
Orren J. Greenwood



Orren J. Greenwood Well and Faithfully Done Orren Jean Greenwood was born in Sandy, Utah, on February 22, 1911. His parents were David Ezra Greenwood and Sarah Jenet Bishop. The family had 30 dairy cows of which he had the responsibility of milking by hand eight to ten of them morning and evening. He graduated from Jordan High School in 1929. He was offered a job after graduation at Sandy Gravel Pit, which gave him the funds to buy a 1927 Ford Model T and to enroll at the University of Utah in January 1930. He put himself through school and graduated in 1934 with a Degree in Banking and Finance. This was the middle of the Great Depression and jobs were hard to find. His first job at Salt Lake Hardware paid \$56.25 per month as a pricing clerk. He married his sweetheart, Jennie Bishop, on May 10, 1935. They had seven children--five daughters and two sons--all still living, and who regard their greatest gift, that of

being born into such a blessed union. Jennie died on August 28, 2000. His utmost wish since then was to join her. He devoted his life to service in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was called as the first Bishop of the Sandy 7th Ward, and after several years of service was the first President of Sandy East Stake. Ten years later, in 1973, as the stake was divided, he was called and ordained as Stake Patriarch. In 1976, he began a Church mission with Jennie at the Washington DC Temple Visitors Center. Upon their return they served as Ordinance Workers at the Salt Lake Temple. He spent his final years as a sealer in the Jordan River Temple. Throughout his life he was a quiet philanthropist. In community service, he served for eight years on the Sandy City Council. In 1965, he was one of a committee of 13 people asked to study the feasibility of building a County Convention Center--the Salt Palace was the result, and he then served on the Salt Palace Board of Directors until 1976. In 1967 he was recruited by the State Republican Committee to run for the State Senate. He was elected and served a four-year term. In his professional life, as a young man, he entered the lumber business and eventually became a land developer and building contractor. Later, he was one of ten men who established the Draper Bank and Trust in the early 1960's, then served on the Board of Directors. In 1965 he purchased a 700 acre cattle ranch in Duchesne County and established Greenwood Land and Livestock, which he ran with one of his sons for over 30 years. He taught his children the value of hard work. We also learned from him how to enjoy leisure time. Mom and daddy packed up seven children for a family vacation every summer. No one could pack a car trunk like our dad. Our family times and traditions were extraordinary--fun, comical, unique, blessed, inspiring. We, with our spouses, are best friends. He died at home on February 3, 2004, just weeks shy of his 93rd birthday. Bereft and sorrowing at our immense loss, he is survived by his seven children and our spouses: Jeanine (Paul) Kochevar, Jessie Kay (David) Lloyd, Shirley (Gary) Jones, Afton Greenwood, Susan (Larry) Stott, Gerald (Jeanne) Greenwood, and Stephen (Doris) Greenwood. It was our privilege to serve him in his declining years. Oh, that we could witness the joyful reunion! He is also survived by 26 grandchildren; 73 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. He is also survived by one brother, Glen Greenwood and his wife, Donna. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Jennie Bishop Greenwood; and one grandson, Matthew Alan Jones. He was also preceded by nine of his ten brothers and sisters, Clarence, Hartley, Thomas, Paul, Irvin, Hazel, Vera, Edith, and Alice. Friends and family may call at the Goff Mortuary 8090 So. State Street, Midvale, on February 9, from 6-8 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2004, at 11:00 a.m. at the River Ridge Ward Chapel, 10180 South 1300 West, South Jordan. The service will be preceded by a viewing from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Interment, Sandy City Cemetery.

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