

MRS. DORA HARSH

Dora Betty Jane (Russell) Harsh
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DORA (RUSSELL) HARSH

DORA BETTY JANE (RUSSELL) HARSH, daughter of William A. Russell (1858-1928) and Rebecca Woodrow (1865-1941), was born on 15 Jan 1892 in the state of Missouri. By 1910, her father and mother had moved the family to Lakin, Harvey County, Kansas.

About 1911, Dora married **CECIL SYLVESTER HARSH**, son of Charles Harsh (1862-1935) and Alma Kimble (1865-1946). Cecil was born on 6 Jun 1888, in Russell County, Kansas. In 1920 Cecil and Dora lived in Sherlock Township, Finney County, Kansas, and from 1922 until about 1939, they were living in Deerfield, Kearny County, Kansas. By 1940, the family had moved to Dover, Vernon County, Missouri.

Cecil and Dora Harsh moved to Kern County, California, in the early 1950s. By 1964, they had moved to Oxnard, Ventura County, California.

Dora died on 15 Jul 1965 in Los Angeles County, California. Cecil died there on 9 Oct 1973. Their burial was at the Joshua Memorial Park Cemetery in Lancaster, Los Angeles County, California.

Nine children were born in their marriage:

ZELLA ROSEBUD HARSH was born on 13 Jan 1912 in Harvey County, Kansas. She married Glenn Samuel Losey, son of Ezra Bernard Losey & Anna Eliza Bradley, on 25 Feb 1928 in Harper County, Kansas. Glenn was born on 19 Jun 1906 in Blue Rapids, Marshall County, Kansas. Zella and Glenn had twelve children. She passed away on 6 Nov 1968 in Lancaster, Los Angeles County, California. Glenn died there on 19 Jul 1973. Burial was at the Joshua Memorial Park Cemetery in Lancaster, California.

HARRIET "PEARL" HARSH was born on 20 Jun 1915 in Copeland, Gray County, Kansas. She was married to Irwin L. Bradley, and in 1940, they were living in Benkelman, Dundy County, Nebraska. They had three children: Wilma Irene (Bradley) Ridgway (1931-2010), Delmer Dale Bradley (1932-1993), and Cecil Lavern Bradley (1935-1987). Irwin passed away on 3 Jun 1969 in Lancaster, Los Angeles County, California. Pearl later married Edward Miller. She passed away on 5 Mar 1995 in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada.

ORLAND HARSH was the twin brother of Orville Elbert Harsh. He was born on 23 May 1918 in Holcomb, Finney County, Kansas. He died on 20 Nov 1918. Burial was at the Deerfield Cemetery in Deerfield, Kearny County, Kansas.

ORVILLE ELBERT HARSH was born on 23 May 1918 in Holcomb, Finney County, Kansas. He was the twin brother of Orland Harsh. Orville was first married to Evelyn Lucille Jenkins, and they divorced. Later, Orville married Bernice May Halford on 8 Aug 1955 in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada. Orville died on 26 Dec 1997, and Bernice died on 14 Feb 1998; both died in Wynnewood, Garvin County, Oklahoma. Burial for both was at the Union Grove Cemetery in Wills Point, Van Zandt County, Texas.

VERA HARSH was born on 8 Nov 1919 and died on 11 Feb 1922. Burial was at the Deerfield Cemetery in Deerfield, Kearny County, Kansas.

JEWELL MARIE HARSH was born on 5 Dec 1922 in Deerfield, Kearny County, Kansas. She was married to Lee Roy Jenkins, son of Roy D. Jenkins and Mabel M. Kitch (*after 1940*). Lee Roy was born on 10 May 1921 in Cimarron, Gray County, Kansas. In 1950, Lee Roy and Jewell were living in Russell, Russell County, Kansas. Jewell passed away on 24 Mar 1996 in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada. Lee Roy died on 10 Oct 1997. Burial for both was at the Chloride Cemetery in Chloride, Mohave County, Arizona.

CHARLES RUSSELL HARSH was born 29 Jan 1926 in Deerfield, Kearny County, Kansas, and died 3 Sep 2004 in Harwood, Gonzales County, Texas.

VIRGIL S. HARSH was born on 10 Oct 1928 in Deerfield, Kearny County, Kansas. He spent most of his life in the Holcomb, Kansas area, working as a farmer until forced to retire due to ill health. Virgil married Betty Lou Stebens on 12 Jul 1947 in Tonopah, Nye County, Nevada. Four children were born in their marriage: Robert, Rodney, Pamela, and Anita Jean. Virgil died on 1 Nov 1973 at St. Catherine Hospital in

Garden City, Finney County, Kansas, after a long illness. Burial was at the Deerfield Cemetery in Deerfield, Kansas.

MARION LUCIEN HARSH was born on 30 Jun 1930 in Deerfield, Kearny County, Kansas. He married Opal Thelma Whitecotton, daughter of Oliver William Ambrose Whitecotton and Thelma Zenia Thompson, on 8 Jul 1950 in Bernalillo, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Opal was born on 22 Apr 1931 and died on 9 May 1977 in Los Angeles County, California. Marion passed away on 5 Sep 2008 in Ventura County, California.

Cemetery Headstone

CECIL SYLVESTER HARSH & DORA BETTY JANE (RUSSELL) HARSH



JOSHUA MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY
Lancaster, Los Angeles County, California
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