

Biography of Lynn Niederhauser

Lynn was born Nov. 18, 1938 in Logan, Utah to Alma Joseph and Violet Bindrup Niederhauser. He was the middle boy of five boys with an only sister being the oldest in the family. He was raised in River Heights, Utah which was a small separate community on the south east outskirts of Logan among many cousins as well as friends. His mom had two sisters and two brothers who lived in the community and nearby, and also Lynn's grandma and grandpa Niederhauser and grandma and grandpa Bindrup lived there. It was a well known fact that some of his best friends were his cousins.

In as much as his Niederhauser grandparents only lived 1/2 block away it was always a treat to be able to go to their home to spend time with them and he remembers helping them pick cherries, haul hay and weed their garden. Lynn's favorite treat from his grandma was bread pudding.

Lynn's pioneer ancestors who crossed the plains were his great grandparents, Martena Arup Petersen Sorensen Bindrup and Christian Christensen Bindrup who joined the church in Alborg, Denmark on November 14, 1862. While living in Denmark 3 daughters were born to them. Two years after joining the church they sold their home and sailed from Liverpool, England on April 28, 1864 on the ship, "Monarch of the Sea." Martena's parents and little sister Karen came also. On July 8, 1864 the family began their journey crossing the plains with the William B. Preston Company and arrived in Salt Lake City, Utah Sept. 15, 1864. They were sent by Brigham Young to Hyrum, Cache County, Utah arriving there December 5, 1864 where they made a dugout in the side of a hill and three days later their first son was born. They later purchased a parcel of land in Hyrum City and 4 more children were born to them. One of these sons was Nephi Bindrup who was Lynn's grandfather their second youngest child who was born on 17 May 1872 in Hyrum, Utah. The family moved from Hyrum to College Ward where Nephi Bindrup spent his early life. He was a violinist and played for dances for many years. The family lived in a little house on their property. When Nephi married he and his wife Elizabeth Schenk lived in College Ward from 1897 to 1907 when they moved to River Heights. Lynn has very little recollection of these grandparents in as much as he was only 4 and 5 years old when they died.

It was in Oct. 1954, when Lynn was 15 years old that his family moved to Clearfield, Utah where his father was a home building contractor. His father and his crew of 7 plus Lynn had been driving down from Logan for 3 years as that is where the growth seemed to be near Hill Air Force Base in Davis County. Lynn had attended elementary and secondary school in Providence, Utah and 2 years of high school at South Cache High School in Hyrum, Utah prior to moving and attending his Junior and Senior year at Davis High in Kaysville, Utah. It was near the beginning of his senior year that he met his sweetheart, Shauna Lynn Bennett who was a sophomore at Davis High. It was pretty much love at first sight for both of them and they dated for a total of 6 years before they married on Aug. 15, 1961. Lynn joined the Army Reserve program while he was still a senior in high school and left for active duty at Fort Ord, Calif. 2 days after graduation at the young age of just 17 and 1/2 years of age. Following basic training he attended Finance School at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana serving 4 months learning to do payroll which he did while he served in the Army Reserve for the next 5 and 1/2 years. Lynn attended Weber College from January 1957 until December 1958. At that time he was called to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saint Church from March 1959 to March 1961. He enjoyed this calling very much serving in the Northern States Mission with headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. He spent 13 months of his mission in the Winter Quarters area serving in Omaha and Bellevue,

Nebraska, near Offitt Air Force Base and also in Council Bluffs, Iowa.. He was privileged to spend many Sunday mornings holding study classes at the beautiful cemetery in Florence, Nebraska, which is such a sacred place to visit as it honors the many saints who died there while trying to reach Zion. Lynn gets teary eyed whenever he talks about this sacred place and the many memories it holds so dear to his heart. He was a real spiritual leader in the mission field serving the last 4 months of his mission as assistant to the President.

Upon his return home he finished his 2 year Associate of Science Degree in June 1961 from Weber Junior College. He went on to graduate from the University of Utah in June 1963 with a major in Zoology and a minor in Chemistry.

Lynn's first job out of college took he and Shauna to Bakersfield, Calif. where he worked as a Field Entomologist for Ortho Pesticides and Fertilizers, a division of Chevron Oil Co. He returned to Utah in the fall of 1964 and shortly there after, was employed as an Environmental Sanitarian for the State of Utah and then for Davis County Health Department. After about 1 year he began working for Clover Club Foods in Kaysville, Utah in a research lab and quality control program. It was an interesting job as he could use his chemistry background which he dearly loved. He worked there for 8 1/2 years and became Manager of Quality Control over all of the company's plants in the Western States. He was able to make 3 trips to Europe during this time working with Nestle Foods out of Switzerland. Shauna was able to go on two of the trips. It was a great education as well, as we saw many beautiful and interesting things in Holland, Germany, Switzerland and Denmark. Speaking of Switzerland, it was 100 years ago in February 2001 that his Grandfather Christian Von Niederhauser came to this country as a convert to the Mormon church. Lynn is a 4th generation member of the church. Even though his Niederhauser ancestors did not cross the plains they made many sacrifices of a different nature selling everything they had to come to a strange country where the English language was a real barrier for anyone from a foreign country. There was a German Ward in Logan where those who spoke the German language met for their church services. Lynn's great grandparents and grandparents enjoyed attending that ward in their early days in this country. Later they attended the ward in River Heights but they always spoke quite broken English. Their German accent was always part of their wonderful personality.

They formed a corporation Niederhauser Builders and Development Co. Inc. and they built many beautiful homes along the Wasatch front area in Davis, Weber, and Morgan Counties. Lynn is still a part of Niederhauser Builders as President but is not active in building since moving to St. George 4 years ago. The company is in their 26th year as builders.

Lynn and Shauna raised their family in Kaysville, Utah where they lived for 30 years. They have two children. a daughter Jill Cannon who lives in St. George with her husband Chris and 4 year old son Carson. Jill was part of her parents motivation to move south. Their son Nate and his wife Kathy and two sons, Austin 4, and Jackson 2 live at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho where Nate is a F-15E pilot in the Air Force.

Lynn and Shauna formed a new corporation. L and S Development Inc. in early 1997 after moving to St. George and are still involved in land development in Syracuse, Utah. They are developing Bennett Legacy Estates and selling lots. Lynn calls himself semi-retired. This just means his time is now devoted to other things and he still finds it a struggle to find playtime.

Lynn worked with the youth as a scoutmaster, varsity leader, explorer leader, and Stake Young Mens Presidency, receiving the Award of Merit for over 20 years of scouting service. He

has been a teacher in Sunday School, Primary and Priesthood, Elders Quorum President, Served as 1 st Counselor in a Bishopric, a High Councilman, Counselor in High Priest Group, has served two stake missions, one with his wife for 2 years each, also has been a ward mission leader. Currently he and Shauna are serving as ward Family History Consultants.

Lynn has always enjoyed the out of doors. He enjoyed hunting deer, pheasants, ducks, rabbits, in his younger years and even though now days he has given up most of his hunting he still loves fishing, camping and since moving to St. George has become an avid ATV fan with Shauna enjoying all the fabulous areas in the Southern part of the state.

Even though Lynn never got his pilots license he has a great love for airplanes and flying. He loves to go to the Reno Air Races and has attended those races for about 15 years of the past 23 years. He loves any movie or documentary about flying or talking to any pilot about their adventures. He has many stories to tell of the days his dad flew his own small plane and also he has flown on occasion with his brother Karren who had his pilots license.

Lynn has always been active in civic affairs, belonging to the Kaysville Rotary Club and serving as President two different terms. He was involved with the Weber Basin Home Builders Association serving 2 years on the Board of Directors.

Lynn has always enjoyed personal photography as a hobby as his many albums will attest. He also has a great love for church history ever since his mission in many areas where the church has such historic areas around Council Bluffs Iowa, Omaha, Winter Quarters, Nebraska and Nauvoo, Illinois. Some of the seeds he planted has now blossomed. He has always been interested in Family History and he was instrumental in writing the history of his grandfather Christian. He served for over 8 years as the President of the “von Niederhauser Family Organization” which has over 2,000 descendants from his great grandparents who sacrificed so much after the missionaries converted them. They gave up everything to come to this country around the turn of the 20” century between 1898 and 1901. Lynn held annual meetings at his home to organize many family reunions for the years he served and loved every minute of his service to his family organization. As part of the traditional meeting Shauna always served the family representatives a delicious luncheon before they returned to their homes. We became very close to all of these wonderful relatives.