

*Fielder, Joseph Richard*

**Micah Fielders Family Stories**

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Fielder, Joseph, Richard. 12 November 1952. Oakland, California. Personal Interview. Castle Dale, Utah. 22 April 1995.

My dad, a proud father of three sons. He is the first of four brothers and one sister.

Born in Oakland, California, November, 12, 1952 to Richard Louis Fielder and Zora Johansen Fielder. My parents were both in the U.S. Navy at this time.

We re-located in Castle Dale, Utah in 1959 where I attended first grade at Castle Dale Elementary. We attended the third through sixth grades at the Orangeville Elementary.

During this period I spend most of my spare time doing chores, milking two cows every day and every night for my Grandparents. Summer months were spend moving cattle from Buckhorn to East Mountain and generally other farming duties.

I attended South Emery Jr. High where I played baseball. They didn't have a football program at that time.

I attended Emery County High from 1969-1972, where I was student body Vice-President, and President of FFA Chapter. I played baseball and football during high school and also worked at Tracy's Conoco.

After I left high school, I attended college at St. George and then in Price at the College of Eastern Utah.

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I married Sheila Hardee on September 22, 1973. I was still working at Tracys Conoco where I handled the tire shop and repairs.

On May 5, 1975, I left Tracys to begin employment for American Coal. There I worked as an hourly miner and spell supervisor. I served as financial secretary and safety committee chairman for the local at Des Bee Dove. Josh was born June 24, 1975 and Justin February 4, 1977.

I left American Coal in 1979, just after Micah was born on November 20, and served as foreman and mine manager at Trail Mountain Coal until 1988.

I spend two years in Wyoming operating a mine and commuting on weekends. After this I managed the Sunnyside Mine for four years until its closure in March of 1994. Since this time I have been employed by Genwal Coal where I am presently serving as Longwall Co-ordinator.