

Zoella Palmer Benson

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My full name is Daisey Zoella Hatch, and I was named after Zoella Palmer Benson. Zoella is my great great grandma. She was born July 1, 1905 in Cedar City Utah. Her parents names where Richard Palmer and Marry Joyce. She had 3 sisters ,Vinona, Gladys, and Linna. Vinona died of appendicitis when she was 11. Gladys got smallpox when she was 5 and it caused brain damage and her brain never grew past age 5. Linna died two days after she was born. Zoella took care of Gladys until she died when she was 70.

Zoella's mother died when she was almost two years old and her father was so sad he couldn't take of Zoella and Gladys. Gladys went to live with her grandparents, and Zoella went to live with her aunt May Walker. When Zoella was 14 she moved back with her father because he went blind. Zoella graduated from the Branch Normal school, which is now SUU as a teacher. She walked 5 miles to and from the school every day. She also worked as a professional seamstress. People came from far away to get a dress or a suit handmade by Zoella. She met Lamont Benson when he came to get a suit. He thought she was very pretty and asked her on a date that very day. They were they were married 1929 in Paragonah. Lamont and Zoella had 2 daughters and 1 son named

Joyce, Norma, and Kenny. Zoella saved her money to take her kids to shows, concerts, and plays. Church was very important to Zoella and made sure her kids went. Zoella became great friends with Fred Adams and he had a dream to create a Shakespeare festival. Fred directed the plays and Zoella sewed all the costumes handmade. Zoella died march 18 in 1994. Zoella's daughter Joyce wrote that her mom was very kind, patient, gentle, and that she loved everyone no matter what. I am very proud to be her great great granddaughter, and especially to be named after her.

