in El Paso, TX, teaching Army personnel basic electronics. I only lasted 6 months, after which I accepted a better job, as an aerospace engineer with General Motors Corporation in Milwaukee, WI.

While in Milwaukee, I continued my education at Marquette University, (a Catholic school run by the Jesuits), earning my BS in electronics engineering.

My career with General Motors spanned 33 years, during which time I was attached to their Defense products, and Commercial aviation products divisions. I was fortunate to be able to work in the early development of inertial guidance and navigation systems for aircraft, missiles and spacecraft.

While working for General Motors we lived in Milwaukee and West Bend WI; Lake Charles, LA; Wichita Falls, TX; Santa Barbara, Santa Ynez and Lompoc CA and London, England. Our stay in London was particularly memorable, in that we were there for 10 years, during which time I also traveled a lot to Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

I retired from GM (with a couple of additional work interludes) in 1992, and we moved to Tucson, AZ. Lynda never liked the heat in Tucson, so we moved up north to St. George in 2003, and have been happily ensconced here ever since.

I have been blessed to serve in many Church callings, in many places: Bishop, bishopric, stake presidency (3 times), High Councils, Counselor in Arizona Tucson Mission Presidency and many other opportunities.

We are now very happy to spend the rest of our days in St. George. I like to spend my spare time running, hiking, skiing, camping and traveling to see the rest of the world, as well as my scattered family.