

- MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS-

I was born in Lynndyl, a small railroad town 18 miles North of Delta, Utah. Born of wonderful parents who taught me and my five siblings by word and deed, with a strong emphasis on Church and Education. I was born with a very competitive spirit which has been the cutting edge of my life especially in the world of competitive sports which I loved!

Early Education: *Elementary School-graduated from Delta High School in 1951. I was very active in school activities especially in Sports.*

Higher Education: *Attended BYU for two years on a football Scholarship. Then: Married Connie McIntosh, a resident of Fillmore, knew her well in high school, in the Manti Utah Temple in 1953. Military for two years at the tail end of the Korean War. Most of my time spent playing football and baseball at the Post level. Connie was able to be with me most of the my two years of service.*

Return To Higher Education: *Attended USU and played both football and baseball with honors- graduated 1957 with my B.S. and M.S. Degrees.*

Public School Education Coaching/Teaching: (Seven Years)

Byron High/Byron, Wyoming, Benson High, Benson, Arizona, Logan High, Logan, Utah, Cochise College, Douglas, Arizona.

Public School Administration: (30 years-Admin. Cert. NAU, Flagstaff, Douglas Arizona- High School and Jr. High School (15 Years)

St. George Utah- Dixie High, Pine View High, East Elementary (15 Years)

I had a great career of 37 years in the world of education and left with no regrets. Yes! Numerous mistakes, but as stated, no regrets!

Why I Went To East Elementary:

I had served my time at the Secondary Level and it was time to move on. Also there was two significant factors for my move. First Factor! Just too many nights at school activities that took me away from home for too many years. They had sapped my energy! The Second Factor was school discipline at the high school level. We had very good student discipline, but it came with a constant challenge to maintain our behavior goals.

My Years At East Elementary:

Seven great years at a special school with a staff who truly cared for each other and for the students. The faculty at East Elementary was just a "Big Family" and that made for a very successful, happy School! Certainly we out challenges, but togetherness won the day. Numerous outstanding activities were on going which centered on total student involvement. Varied festivals which taught citizenship and loyalty to country, Hershey Track Meets, Special assemblies, field trips, and yes, student/faculty

softball games! Emphasis on high academic achievement was the constant goal and that goal was reached through the efforts of our outstanding classroom teachers and total staff support. I was amazed at time and dedication given. Yes, special teachers, special secretaries, special custodians, special cooks, and special teachers aides combined truly make our school a center of learning. We were most fortunate to have a Student Handicap Unit at our School! Those choice students, in a most special manner, brought a distinct spirit to our school! They were loved by one and all and brought out the very best in all of us! The School as it now exists, may in the near future be finding a new home, but the wonderful memories, the vast group and individual achievements of all the school years will last forever and can be enjoyed by many through ones' own instant recall. It was my pleasure to be of service as I served as the Principal of East Elementary and I always made it my goal to make sure I did all I could to allow teachers to truly teach, to be free of many of the roadblocks that came their way. I trust I achieved this sound educational goal. It was such a joy to me to be able to be around and associate with those wonderful kids of the elementary school age. Without question, East Elementary was the right place, the right school for me to conclude my career in Public School Education. After all the years in the Public School service, of this I am most sure! The Public School System is a most NOBLE PROFESSION and the bedrock of our great Nation.

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Principal-1988-1995*