



Margaret Stratton Dana Jorgenson & Patricia F Black Stratton- Dec 1999

Margaret Emma Stratton Dana Jorgenson was born on January 29, 1947 in Winslow Arizona. Margaret received her BS in Education with a double major in Home Economics and Child Development. She also attended Arizona State University and was 5 hours short of receiving her Master's degree in Child Development.

Margaret moved to Bloomfield Hills when her late husband, Gerald Dana, took a job with National Bank of Detroit in the 70's.

Margaret said "I feel I was truly blessed by the knowledge gained in all my choices for educational classes. Throughout my life, I have had ample opportunity to put my skills in every area to good use. My Home Nursing skills were tested as a mother of five children but even more so in caring for my Mother-in Law (Ruth Dana) as she battled breast cancer; then my first husband (Gerald Wilson Dana) during his valiant battle with cancer, and then my sweet mother (Patricia Stratton) who lost her battle with cancer March 16, 2014."

Margaret was 43 years old with five children ages 9 to 17 when her first husband passed away. Margaret was thankful for her education to help her support her children. Margaret said "Through financial aide scholarships and all of us working part time, all of our children went to college."

Margaret was single for 7 years and busy working multiple jobs and raising her children when the Stake RS president introduced her to Brother Jorgenson. They went on a blind date and then were married on December 20th, 1997.

## Questions and Answers

**What brings you joy?** My family, my kids, my grandkids. Learning about my ancestors and getting to know them and the trials they went through. My parents, siblings and my husband. They all bring such joy to me.

**What is your favorite color?** Purple

**What is your favorite food?** Anything Mexican

**What do you enjoy doing?** I enjoy watching sci-fi or forensic shows. I love science! I love technology but I struggle with it. I also love butterflies, rocks, and trees.

**Who do you admire?** My ancestors. My daughter Carrie – the more I get to know her the better I like her. I try to look for the good in people. Each person has something I admire, for example, I admire Jan Bishop and her talent for music and her willingness to share her talent. I admire Jill Weaver, one of my sweetest friends. I admire Marcia Marshall and how she raises her kids.

**Is there anything you would like to learn, do or see?** I would like to understand computers and cell phone apps better. They fascinate me and I would like to learn how to use them more.

**Who is someone you admire from the scriptures?**

Captain Moroni – his leadership abilities and his courage.

**Any advice you would give another sister?** "Even an Elephant can be eaten one bite at a time." Another piece of advice would be if you are about to make a decision that you are worried or scared about think about the worst conclusion to this choice. If you can handle the worst thing that could happen then don't be afraid to try. I also suggest to not live your life worrying all the time.

## Find out what other's say about Margaret

"Margaret is a lovely lady. A really lovely lady. She always has a smile on her face. She has a strong testimony. I really like her."

"I have known Margaret since she moved into the ward. She is very musically orientated. She is just the kindest and the most giving person. She will stand up for her friends in a polite way. She is very supportive. I really like her. She is a good person."

"Margaret is amazingly committed, genuine, intelligent and wise in her judgments for decision making. She is a super first rate visiting teacher. She seeks diligently to not only live in the spirit but to also walk in the spirit as we are counseled to do."

"Margaret is an amazing and beautiful person. She is so kind and willing to help. She is a great example to anyone who knows her."