

Ruth Evanson Harding

-by Deana

Ruth was born at 3:45 Sat, 3rd of February 1923 at Taber, Alberta. Blessed 1 July 1923 on Dominion day by George Birch in a dress made by a woman who worked in Smith and Wood. "When she was 8 or 9 months old she said her 1st word "Boy". Always happy with everything and everybody. Her nickname was BOO BOO and Snoopy.

She was so thoughtful of others and saved the little money she had to buy christmas presents. Always had a determination to maintain high standards and shunned those things that were not fine and uplifting.

First talk that she gave she stood behind the pulpit and cried. Our Dad came up behind her giving the courage that she needed to continue and finish her talk. She has certainly changed in this regard as she conducts entertainment and games for many parties and gives readings like a professional. She doesn't worry a bit about doing this, and instead of being nervous enjoys it very much.

She was very popular with people her own age, and with those older and younger she is so interested in others and this feeling was returned to her. She and her cousin, Ethel, were very good friends and spent many hours together at my home. eating all my leftovers... party with Gordon Manery-when Ted and I moved to Leth, we were so happy to see them on the week-ends.

I used to sew for her mostly because mom would buy the material and say "Deana you make this for Ruth. I remember sewing a dress out of purple crepe, embroidering it with yarn. I loved doing it for Ruth because she was always so happy to have something new.

She attended Normal school in Calgary 1941- 42 and taught school in Busky, Cranford and Barnwell. She then attended Utah State University in Logan Utah where she met and later married Lewis Harding in the Temple in Salt Lake.

They have 7 lovely children and 2 daughters.\, then 5 sons..

Always active in the Church teaching in Primary, Sunday School etc. and has served for quite a few years in the Stake R.S. Presidency. She is Speech Director in M.I.A at the prestuttime.. Along with raising 7 children canning peaches, pears, cherries, etc. from her lovely orchard, working in the church, she has graduated at Utah State University in Logan and is the first of our family to obtain a degree in Education.. Even though it would be nice to have Ruth live here at home, it's wonderful having her live in Utah where we are able to see her whenever we go to Conference. Mom said to me once. "I love Utah and didn't really like to leave it for Canada, but now I have given a daughter back to the valley, and I feel good about that."

Born 3:45 Saturday 3rd of Feb. 1923 at Taber. Blessed 1 July 1924 by George W. Birch in dress made by & woman who worked in Smith and Wood. Baptised 7 Aug. 1932 try Ira Harris confirmed by Father John Evan Evanson married and endowed 23 September 1946 to Lewis Harding of Willar, Utah. Obtained degree July 1968.. Lynette, Sheryl, Danny, Wayne, Kent, Scott, Keith.