

The adult life of H. Tracy Hall, Jr. began at about 3:15 p.m. on June 10, 1963, with the terrible scouting accident on the road between Escalante and Hole in the Rock (Mile 44.6, Carcass Wash, 37.3364°N 37.3364°W.) That accident killed 13 people, including his cousin Randy Hall and two adults and five boys from his Pleasant View Ward in Provo, Utah. Tracy, who was 17 going on 18, was not injured. He enrolled later that summer in BYU, served a mission to Berlin and Northern Germany from 1965-1967, married Elizabeth Huntington in the Salt Lake Temple 20 Dec 1968, and graduated from BYU with a B.S. in Chemistry in 1970. At the University of California at Berkeley he rose to the level of his incompetency and dropped out in 1973 to take employment at Hewlett-Packard Laboratories in Palo Alto, California, as a "Senior technician for vapor-phase growth of Gallium Phosphide for green light-emitting diodes." In 1978 he cashed out of the booming California real-estate market and moved to Orem, Utah to try to grow diamonds from the vapor phase. Instead he got diverted into a failed enterprise making diamond-plated dental burrs and found employment in 1980 through his brother David at Megadiamond, a company co-founded in 1966 by H. Tracy Hall, Sr. Tracy Jr. worked on-and-off with David in the industrial diamond business for 25 years, with several interruptions for "entrepreneurial self-unemployment." David patiently bailed Tracy Jr out of his failed enterprises, and Tracy occasionally made useful inventive contributions to David's company, Novatek. Tracy retired shortly after the 2 Sep 2005 sale of IntelliServ, a system for wired pipe for oil and gas drilling, to Grant-Prideco. Tracy and Elizabeth "Betsy" are the parents of nine; Huntington Tracy, Zina, Mary, Robert Langford, Susanna, Richard Alexander "Alex," Elizabeth "Lili," Anthony Rondot "Andy," and Spencer William Roy. They were divorced in 1997. Tracy married Helen Elizabeth Gardner VanOrman in the Mount Timpanogas Temple on 21 Nov. 1998, and they were sealed in the Provo Temple on 14 Feb 2000. He has filled many callings throughout his life in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and presently serves as a substitute Sunday School teacher and a part-time missionary for FamilySearch Support.