

JASPER MARTELL BIRD

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Jasper Martell Bird was born December 4, 1917. Everyone called him Marty. Marty had something wrong with his heart and it was sad because he couldn't play sports when he was little. He liked fishing for rainbow trout. He also enjoyed making leather belts and purses.



He was married September 11, 1940 to Venice Cottam, and they had 4 children. The oldest, Beverly, is my Grandma Schofield which means that Grandpa Bird is my great grandfather.

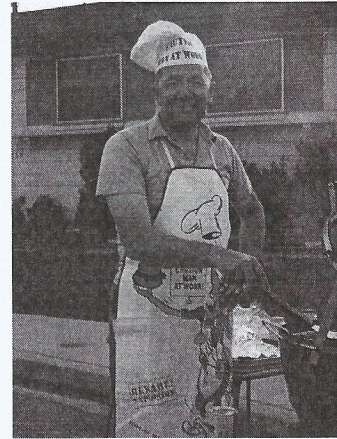
Marty worked for the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation). If you don't know, the FBI is like doing police work for the country. That is when he met Martin Luther King Jr. But for some reason they didn't like each other. He was in an old movie called *the FBI Story* as an extra for like 12 seconds.

Marty was very, very strict. He was not a big laugher, like the rest of my family. But after Sunday dinners, he would lie on the ground and the girls would tickle him and that's when he would laugh.

When he retired from the FBI, he and Grandma Bird served as mission presidents for missionaries 4 different times! After that, he was the head of church security for the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He got to live right next door to Ezra Taft Benson, Gordon B. Hinckley, and Thomas S. Monson. In fact, Marty found out that he was really sick when he was on a trip with Gordon B.

Hinckley. He died on January 31 1987 and was 69 when he died. At his funeral Thomas S. Monson and Gordon B. Hinckley said a talk at his funeral.



I didn't know him but if I did I think he would be less strict if he knew me.