

Let us introduce you to the Wright Brothers! No! it's not Orville or Wilber, but Eldon and Wayne Wright, our own Wright brothers.

The Wright brothers come from a long line of early pioneers who entered the valley of the Great Salt Lake in 1847. Their great grandfather Charles Richins and William Henefer were asked by Brigham Young to establish the Township of Henefer at the base of the Big Mountain, a mountain range on the Weber River.

Eldon and Wayne are two of three sons of J Edward and Maxine Belle Richins Wright and are the product of being raised in the small town of Henefer, Utah.

Eldon E. Wright was born August 12, 1930 and attended elementary school in the three room school in Henefer. When he turned twelve he attended high school at North Summit High School in Coalville, Utah. Eldon was very active in all sports at the high school and was chosen as an all state football player for the state of Utah. After graduation in 1948 he was recruited by Pasadena City College to play football. He enjoyed this experience for two years but returned to Utah after his knee was blown out. Upon his return he enrolled in the University of Utah and graduated in 1955 with a BS Degree in Accounting and Business Finance.

He was employed by First Security Bank as a Loan Officer and worked part time for Hansen, Barnett and Maxwell, a CPA firm in Salt Lake City. It was while working there that he was introduced to Hydro Flame Corporation, a manufacturing firm for camper and trailer Propane Heaters. He was offered a job as corporate controller and worked for them for 33 years as Vice President Controller and retired in 1998 as President of the Corporation. During his time as an officer of the Corporation he received many advanced management certificates and awards.

Eldon is married to Betty Jensen of Salt Lake City and they have 3 children, six grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. They lived in Salt Lake City for over 40 years, and then bought a condo in St George in 1995 and moved permanently to St. George in late 2000.

Eldon enjoys all sports, music, reading and fishing. You will find him in Alaska during the month of July trying to catch the big one and the balance of the summer at the family homestead in Henefer. He has served in many capacities in the Church but if you ask him he would tell you that his favorite is financial clerk in the Ward or Stake and his assignment at the Temple on Saturday. He is currently serving on the Membership Committee for the Sons of Utah Pioneers in the Cotton Mission Chapter.

Wayne R Wright is Eldon's baby brother and was born in Henefer, Utah,

September 28, 1938. He followed in his older brother's footsteps and attended elementary school in the three room school in Henefer and then at age twelve he attended Hight School at North Summit in Coalville, graduating in 1956. Wayne was very active in music, drama and sports. He was a four year letterman in all sports, but just like his older brother, he excelled in football and was selected to the 2A All State Football Team. He was recruited by USU and played football for them two years.

Wayne married his high school sweetheart in 1957 and enrolled in the University of Utah, where he graduated in 1961 with a BS Degree in Accounting and Business Finance. He went to work for Beeline Refinery in North Salt Lake and was transferred to Farmington, NM as the Office Manger at the refinery there in March of 1962. He was later transferred to Salt Lake City.

Wayne went to work for Beehive International Inc. in Salt Lake City as Controller and worked as Vice President of Finance. He went to work in 1984 for Pentec Cable and worked there until 1999 when he retired. He was the Corporate Controller and became the Vice President. At the time of his retirement he was Executive Vice President and part owner.

Wayne and LaRae were called on a mission to the Provo South Mission to the Visitor Center and Historic Sites in St. George, Utah January 1, 2000. After their mission Wayne and LaRae started RAP Tours and have become travel directors and tour facilitators.

Just like his older brother, they bought a condo in St. George April 1, 1995. They moved to St. George permanently at the end of their mission in 2000. they had lived 37 years in Bountiful, Utah so the move was difficult at first.

Wayne and LaRae have been married for 48 years, they have five children and 21 grandchildren. Wayne has served in the Church as a Ward Clerk, Executive Secretary, Counselor in three Bishoprics, High Council and Bishop. He is currently serving as a Director in the Cotton Mission Chapter, SUP