

History of Jesse Rea (Swartz) Booth



Jesse Rea Booth was born the second child of James William and Marvel Booth on 8 April 1910 in St. George, Utah. He was nicknamed Swartz early in his life. The origins of this nickname is not know. He served in the Unites States Army Infantry during World War II. The above photo is of him when he was in the Army. Not much is known of his time there. He was 32 years old when he entered the Army.

His early life parallels his older brother Fred. Fred's story tell much of their early life. They moved from place to place when their dad was trying to find work. Both Fred and Rea had a strong loyalty to their brothers and sisters. They often lived apart from the family in their younger years and sent them the money they earned so they could eat and have a place to live. Their Dad couldn't provided for the family very well. Rea worked for the CCC camps for a period in his younger life. He also worked in the mines at Eureka, Utah for a time.

Rea was married twice but neither marriage lasted. He lived a bachelors life most of the time. He lived in the old family home after everyone else had gotten married and move away. This home set back from the street and there was an

empty corner lot to the side. The home had a silo to the back that was used as sleeping quarters when they all live there. He was not a very good house keeper and would not let anyone inside when they came to visit. Later in life the home was torn down when Smith's Grocery Store bought the property and built a store there. The area of the home now is a parking lot. Rea purchased another home in the neighborhood and live there until his death.

Rea under went an operation on his stomach and did not survive. He passed away 15 July, 1989 in St. George, Utah.

Fred own a garage in St. George and did mechanic work on automobile and farm machinery. Rea worked for Fred most of his life at the garage. Their signature coveralls were their trademark. They wore them everywhere.

Rea was Fred's fishing partner. They went fishing every chance they got. They were true brothers in every sense of the word.

Fred took care of Rea. He took most of his meals with Fred's family and shared in many of their activities.

Some information about Rea was found on the internet. It is as follows: His date of induction into the U. S. Army Infantry was 13 March 1942. The place of induction was St. George, Utah. His serial number was 3962381. His date of birth was 10 April, 1923 (note that this is incorrect date). This information is taken from the Washington County Utah Military Index WW II.

Family Search web site lists the following:

Utah Marriages, 1887 - 1966

Jessie Rea Booth, birth date 8 April 1910, birth place St. George, Utah. Bride's Name Salina Coline Atkins, birth date 25 October, 1915, birth date St. George, Utah. Marriage date 20 July, 1933, at Washington, Utah.

Groom's Father: William Booth.

Groom's Mother: Marvil Booth.

Bride's Father: Richard Atkin.

Bride's Mother Juliaetta Marrlor.

Rea was 23 years old and his wife was 17 years old when they were married. Another record lists her name to Selina Caroline Atkin. This sound more correct.

His second wife is listed as: Clara LaGrace Woodard. They were married January 16, 1937 in Washington, Utah. He was 26 and she was 19 years old.

Both marriage ended in divorce a short time later.

A third marriage is recorded somewhere for a Grace Edwards. The origins of this information is unknown at this time.



This photo is of Fred Booth, the older boy in the back. Jessie Rea Booth, the younger boy in the front. Elma Booth their sister, the baby sitting in the highchair.



Left to right: James William Booth, Fred Booth, Rea Booth, Shake Booth, Jim Booth, John booth.



From left to right: James William Booth, John Booth, Esther Booth Fox, Jim Booth, Shake (Shirley) Booth, Rea Booth, Fred Booth.



Standing: Shake Booth
Sitting left to right: Rea Booth, Esther Booth, Fred Booth, Jim Booth. This photo was taken at Fred's home in St. George.

In Loving Memory Of

JESSE REA "SWARTZ" BOOTH

April 8, 1910 - July 15, 1989

METCALF MORTUARY CHAPEL

Tuesday, July 18, 1989 - 10:00 AM

PALLBEARERS

Derek Booth
David Pace
Jay Booth

Adam Pace
Kim Booth
Brett Booth

COMPASSIONATE SERVICES

St. George LDS 13th Ward Relief Society

Prelude & Postlude Mary Ellen Gonzales
Family Prayer Kyle Pace
Officiating Bishop Wayne Everett
Invocation Brett Booth
Speaker Kelly Booth
Speaker Donnel Booth
Speaker Jerry Booth

Musical Selection

"O My Father" - Piano Solo

By: Marvel Lynn Pace

Speaker Lloyd Booth
Speaker Craig Booth
Remarks Bishop Wayne Everett

Musical Selection

A Vocal Solo

By: Carlos Gonzales

Accompanied by: Mary Ellen Gonzales

Benediction Kim Booth

INTERMENT

St. George City Cemetery

Dedicatory Prayer Craig Booth



Obituary

Jesse Booth

ST. GEORGE — Jesse Rea "Beaver" Booth, 78, died Saturday evening, July 15, at Dixie Medical Center. He was born April 9, 1910 in St. George. With his James William and Ernest Ridge Booth, he graduated from high school in St. George. He had lived in Tallahassee for several years before returning to St. George in 1963. He served in the U.S. Army in 1942-48. Employed as a mechanical most of his life, he worked with his brother Fred at the Booth Garage. He was a member of the L.I.O.P. Church and loved to fish and hunt.



Jesse Booth

He is survived by four brothers and a sister: Fred Booth of St. George, Charles W. Booth and John W. Booth, both of Tallahassee, Nevada; Mrs. J. Booth and Mrs. Walter B. Marquis, both of Provo, Utah.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning, July 18, 1987 at 10 a.m. in the Melvill Marbury Chapel where friends may call from 9:50 until time of services.

Interment will be in the St. George City Cemetery where full military rites will be accorded by the District Eastern Post of the V.F.W.