



## Elder Evan A. Schmutz

*General Authority Seventy*

Elder Evan Antone Schmutz is grateful for the revelatory experiences entrusted to him by the Lord. His conversion to the gospel has been deepened through regular scripture study, service in the kingdom, and obedience to his commitments to God.

Born on June 6, 1954, in St. George, Utah, USA, to Richard and Miriam Schmutz, Elder Schmutz learned early about the power of prayer. As a Cub Scout he sold U.S. \$17 worth of tickets to a jamboree but couldn't find the money when it was time to turn it in. His mother encouraged him to pray, and the Lord revealed to him exactly where the money was. It was a strong confirmation of God's love for and awareness of him.

At 18, Elder Schmutz lost his older sister to an auto accident. It had a tremendous impact on him, bringing about significant spiritual experiences.

Shortly thereafter he was called on a mission and reported for training. He prayed for a personal witness of the gospel. While observing some instructors teaching about the First Vision, he says, "I received a testimony so powerful that I could hardly stay in the room."

After serving in the North Carolina Greensboro Mission, Elder Schmutz made a point of continuing to study the scriptures every day for the rest of his life. "I have found great joy, personal learning, and understanding through early morning study for a long, long time."

Elder Schmutz married Cindy Lee Sims on February 3, 1978, in the Provo Utah Temple. Elder Schmutz earned a degree in English and a juris doctorate from Brigham Young University. He worked professionally for several law firms from 1984 to 2016.

While managing the demands of five children, Elder Schmutz served as a high councilor, bishop, member of a stake presidency, president of the Philippines Cebu Mission (2011–14), missionary training center branch president, and as a member of the Fifth Quorum of Seventy. ■



## Sister Joy D. Jones

*Primary General President*

For Joy D. Jones, her loving parents were her heroes.

"I felt like my dad could do anything," Sister Jones says of her father, an electrician. Of her mother, she says, "My mom was an amazing woman" who made everything from the food the family ate to the clothes they wore—from scratch. "To me, she was a saint, and I wanted to grow up to be like her."

In addition to cherishing memories of her parents, Aldo Harmon and Eleanor Ellsworth Harmon, Sister Jones cherishes the childhood memory of listening to Elder Robert L. Backman as he spoke in a district conference in Oregon, USA. Elder Backman, now an emeritus General Authority Seventy, was a mission president at the time.

"I felt something very powerful when he was talking," Sister Jones says. "I felt something really different than I had felt before. . . . I am so grateful for that because I received a witness from the Spirit that the things he was saying were true."

Joy Diane Harmon was born on July 20, 1954, in The Dalles, Oregon. Both she and her future husband, Robert Bruce Jones, grew up in Oregon, but they met at Brigham Young University, in Provo, Utah, USA. They were married on August 14, 1974, in the Manti Utah Temple. They have five children and 17 grandchildren.

Soon after she earned an associate of science degree in family living, they moved to Portland, Oregon, and later to Santa Rosa, California, USA, where Brother Jones practiced as a chiropractic physician. Brother and Sister Jones felt impressed to move to Draper, Utah, 22 years ago. Sister Jones has enjoyed the blessing of living close to a temple ever since.

"The Jordan River Utah Temple became my sacred space," she says. "I have a testimony of the power of the temple and the peace and direction that it has brought me in my life."

Sister Jones has served as a ward Relief Society president and Primary president and as a counselor in ward and stake Relief Society, Young Women, and Primary presidencies. She served most recently on the Primary general board. ■