

David

Mary has covered a lot of the details on the life of our son David, that we both have enjoyed. The highlight of my life has been my wife Mary and all my children. I have said we have eleven children and they are all boys but seven.

Our four sons are Eagle Scouts and all Returned Missionaries with Honor. David and I have enjoyed many close experiences at four years of scout camp working toward his Eagle. He did an excellent job organizing his Eagle Project of cleaning Eagle Island Park

David enjoyed playing his drums with the Capital High Marching Band. We traveled to Denver, Co. to a National Drum and Band Competition. I enjoyed the companionship.

We were delighted when David announce he wanted to go on a mission. We all prayed this would happen.

David was on his mission in the Philippines, he wrote in one of his letters: One day my companion and I were walking down a path talking with one of our members. I felt a small hand reach up and hold my right hand. I look down to find a small girl smiling up at me. I can't describe how I felt. I can say that it was truly special. As we all walked further I tried to imagine this little girl's trust she felt in me and though she'd never seen me before, recognized me as her elder brother. When I think of this I tried to reflect on my relationship with Jesus Christ. He is my Elder Brother and I love him. I pray each time I go out that his hand will be in mine. We walk together in missionary work here on this earth, I pray for his help.

I owned a grocery store in Brigham City, Utah from 1952 to 1961. One day a young man walked in to apply for a job. I was impressed with him but did not have any openings at the present time. Later he became employed at the Box Elder County Bank advancing to become president of the bank. David was aware of the above story of Bruce Christensen, who became his Mission President in the Philippines. David wrote and said, "Dad, did you know when you met Bruce Christensen that one day this young man would become the mission President to your son that I have not yet been born.

I have always felt a close relationship with David. Our family has really been blessed to have David as a member. David, I love you. Your Earthly Father