



LEMUEL WEBSTER

1892-1975

Lemuel Webster was born 27 August 1892, in Grant, Idaho. He was the third child of Esther Louise D. Brown and George Franklin Webster. His brothers and sisters were George Merlin, Elizabeth, Elva, Idella, Ralph Vern, Virga B., Juanita, and Vivian. They lived in a two-room log cabin that had a dirt roof. Later his father built a larger log house, and a few years later a two story frame house. Their homes were modest, considering the means of the early settlers in a new country.

Lemuel's childhood friends were John, Chadlum, and Delbert Taylor, and Earl Casper. His school teachers were Sarah Pennick, Howard H. Haul, and Mimrod Good. Lemuel's parents gave their children chores to do in the house and around the farm. Lemuel helped feed and water the cattle and horses, milked the cows, and helped his mother do the washing by turning the washing machine. He was a sensitive child, praying for his parents health during times of illness.

The Webster family belonged to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Lemuel was baptized 27 August 1900 in Grant, Idaho. He served as president of the Deacon's Quorum, and as chorister of the mutual at the young age of 13. During these years of his youth, his friends were Heber Holland, Aldo Hix, and Jennie Debell. His favorite activities included swimming, skating, dancing, and playing baseball.

Mary Annie Larsson came into Lemuel's life after he moved to Harrisville, and they were married 20 September 1917, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. In April of that year, at the age of 24, Lemuel enlisted in the army. He was with the 145 Field Artillery Battery B. He served at Fort Douglas, in Salt Lake City, Utah, and was then sent to Camp Kearney in San Diego, California. From there he was sent to France, where the battle was raging during World War I. He instilled in his children and grandchildren a love for their country.

Lemuel and Mary Annie lived in Harrisville where they raised their three children, Ellen Louise, 30 June 1918; Doris, 24 November 1921; Charles Lemuel, 11 May 1924. When Lemuel returned from the service, he worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad. After many years of working for the railroad he retired due to poor health.

Lemuel planted and tended a large garden every year. He worked many hours a day and grew wonderful vegetables. He shared the harvest with friends, neighbors, and family. He also had an interest in music. He hummed as he worked, no matter what he was doing. He passed this love of music down to his children. All three had beautiful voices and enjoyed singing privately and publicly.

Lemuel Webster passed away 29 May 1975, and was buried in the South Morgan cemetery in Morgan, Utah.

The following poem, “A Chat With My Father” was dedicated to Lemuel and added to his biography:

I follow a famous father, His honor is mine to wear. He gave me a name that was free from shame, a name he was proud to bear. He lived in the morning sunlight, and marched in the ranks of right, He was always true to the best he knew, and the shield that he wore was bright. I follow a famous father, and never a day goes by, but I feel that he looks down on me, to carry his standard high. He stood to the sternest trials as only a brave man can, though the way be long, I must never wrong the name of so good a man. I follow a famous father, not known to the printed page, nor written down in the worlds renown as a prince of his little age. But never a stain attached to him, and he never stooped to shame. He was brave and bold and to me he gave, the pride of an honest man.

SOURCE:

Biography of Lemuel Webster, written by himself. Additions by his daughter, Doris Webster Mosen. Unpublished manuscript.

Brown, Esther Louise	Webster, Doris
Casper, Earl	Webster, Ellen Louise
Debell, Jennie	Webster, Ellizabeth
Good, Mimrod	Webster, Elva
Haul, Howard H.	Webster, George Franklin
Hix, Aldo	Webster, George Merlin
Holland, Heber	Webster, Idella
Larsson, Mary Annie	Webster, Juanita
Pennick, Sarah	Webster, Ralph
Taylor, Chadlum	Webster, Vern
Taylor, Delbert	Webster, Virga B.
Taylor, John	Webster, Vivian
Webster, Charles Lemuel	