

I have made many decisions in my life, some of which have been important turning points. First of all, I married my sweet heart, Ida-Rose Langford. Together we have raised two sons and five daughters. In turn, they have blessed us with thirty-five grand children and one great grand daughter.

An important turning point was my obtaining a Ph. D degree in chemistry and physics.

Following this, I accepted a position in the General electric Research Laboratory where I had the good fortune to invent a machine that I named "The Belt". This device enabled me to generate simultaneous pressures and temperatures sufficient to transform graphite into diamond. Being the first to do this gave me important status in the scientific community.

Noting this, president Ernest L. Wilkinson invited me to come to BYU as Director of Research and Creative Endeavor, and Professor of Chemistry where I have had wonderful associates in my teaching and research endeavors.

Additionally, six of our children and a number of our grand children have had the privilege of attending and graduating from BYU.

After Twenty six years at BYU it is nice to be made an honorary alumnus

BYU, we thank you and love you!