



MAE HUNSAKER OAKEY 1912-1994

Mae Hunsaker was the eighth child of nine children raised in Elwood, Utah.

She had a son, Jessie Burden, from a previous marriage when she married Russell David 'Jack' Oakey in 1935. Jack adopted Mae's son Jesse and raised him as his own. Together they had a daughter, Dorene (1936). About that time, Jack began his professional career as a rodeo announcer that spanned 33 years which added interest to their

lives.

The family moved to Harrisville in the mid 1930's. Their first home was on the east side of the railroad tracks next to the brickyard (708 W. Harrisville Road) where they had a small grocery store. They later moved to the other side of the tracks in the old brick home next to the tracks (730 West Harrisville Road). In 1942, they bought a home with 40 acres, also in Harrisville, on the north side of Highway 89 at 2373 North 750 West. The Oakey home was a hub of activity. Rodeo people would travel up and down the Utah/Idaho/Nevada/Wyoming circuit, often stopping to see bucking stock, including a trained Brahma Bull in Oakey's pastures.

The family worked the farmland together with Jack and Jesse driving the tractor and Dorene and Mae stomping the hay. Mae also worked outside the home as a sales associate for Western Auto, an appliance store at five points.

Eventually Jesse married Mary E. 'Pat' Parsons, and moved to Salt Lake City where he became an insurance broker. They remained in Salt Lake City to raise their three children, Bruce, Patti, and Angela, before moving to Saint George, Utah in the 1990s.

In 1960, Dorene married Bill R. Stoney. Dorene had two sons Richard (Rich) and Russell "JR". Bill had three daughters Jill, Carla and Annette and together they had David. They raised their family in a home they built next to her parents at 2383 North 750 West in Harrisville. They moved to Saint George, Utah in 2001.

Jack preceded Mae in death in 1969. Mae died in 13 February 1994 and is buried in Memorial Gardens of the Wasatch, Ogden, Utah.

SOURCE:

Stoney, Dorene O. Family Records.

Burden, Jesse	Stoney, Bill R.
Burden, Mary E. 'Pat' Parsons	Stoney, Carla
Hunsaker, Mae	Stoney, David
Oakey, Dorene	Stoney, Dorene Oakey
Oakey, Mae Hunsaker	Stoney, Jill
Oakey, Russell David 'Jack'	Stoney, Richard (Rich)
Parsons, Mary E. 'Pat'	Stoney, Russell 'JR'
Stoney, Annette	