

Bio of Ernest E. Maes - Membership Committee Chairman

I was born in Santa Fe, New Mexico on 12 June 1938. My ancestors came from Northern Spain and Belgium and settled in northern New Mexico in the early 1600's. I was raised in Santa Fe and graduated from Santa Fe High School. I met Zoe Goulding while her parents were serving a Labor Mission in Santa Fe in 1958. Her father supervised the building of the first LDS Chapel in Santa Fe. I enlisted in the U.S. Army and took Basic Training at Ft. Benning, Georgia. I proposed long distance and she traveled across the country and we were married on base. I was transferred to Germany and Zoe and our first son joined me and we served there when the Berlin wall went up. After two years in Germany we were transferred to Fort Carson, Colorado where I was a Drill Sgt., finishing up my active duty.

We then moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico and lived there for 17 years. I began working for the U.S. Postal Service, in January 1963, as a Mail Carrier and Railway Post Office Clerk on the trains (R.P.O.). While working full time, I attended the University of Albuquerque and completed my studies in May 1972.

In 1972 I was promoted to the Finance Department in the Albuquerque Post Office. I also worked in Customer Service and the Real Estate Department. In January, 1979, I was promoted to Postmaster of Sandy, Utah from which I retired in October 1992.

I continued through the years to serve in the National Guard and after I retired from the Post Office I worked full time with the 141st Military Intelligence Unit in Draper, Utah, as a Linguist. I retired from the Guard in March 1995. We then moved to St. George where I was able to work as a volunteer for the Washington County School District in the ESL (English as a Second Language) program at Dixie Middle School and Dixie High School.

In 1974, I was touched by the Spirit and was baptized into the LDS Church. Zoe and I just returned from Washington D.C. after serving in the Temple there for 17 months. An experience that we truly loved.

We have four children, 2 sons and 2 daughters and 13 grandchildren. I enjoy helping the less fortunate, play some golf, and bowl a little but my favorite is being with my Eternal companion, Zoe and visiting with our children and their families.

I joined (was adopted) SUP in 2002. Have served on the Scholarship Committee and on the Trek Committee.