

Clarence E. Paystrup

1914 ~ 2014



January 26, 2014 marked the 100th birthday of Clarence Enoch Paystrup. He left this life Monday morning, June 9, 2014. He is survived by his six children: James (Mary) Paystrup, Carolyn (Nolan) Squire, Paul (Jan) Paystrup, Alan (Julie) Paystrup, Glenn (Ranae) Paystrup, and Dan (Kelley) Paystrup and twenty eight of his grandchildren and over seventy great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Bessie Greenhalgh Paystrup, and two granddaughters: Marisa Squire, and Rebecca Paystrup.

As a boy in Levan, Clarence remembered the only water source in town being irrigation ditches, transportation was by horse and buggy, and coal oil lamps were used for lighting. He also remembered when electricity was brought to Levan. Hay was stacked by pitchfork, not baled. He remembered his mother often mended clothes with 'invisible thread': a strand of her long hair.

He attended the old school in Levan and graduated from High School in Nephi. He was active in various sports, played the violin, and sang tenor. Clarence attended Snow College and Henegar's Business College in Salt Lake City.

He left by ship in 1937 to serve as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Denmark, serving in the cities where his parents were born. He hitchhiked through Nazi Germany before catching a ship from France for the trip home.

Clarence Enoch Paystrup married Bessie Greenhalgh from Nephi, on June 25th, 1941, in the Manti Temple. Bessie died in 2011, a few days after their seventieth wedding anniversary. Clarence served on the Levan Town Council and as President of the Lion's Club. He farmed in Levan, worked at the Plaster Mill in Levan Canyon, acted as postmaster in Levan, worked for the State Road, and made hoses at the Thermoid Rubber Company. He was actively involved with the Senior Citizen group in Nephi.

He and his wife served a mission in 1976 to New Zealand. They worked in the LDS Manti Temple for seventeen years, where Clarence served as a sealer. They worked at the Provo Temple while Manti was being remodeled. He was also in the Bishopric in Levan and on the High Council for the Nephi Stake. They sent all five of their sons on missions. He was a devoted and faithful home teacher his whole life.

He will be sorely missed. Funeral services are Saturday, June 14, 2014 in the Levan Chapel at 11 am. A viewing will be held Friday evening from 6-8 pm at the Anderson Funeral Home, 94 west 300 North Nephi and at the church one hour prior to the services at the church. Interment will be in the Levan Town Cemetery.