

Dar Larson Smith Personal Vita, 2016

A fifth child of ten was born to Barton H. & Virginia Hardy Smith in Henrieville, Utah. Aunt Dee Riding of Tropic, a mid-wife, assisted mother with birthing of a baby boy who was later named Dar Larson Smith. My childhood and youth was spent in that small community. At age six I entered the Henrieville Elementary School in the fall of 1937 and went there for the following six school years. Middle school attendance began in the Antimony Utah School and was completed years later at Tropic High School in 1948.

During those growing up years, I learned how to work doing outside chores in working with horses, cows, pigs, sheep, chickens that I liked caring for and feeding them. Our family had a garden, a small orchard that was irrigated with canal water from the Henrieville Creek. On father's small farm inherited from his mother also taught me many farming skills and techniques. A team of horses powered our farm machinery & equipment; until a Ford tractor, through government rationing, purchased during World War II or in the mid -1940's.

I have loved learning though out throughout the years attending public schools and college and beyond. At an early age, I got interested in participating in several sports, even playing marbles, and other extracurricular activities. Basketball, baseball and track & field events held my greater interests. After graduating from high school my interest in sports just turned to watching and cheering from the sidelines and bleachers.

Upon High School graduation, Dixie College administrators encouraged me to accept an academic scholarship and attend there in 1848. With little financial assistance available from my family, I had to work and save funds for the second college school year. This made my schooling at Dixie College longer; plus the Korean War emerged and the Military Draft Board was then actively seeking for recruits. I graduated in spring of 1951 with an Associate BS Degree, worked that summer in Nevada, then was drafted into the US Army in September. My army service took me to Fort Douglas, Utah; Fort Lewis, Washington; Camp Roberts, California; Fort Holabird in Maryland, Camp Tokyo in Japan and back to the United States and finally discharged at Camp Stoneman at Pittsburg, California.

Higher Education was continued at Brigham Young University in fall, 1953. My goals were set for becoming a teacher with preparation in teaching both in elementary and secondary schools. I graduated from BYU with a BS Degree in 1956; then, and after much searching I landed teaching assignments at Bryce Valley Schools in Tropic, Utah.

After entering BYU I soon got reacquainted with Helen Jolley who was attending there. We married in the St. George Temple in September, 1954. We are the proud parents of six boys and one girl. During 1959-60 I was granted a Leave of Absence to again attend BYU and while there graduated with a MEd in Educational Administration.

I taught ten years at Tropic before stepping into an administrative position at East Elementary School in St. George 1967. My administrative service at East Elementary was for twenty-one years and retirement was taken on July 1, 1988. St. George, Utah has been our family's town of residence ever since. The red sand of Dixie has collected in our shoes!

Some hobbies and avocations would include: Referee in baseball, softball and basketball, photography, park ranger naturalist, scout leadership and master, civic service clubs i.e. Kiwanis, Lions, numerous

church positions and callings, family history writer and researcher, trying to be a good father and husband.