



## Anna Mae Haynie Jensen

December 13, 1932 - April 1, 2020

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Anna Mae Haynie White Jensen was born in Manassa, Colorado on December 13, 1932 to Clelland Haynie and Zella Estella Holman Haynie. Anna was the 7th of 10 children; 7 boys and 3 girls. She started school at age 5 in the Manassa schoolhouse and graduated Salutatorian of her 8th grade class. She attended high school there and graduated at the age of 17, in 1950.

Since there was no money for college, Anna went to work at Walgreen's in a larger town called Alamosa. Later on she began working as a telephone operator for Mountain Bell Telephone Company. She worked for Mountain Bell on and off for many years, in Alamosa and Denver, Colorado, and also in Salt Lake City, Utah. Eventually retiring with 22 years of service.

Maintaining ties with her brothers and sisters was always important to her. Even as they grew to adulthood, married and moved away, she made certain that they stayed connected, and got together as often as they could.

A few months after graduating from high school she married LaVoy Glen White from Sanford, Colorado, on October 21, 1950. Anna and LaVoy had four children, Patricia Ann (born 1955), Sandra Kay (born 1957), Steven (August 11 - 12, 1960), and Gary Wayne (born 1962). The family moved several times in Colorado, living in Alamosa, Colorado Springs, and Sanford.

They were living in Sanford when Anna and one-year old Gary survived a serious automobile accident. Anna had both feet, one leg, and her right arm broken. Gary suffered head, liver, and spleen injuries and was not expected to live. Both survived and were healed, although Anna's legs caused her pain for the rest of her life.

The family later moved to Salt Lake City where Anna again worked for the telephone

company, along with raising and caring for her young family. Because of her work schedule she was not always able to attend church or be involved in activities, but she made certain that her children were there every Sunday, and fully engaged in their youth programs.

Their family moved to Arvada, Colorado in 1970, where she continued to work for the telephone company, and served in many church callings. Anna and LaVoy divorced in 1975, and the family moved away. Patricia and Sandra were both attending BYU in Provo, Utah at that time, so Anna and Gary moved to Orem, Utah to live with her sister Lorraine Thayne and their mother Zella Haynie.

She continued to work for the telephone company in Utah and enjoyed being close to her mother, sister, and the many nieces and nephews growing up in the area. It was during this time that Anna enjoyed a long-distance courtship with Walter LeGrande "Scotty" Jensen from Sanford. The two had know each other for years, but it was at this time that their relationship became more serious and led to their marriage and sealing in the Provo, Utah Temple on May 20, 1977.

They went back to Sanford and lived in the home Walter was born in until 2004. Walter raised alfalfa, hay, and cattle, while Anna lovingly cared for their gracious Victorian home, upgrading and improving it inside and out. She continued to work at Mountain Bell in Alamosa until her retirement. She was also happily active in church and civic events during that time and loved her associations with so many relatives and families in the area.

A crowning event for the local communities every year was the annual 24th of July celebration, honoring the early members of the Church who helped colonize the area. The towns had parades, field games, breakfasts, barbeques, dances, and a pageant celebrating the rich heritage of the area. The big building on the Jensen property always housed 2 or 3 of the elaborate floats for the parades, and Anna loved to help design and build some of them. She also helped write and direct two of the town history pageants. These celebrations were the joy of her life.

Her children and grandchildren found visiting Sanford on those occasions, and on so many of the holidays, to be a magical and joyous time. She always provided such yummy food and good times in that wonderful old home while they were visiting with their Grandma and Grandpa Jensen. Strong bonds of continuing love and the importance of family were forged there.

Scotty and Anna left The Valley to serve in the South Carolina Columbia Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints from April, 1984 through October, 1985. When they returned home they served for 2 years as temple workers in the newly built Denver Colorado Temple. They would stay with Patricia and her husband and children for the one week per month that their temple calling required.

In 2004, as Scotty began to develop Alzheimer's, they determined to move to Utah where more care choices and more family support was available. Walter passed away in 2006, and Anna made beautiful homes for herself in Belle Monet Condominiums (Pleasant Grove), Cove Point Independent Living(Provo), and finally The Charleston Assisted Living Community (Cedar Hills).

While living in Pleasant Grove, she served at the Provo, Utah Missionary Training Center acting as an investigator to help the missionaries practice teaching. In every place she lived, she made lifelong friends while holding fast to the loving relationships from her past, and her priceless family.

Loving and serving family, friends and strangers in need was the driving force of her life. Her goal was to always serve wherever she could. It was a frustration to her, in the last months of her life, that her mind and body limited her ability to do that, but she was deeply grateful for the loving kindness show to her. Nothing gave her more joy than spending time with the people she loved.

Anna was preceded in death by her infant son (Steven White), her husband (Walter Jensen), eight siblings (LaVor Haynie, Tommy Haynie, Sheldon Haynie, Dan Haynie, Lorraine Thayne, Edsel Haynie, Willis Haynie, Colleen Cunningham) and one granddaughter (Kristyn Zenger).

She is survived by Patricia White Zenger (Paul), Sandra White Heaton (Gary), Gary Wayne White (Terrilyn Cluff), 12 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, her brother (James Haynie), and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Her testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the promise of having her loved ones with her forever, were the guiding force of her life.

# Comments

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“ To Anna's dear family: I'm so sorry to hear of her passing! The tributes to Anna are so wonderful to read, and I know she was very special and loved by all. Anna was my closest girl cousin to my age. Our paths didn't cross very often, but I always knew OF her, and her family, and considered her a special cousin all these years. My outstanding memory of her was when she was 14 and I was 7, and she came from Manassa to live with us in Salt Lake and go to school that year. However, things didn't work out (school regulations?) and she returned home. But what I remember is, She and my sister Darlene and I took the bus downtown to go see the movie, "Abbott and Costello meet Frankenstein." It was supposed to be a comedy, but we thought it was really scary, with Frankenstein and the Wolfman and all, going around and terrifying everyone, especially me! Then, we three children had to ride home on the bus, alone, in the dark. I was scared of the dark for many years after that! I'm so glad to have seen her a couple of times "recently" at our "cousins lunches" with Carolyn, Bill, and Peggy and Darlene. What a sweet and "down home" person! We send our love and condolences to Anna's family. So sad we can't gather for a funeral right now! With love, Pauline Edgley

**Pauline Edgley** - April 13, 2020 at 06:15 PM



“ Oh, Pauline, thanks so much for your kind words, and for the very fun childhood memory!

She treasured those last cousin lunches, and truly enjoyed your company! We are grateful she had you in her life!

**Trish** - July 09, 2020 at 10:28 PM

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“ I was saddened to hear of Anna Mae passing away! She was such a beautiful, wonderful woman. I served with her in the YW Presidency in Sanford 1st Ward. What an example she was to everyone. My mom Adah Morgan and Anna Mae were very good friends, so I have known her for a very long time. My dad Vernell Morgan and Walter were very good friends too! I have missed her since she moved to Utah, and now I will miss her more. But will always treasure my memories! My sympathy goes out to all of her family! Love, Becky (Morgan) Forster

**Rebekah Forster** - April 10, 2020 at 12:39 AM



“ Becky, thank you!

Some of her favorite memories were of her times in Sanford 1st Ward, and the people she loved there, especially her Young Women! So grateful you were a part of that!

She treasured her San Luis Valley roots, and all of the memories made with her dear friends there—including the Morgans! Many thanks!

**Trish** - July 09, 2020 at 10:35 PM

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**Kelly Cunningham** - April 06, 2020 at 01:30 AM



“ Love this photo! And love to think how many of those brothers and sisters are happily reunited at last! 😊

**Trish** - April 06, 2020 at 10:27 PM

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**Kelly Cunningham** - April 06, 2020 at 01:27 AM



“ Another classic!

**Trish** - April 06, 2020 at 10:29 PM

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“ Aunt Anna Mae has been a favorite aunt from when I was born. I always enjoyed going to the little house in Sanford where I was always made to feel and welcome. And the same in their house in Alamosa, across from the police department. Then I moved to Texas and missed seeing her, other than at an occasional Haynie Reunion. I took the family through Sanford one year, probably in the early 90's. We stayed in the big house in Sanford. We went out one night and left the kids home alone. Upon our return, we found out that the kids plugged the toilet and flooded the bathroom. Anna just laughed and said, "That happens sometimes." We were able to see her more often after they moved to Utah. Anna is in a much better place now with a perfected body, but she will be missed, for sure.

**Hal Thayne** - April 03, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ She loved having people in her home, no matter what kind of adventures they brought!

**Trish** - April 06, 2020 at 10:31 PM

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**Hal Thayne** - April 03, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ Looks like Scotty, Kathy, Anna, Colleen and Melody. Scotty is so patient.

**Hal Thayne** - April 06, 2020 at 12:32 PM



“ This quilt was given to our family! I still wrap myself in Haynie Hugs on chilly days! 😊

**Trish** - April 06, 2020 at 10:33 PM