



**Midway City Honored Citizens 2010
Marilyn and Lowell Larsen**

The Midway Boosters are pleased to announce the annual Honored Citizens for 2010. They are Marilyn and Lowell Larsen of Midway. They will be honored at the Midway Sunrise Patriotic Service to be held Monday the 5th of July at the Midway town square. The program begins at 7:00 am. They will also be honored at the annual Midway Swiss Days celebration on September 4-5.

Marilyn Chugg Larsen was born in Farr West, Utah and attended school in Weber County graduating from Weber High School. She excelled at the piano from an early age and accompanied an entire production of Hansel and Gretel on the piano while in the 4th grade. She studied piano with a great teacher in Ogden City and was taught not only to play the piano but to always share your talents and serve others.

Marilyn has taught piano since she was 18 years old and has taught hundreds of students in every place she lived. She continues to teach. Marilyn also enjoys preparing her students for the Heber Valley Piano Festival each year where they always do very well. Marilyn has also played at the

Homestead dining room for many years and has enjoyed meeting great people from all over the world. Marilyn has also played for the Swiss Chorus 24 of the last 25 years. She has found it to be very rewarding and loves the chorus members and thinks they are the best! Marilyn served on the Midway Boosters Board for many years and was Booster President in 1999 and 2000.

Besides music one of her favorite interests is public service. She has served on the Midway City Council, helped in several political campaigns and is on several board of directors and involved with several charitable organizations. These include a founders of Hearts and Hands charity here in the Heber Valley. She has served at the President of the Utah Federation of Youth. In 1989 Marilyn along with others organized the Critical Issues Conference which is still going at the present time. At the present she serves on the State PTA board as Safety and Welfare Commissioner where she works closely with schools and law enforcement to protect the safety of the children. She has worked in the PTA for over 30 years and has a great respect for those who serve to protect us.

While living in St. George, Utah, Marilyn worked in the Arts in cooperation with Dixie College to bring cultural activities to that area. She has been the music director for the Crèche Exhibit since its inception over 10 years ago. Church service has also been very important to Marilyn and she has served in all areas, especially music.

Marilyn and Lowell met in junior high school, became high school sweethearts and married while they were in college. They raised 6 sons (Gordon, CJ, Andrew, Benjamin, Nicholas and Adam) and now have 20 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Marilyn has organized a "Cousin Week" each year while living in Midway to bring together her grandchildren who were scattered all over the country so they would know and love each other. Many memories have been made during that week each summer.

Lowell was born in North Ogden, Utah, attending school there and graduated from Weber State University in engineering. After college Lowell moved the family to Chicago when he went to work for General Electric Company as an engineer and also worked in southern Illinois, Massachusetts and Phoenix before returning to Utah to work at Signetics and Eimco. The Larsen's then moved to St. George where Lowell was Plant Manager of Kelty Pack for several years. During this time Lowell took Sir Edmund Hillary on a backpacking trip into the Uintas where he was thrilled to beat Sir Ed to the top of King's peak. After 10 years in St. George Lowell took a job as General Manager of Cordon Company in Salt Lake City. After living in St. George for 10 years it was a shock to move back to the big city. That is until they found the beautiful small town of Midway! Here they have lived for the last 25 years. Lowell commuted to Salt Lake for over 10 years, Ogden 2 years, and Park City for 5 years. He has found it a real pleasure to work in Midway for the last 8 years.

Lowell served on the Boosters board for several years and was introduced to Swiss Days by working in the Swiss Navajo Taco booth and continued to do so for over 20 years. Lowell has sung in the Swiss Chorus but his main contribution to the chorus has been supporting Marilyn as she has accompanied the chorus for so many years.

Lowell has served in many ward and stake positions in the LDS Church and with 6 sons has spent many happy years working in the Scouting program in troop and council positions.

The Midway Boosters are pleased to present the Midway Honored Citizens for 2010, Lowell and Marilyn Larsen.