

Norma's name, to me, always had a musical sound and she was well named. She loved to sing, play records and just have music around her. She always seemed to be happy and went around with a smile on her face. No one could be around her for very long without noting what a kind and happy person she was and her winning ways gave her many, many friends.

When she was around 12 or 13 years old, the family moved out of Delta to a place close by that was called the Winton Place. Grandpa Vance wanted to get the house fixed up a little before moving all the family in so he took the twins and Norma with him

to get things in order.

As Norma worked, she could be heard singing or playing a record.

At times she couldn't remember the words so she would fill in with, "di-de, di-de, di-de, etc." and follow along with the tune. This went on for a while until finally Grandpa Vance couldn't take any more of it.

"For heaven's sakes, Norma," he said, "change that baby's pants and stop saying di-de."

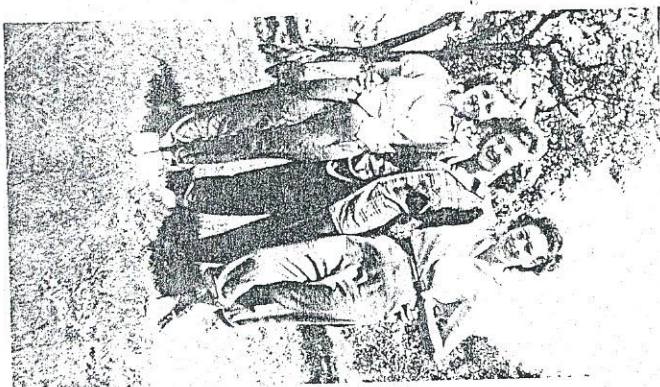
Grandpa Vance liked lumpy-dick gravy and I guess Norma liked to make it for him and make it according to its name. It was made out of flour, and vinegar and she could make it come out very lumpy.

Oh, how Norma hated school! When she reached High School the fun was great but the studying was something else. Every Wednesday afternoon, a matinee was held at the local theater. So Norma decided this would be a lot more fun and interesting to go to than what school was. I don't know how many times she sluffed school to go to the matinees, but it was enough for the teachers to notice a certain pattern she had on missing class and she was reported. So the principal, one day, went to the show house and caught her. This ended the sluffing.

Norma had the record of "Frankie and Johnny" and how she use to play that and sing. Words to songs would touch her and sometimes she would be crying at the same time she was singing. After I learned to play the piano she would often come to the house and want me to play for her. She particularly like the following song and would cry and sing as she sang -

"Tell me why the stars do shine
Tell me why the ivy twines
Tell me why that I love you
If you can tell me, then I'll tell you."

Norma and the twins loved to dance. Bun always got a big kick out of taking these three girls to the dances on Saturday night. Norma also loved to practice driving on Bun's car. One time she was going out for a drive and Bun agreed to let Eloise, Edith and me go along for the ride. We three rode in the back end with our feet hanging over the tail-gate. Norma wasn't very good working the clutch, and it was agreed by all that she definitely needed practice on letting it out for a good smooth start. As she took off this day, the foot must have been jerky because I recall the car just made lunges forward and it caused Eloise to fall out on the street. Edith and Betty got to laughing at Eloise



Norma, Eloise and Betty



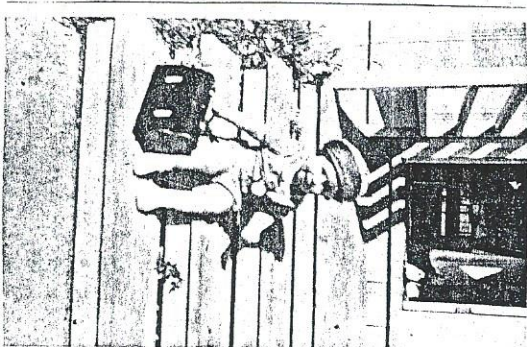
Norma Delee

sitting in the middle of the road waving and hollering, "Hey, wait for me". Norma, of course, had the shifting all done by the time we got to the end of the block and was ready for a smooth drive but Edith and I finally got control of ourselves when we let them know in the front that Eloise had fallen out and for Norma to stop. Eloise came running down the road, got in and we three sure hung on to the car when Norma started all over again.

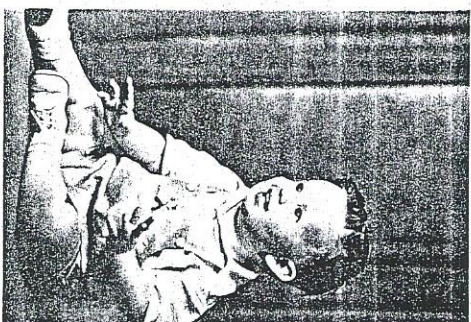
As mentioned before, she was always happy and having a good time. Norma was so kind to people. To say anything bad about someone just wasn't her nature. She and Eloise use to go with Garrett Vandenburg up to his folk's ranch and ride horses. Garrett always wanted to go with Norma or Eloise but they didn't have much interest in just him. So when he wanted a date, he usually had to include a ride on the horses.

Norma accompanied George to Red Mesa, Colorado when George went to meet Adeline Gladden. It was at this time that she met Adeline's brother, Wheeler. The four of them decided to get married and so they went on to Mesa, Arizona to be married in the temple there. What a surprise it was to us when the family attended a church conference and the mission president came up and asked which one of the Vance girls wanted the temple recommend to get married. After he explained to us what had happened, we decided it must be Norma that was getting married. I recall when they returned home to Delta, a chivalry was planned (the custom in those days) and the folks found a baby's buggy and a wheelbarrow for the husbands to push the wives in down main street while family and friends honked car horns or rang cow bells.

We had been in World War II for just a little over a year and so it was shortly after they were married that Wheeler got his draft notice and had to join the Army. Norma would go and stay in a town close by when it was permissible, but eventually when he was sent away, she came to Spanish Fork, Utah to be with the family there. She was expecting their first baby at this time and when he arrived, they had a cute little boy whom they named Richard Vance Gladden. When Marie and Dewey and family and the other sisters moved to Renton, Washington, Norma and Richard moved there and lived with them. Norma got a job working at Boeings and stayed with this job until Wheeler came home from the War. Richard was at a very cute age and what fun we had having them with us.



Richard - 18 months old. He loved to wear Dewey's hat, carry his lunchpail, & wear the Boeings badge. When he would see the family come home, he would double up his fist and shreik.



Richard, about 1 yr. old



Norma, Richard, George Jr., and Marcia

Norma served a 6 month mission for the LDS Church in Wyoming.



Norma holding Ronald,
Wheeler holding Rex
and Richard standing

and she was given a name that Norma had always loved,
"Sherry Lynn".

The family moved to Grantsville, Utah, a town on the other side of Tooele where they had a bigger home and land to raise a horse and rabbits on. Wheeler liked to raise both and Norma could really fry rabbit that would melt in your mouth. You could always drop by their house and know you would always be fed.

It was always hard for Norma to do two things at the same time. If she wanted to visit, then she sat down and did so. If she wanted to iron, then she had to do that without any interruptions, but never do both of the above at the same time. But people were always coming to visit at their home - she had a way of making friends and people dearly loved her.

Norma developed cancer. She was operated on but it came back and on May 4, 1962, she died. She was 40 years of age at the time of her death and it was sad leaving a family of 5 with the oldest being only 18.

Norma and Wheeler lived in

Colorado after Wheeler came home from the Army. Their next two sons were born in Fruita, Colorado and Montrose, Colorado. Ronald was son #2 and Rex #3. Jobs were available in Tooele, Utah and so they moved to Tod Park, a housing area outside of Tooele for employees working at the Military Ammunition Depot located there. Ross was born to them here. With all four boys' first name starting with "R", it was always a

scramble to call the right child with the right name. And so when Norma discovered child #5 was on the way, she said it would definitely not have a name that started with an "R". How happy they were when #5 turned out to be a daughter



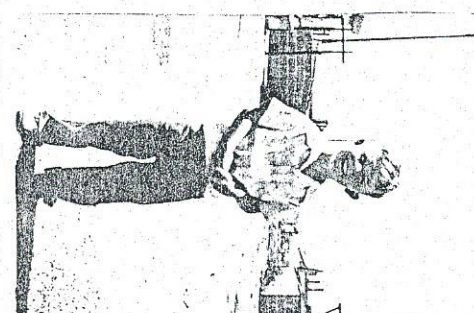
Eloise, Norma and Ron



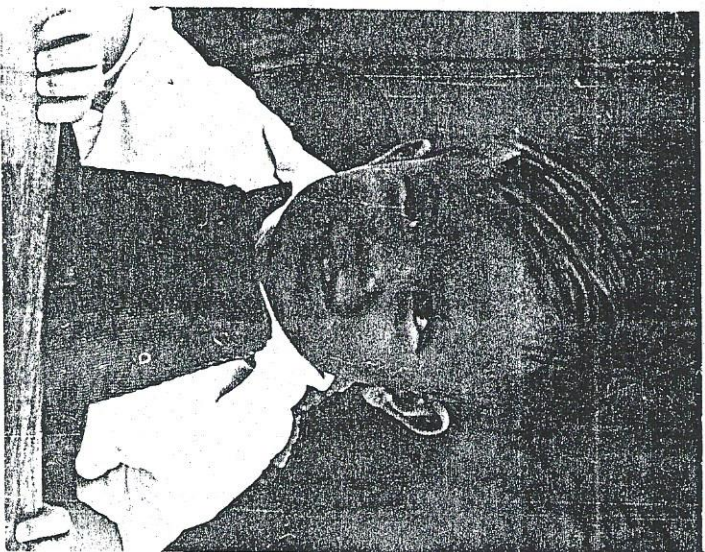
The 4 "R's" - Ronald, Ross, Richard
and Rex



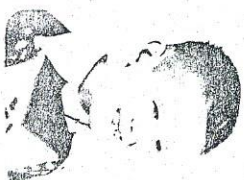
Norma holding Ronald's
hand, holding Rex and Richard



Richard



Above: Richard 18 mo. School pictures of him below



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Richard & his dog

Richard V. Gladden

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Shampoo time for Norma

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Ronald, Richard and Rex

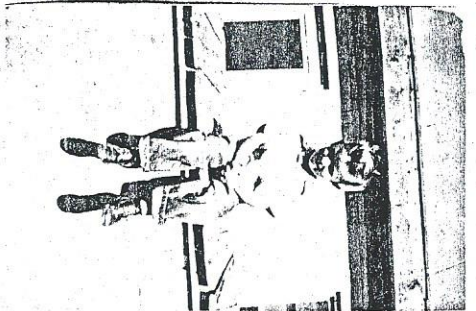
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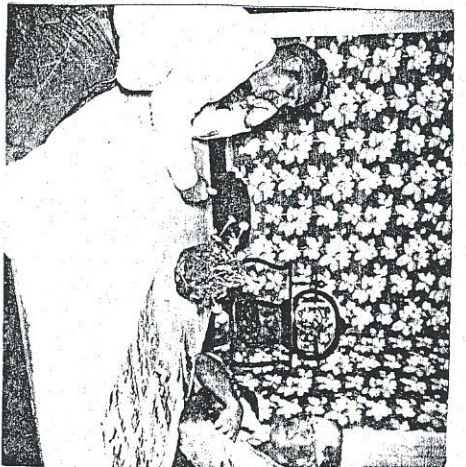
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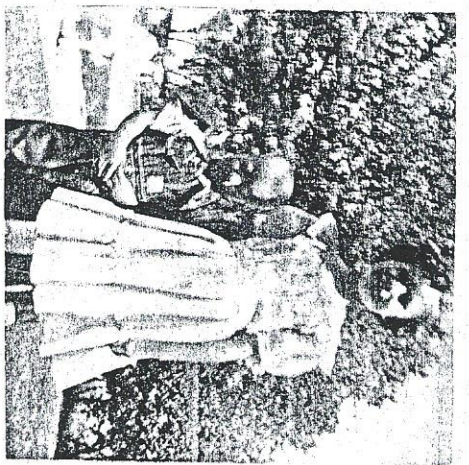
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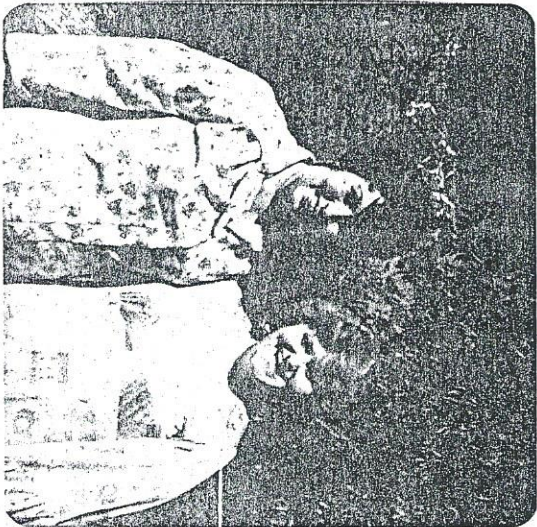
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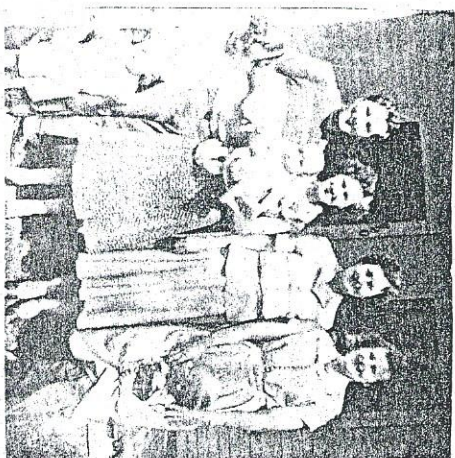
Wheeler and Dewey chatting away



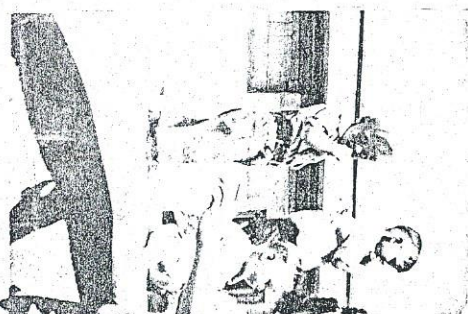
Cousins - Ronald Gladden and
Cheryl Ann Doughty



Cousins - Betty Snider Montgomery and
Sherry Gladden (June 14, 1979)



Cheryl Ann Doughty with Garth Johnson
in front of her, Clyde and Edith Johnson
holding Michael, Gladys Doughty, Norma
and Ronald Gladden



Ron, Richard and Rex