



**Educational background:** There are many kinds of education but I guess the one you want to read about is the formal. During the years from 1956 to '69, I had many memorable hours of talking and chewing gum in class, being editor of the school newspaper, singing in the choirs, and being rowdy in the hallways. Finally they allowed me to graduate from Ogden High. I immediately attended BYU majoring in Recreation for the Handicapped. I also attended Utah State and finally graduated with a Bachelor degree from California State University in Los Angeles. Many years later I returned to BYU to obtain a license to teach Special Education.

**Personal Background:** I was born in Ogden, Utah. I grew up with an older brother who is much taller than I, and six years older. I met my husband, Monte, while I was attending BYU. After he served a 'hitch' in the Army we settled in Downey, Ca. where all four of our sons were born. We now have three grandchildren whom I love to spoil whenever I can.

**Favorite Quote and Hero:** The motto I adopted for myself comes from a quote by Winston Churchill, "Never, never, never give up." Of course, he was talking about WWII, but I feel that it gives good advice for meeting life. It also exemplifies the life of my favorite hero- my mother. She raised two children alone, put up a valiant fight against cancer, and still sang to us every morning.

**Favorite books and stuff:** Surely Twain's Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn continue to stir my thoughts of the carefree life of a child during a simple, relaxed time period in growing America. My favorite books are those with historical topics, and...Louis Lamoure and Zane Grey adventures. I LOVE the western era of history. That is also true of my preference in movies. My husband always knew his only rival was John Wayne.

**Favorite Vacation Spot:** Set me free with chocolate and a Coke somewhere in 'Red Dirt Country' - Lake Powell, Moab, Monument Valley, or St. George. I love boating, fishing, hiking, riding, and camping. Ocean camping is also acceptable.

**Why Teaching??** It found me. That's true. I spent 26 years running a family business with my husband. After his passing I spent another 4 years in the business world. I

always felt there was something else waiting for me. A friend suggested teaching. I had no idea that I would love teaching so much. The teacher always learns the most.

**My Goal:** It is more like a vision. I see every student I teach going through life and never, never, never giving up. I hope I can be patient enough to help every child find that courage to never stop trying to progress. We have a saying in Special Ed.: “It doesn’t matter when you get it, as long as you get it.”