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Lerue W. Winget was born January 25, 1921 in Monroe, Utah where he lived until completing high school. He entered the University of Utah in 1939 with an academic scholarship (teaching) and an athletic scholarship (track). Lerue was called into Federal military service with the Utah National Guard in 1941.

Nola Lou Sampson was born January 30, 1922 in Richfield, Utah where she lived until completing high school. She entered the LDS Hospital Nursing Program (affiliated with the University of Utah). Despite WWII, the couple were married in 1942. Nola stayed to complete her RN Diploma while Lerue went off to war. Following completion of nurses training and brief visits with her husband, Nola worked as a Nurse in the Richfield Hospital.

Lerue served in California, Washington, Virginia, the Philippines, and Japan. He received the rank of captain in 1945. Lerue received a Meritorious Service Award for his work in the Philippines and Japan, and re-entered the University of Utah upon returning home in April 1946.

Having been born in the Covenant, Lerue and Nola have been the recipients of a great heritage and many blessings. Lerue's paternal great grandparents (Cyrus and Katherine Hulet Winget) were married in Nauvoo, Illinois and received their endowments there before leaving for the Salt Lake Valley, arriving in October of 1847. His maternal great/great grandfather (Caleb Baldwin) suffered in Liberty Jail with the Prophet Joseph Smith. Nola's paternal great grandparents, who witnessed the Hauns Mill massacre, experienced other trials and arrived in Utah early.

After finishing a bachelors degree, Lerue began a 37 year career in Education. Two years later he secured a masters degree, and 12 years later his doctorate. His service included teaching math and science, principalship of elementary, junior high, and high schools, and 27 years in the State Office of Education working for the State Board of Education as State Director of Secondary Education and Associate State Superintendent of Public Instruction. During his time with the State Board of Education, he was called upon to provide leadership roles with many state and national organizations in education, and was involved in several international endeavors. Upon retirement he was granted Emeritus status. The Utah Congress of Parents and Teachers honored him with Life-Time Membership.

The Wingets raised a family of six children. Nola worked as a nurse part time while their four sons were on their missions. The couple enjoy 31 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren at this time. They have worked together in church assignments and supported each other and the family while inseparate callings all through their married life--now approaching 57 years. They have both served in numerous responsible and demanding church teaching and leadership positions. They fulfilled a significant mission together in the Sydney Australia Temple, and have worked a total of 15 years in the Jordan River, Sydney Australia, and St. George Temples. They are currently active in their ward and stake.