

GALE CLOY HAMELWRIGHT — Chapter
Secretary

I was born May 7, 1933, in Kenilworth, a small coal mining town in southeastern Utah, nestled in the foothills near Price. The first and only child of Cloy and Hazel Hamelwright.

We lived in Kenilworth, where my father worked in the coal mine, until 1935 when we moved to a 5 acre farm near Price which my parents bought by paying cash; something that was ingrained into them by the depression, and became a way of life for them throughout their lives.

We moved to Sunnyside Utah in 1937 when my father accepted a job as heavy equipment operator (primarily operating a large "drag-line shovel") loading asphalt ore at the quarry in the mountains north of Sunnyside. It is in Sunnyside that I have my first memories as a child.

In 1941 my father accepted a job working for a small private contractor as a "catskinner" operating a bulldozer and doing small excavation projects for farmers, ranchers and others in and around Price. At that time we moved back to the home in Price and remained there until I left to join the Air Force in 1952.

I spent my teen years in Price, and attended Jr. High, Sr. High, and Jr. College at "Carbon". These were exciting and happy years, and many significant things happened in my life during this time. I grew to manhood, gained an education, learned how to work hard (taught by my parents and grandparents), met my future wife, gained a testimony of the Gospel and began to learn leadership principles and skills that would help me throughout my life.

I married Ruby Jeniene Young on March 14, 1952 in the Salt Lake Temple. We had five children, 3 boys and 2 girls. Our first, a boy died in childbirth, and the second, a boy, was killed when hit head-on by a drunk driver shortly after he graduated from High School. Mark and his wife Roxy have 2 boys and 2 girls and live in Mesa, AZ. Kristy is living in Mexico and planning to return to Albuquerque, NM this summer. Keri and her husband have 3 boys and 1 girl and live in So. Jordan, UT.

I served in the United States Air Force from March 1952 until January 1956. Following basic training at Parks AFB in California, I was stationed at Wichita AFB, Kansas for 3 years and then at Chitose AFB, Hokkaido, Japan for one year before being discharged and returning to school. I served in the USAF Chaplains Corp all four years, and had the opportunity to serve with Chaplains of all different faiths, including Catholic, Jewish, and most of the Protestant Faiths. I however did not have the privilege of serving directly with an LDS Chaplain.

I attended Carbon Jr. College in Price, Utah, earning an associate degree. Upon discharge from the Air Force I enrolled at Brigham Young University where I graduated in June 1960 with a 5 year Mechanical Engineering Degree (BMES).

Jeniene has served well as a mother and homemaker, always bringing into our home the love and comfort that we need. I worked as a Mechanical Engineer, Engineering Manager and Personnel/Human Resources Manager, spending 29 years with Hewlett Packard Company in California, Colorado, and Idaho. I then joined Omega Corp., in Roy, Utah as Sr. V.P. of Human Resources from 1989 until 1994.



We have each been blessed with a multitude of Church callings during our lives, and appreciate the opportunity for service. Jeniene has filled about all the positions within the Church that a woman can, from Visiting Teacher to YW Pres., Relief Society President (Ward & Stake), Stake Missionary, etc. I have been active in the Priesthood, filling Missionary callings, Teaching Assignments, and Administrative callings including Bishop, and High Council assignments.