

Mrs. Adelina Morelli Pantos

Adelina "Della" Morelli was born October 8, 1909 in Green River, Utah, the third of ten children born to Gaetano Morelli and Catherine Ventura Morelli. She has outlived all of her siblings. She tells her own story:

Education: "I attended Franklin Elementary and Jackson Junior High. I was the team captain for the women's basketball team. I received my high school diploma from the School of Hard Knocks, as I was pulled out of school to help my mother with our large family."



Favorite accomplishments: "Raising seven siblings after my mom died. I was 19 years of age. I lived through WWI and WWII. I loved to volunteer in my community; I am the matriarch of a large Italian-Greek family, who visit me on a regular basis."



Della won the "Cutest Little Girl" contest in Green River, Utah

Outstanding memories: "My life started simple in Green River, where we had nine kids, two parents, and two uncles living in a three-bedroom home. I have fond memories of playing by the river with my siblings, watching out for gypsies. From an early age, I have been a hard worker. I have worked for the welfare department during the Great Depression, the Arms Plant during the war, a neighborhood nursery, University Hospital, and Murray Laundry.

"I married Gabriel Pantos on September 3, 1932, after he courted me for one year, and I immediately became a mother to his two young boys. We then had two children together. I have always loved spending vacations and other time with my family. The Morelli-Ventura family just celebrated our 40th annual family reunion."

Impressive changes and their effects: "I never thought I would see the day that America had a black president. I have seen aviation, electricity, the automobile, and the state I have lived in my entire life change from a farming community to a full-functioning society."



Della, summer of 2009

Hobbies and activities: "I still love to garden, cook, play the piano, dance, and support the Utah Jazz! I have attended the Days of '47 Parade since 1939 and am



Della tickles the ivories at age 100!

looking forward to attending this year as well!"

Best advice

"Keep the family together and strong!"

Descendants

4 children

12 grandchildren

18 great-grandchildren

12 great-great-grandchildren

Secret to longevity

"Originally I thought, 'Jesus just lost my ticket.' However, I do attribute my longevity to a sense of humor, hard work, and a lot of pasta!"



Della's 100th birthday

Della's 100th Birthday Celebration



Is that really Dean Martin who showed up at Della's 100th birthday party?



39 again!



Della with Sister Michelle from St. Ann's Church

A Memory from Della

When I was in my early twenties and living on the family farm, a tall, dark and handsome man with wavy hair and straight teeth would come to buy potatoes. Sometimes he would come alone, or sometimes he came with his two little boys. I was a shy girl then, so I would go in the house when he would come over. On a spring day in 1931, this man pulled into our driveway in a "Nash" sedan with one of my mother's friends named Beth Greco. My father was outside, so Bill and Mrs. Greco approached him. She said to my father, "this fellow came to ask for your daughter's hand in marriage." My father brought them both into the house, and then he said to me, Della do you want to marry this man?" I said, I'll think about it."

This man's name was Gabriel Pantalakis, but everyone called him "Bill" Pantos. Bill was from Greece and had come to America at an early age. He had previously been married and had three young children; Nick-age 8, George-age 4, and Stella age-2. Stella lived with her mother, but the boys lived with Bill.

Bill was persistent. He would continue to come over to the farm to buy potatoes, and bring his white shirts for me to wash and iron. One year had gone by. Bill and I dated, but we always had a chaperone with us. (because "Italians" need a chaperone, and it was usually Mike and Verna). It was a Sunday in 1932 when Bill came over with the boys. Nick and George were playing out back, so Bill came into the living room and asked me, "Have you made up your mind?" He then pulled out diamond ring and we set a date to be married on September 3, 1932.

The depression was going on at that time, so we didn't have enough money for a fancy wedding, so we were married at the Salt Lake County building by Bishop Graham. We had a big dinner that night on the farm and Verna made a beautiful wedding cake. For our honeymoon that night, we went to the "Utah Theater" and saw a movie.

When Bill and I were married, the Catholic church did not recognize it upon their records, but nearing our 25th wedding anniversary, Father Sloan of the Catholic church said that we could be married in front of the eye's of the church, so we decided to do this for our anniversary, but Bill passed away of a heart attack on, June 17th.

Bill and I were happy together. He treated me very nicely, and he liked to have a good time. He played in the Greek band and he had a great sense of humor. I loved Bill's kids like they were my own, although some people thought they were my little brothers. Bill and I had two more children Joseph Henry (after his first wives' brother and my brother Henry), and Patricia Kathleen. We now have such a beautiful family that keeps growing and growing. And I hope our story lives on forever.

With Love, Della

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE FORWARDED BY THE LOCAL REGISTRAR TO THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH, SALT LAKE CITY, ON OR BEFORE THE 5TH OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH, AFTER FIRST HAVING BEEN PROPERLY REGISTERED.

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STATE BOARD OF HEALTH FILE NO.
CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH,
 STATE OF UTAH.

PLACE OF BIRTH
 County of Sanj
 Precinct of
 Town or Village of
 City of Greens River
 FULL NAME OF CHILD Della Morelli { If child is not yet named, make supplemental report as directed

Street and No. (Morelli)
 If in Hospital or other institution, give its name instead of Street and number.

Sex of Child Female Twin, Triplet, or Other? - and { Number in Order of Birth - Legitimate? Yes Date of Birth Oct 8 1908
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

FATHER		MOTHER	
FULL NAME	<u>Joe Morelli</u>	FULL MAIDEN NAME	<u>Katherine Ventura</u>
RESIDENCE	<u>Greens River, ut.</u>	RESIDENCE	<u>Greens River, ut.</u>
COLOR	<u>White</u>	COLOR	<u>White</u>
AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY	<u>31</u> (Years)	AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY	<u>27</u> (Years)
BIRTHPLACE	<u>Italy</u>	BIRTHPLACE	<u>Italy</u>
OCCUPATION	<u>Car Repairer</u>	OCCUPATION	<u>Housewife</u>
Number of Child of this Mother <u>3</u>		Number of children of this Mother now living <u>2</u>	

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE*

I hereby certify that ~~attended~~ ^{no physician or midwife} the birth of this child, and ~~that~~ ^{it} occurred on Oct 8 1908 at Greens River, ut.

Premature...No...or Still Birth? No (Yes or No)

{ *When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, householder, etc., should make this return.

(Signature) Mrs. G. A. Morelli
Mother
 (Physician or Midwife)

Date 11-8 1919

Given name added from supplemental report

Address of Physician or Midwife Mother Greens River, ut.

Filed 11-8 1919

James S. Orr
 Registrar

Registrar

Registered No 14



"Caterina, Gaetano with Foreuzta Madre & Della"



Hella won the "Cutest Little Girl"
Contest in Green River, Utah.

Carl



Lillian

Henry

Kenny

Della

Emergy



Franks, Carl, Lillian & Della "1988"

1988

STATE OF UTAH
CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

State File Number: 2012000686

Della M Pantos

DECEDENT INFORMATION

Date of Death:	January 16, 2012	Time of Death:	17:00
City of Death:	South Salt Lake City	County of Death:	Salt Lake
Age:	102	Date of Birth:	October 8, 1909
Place of Birth:	Green River, Utah	Sex:	Female
Armed Services:	No	Marital Status:	Widowed
Spouse's Name:		Usual Occupation:	Housekeeping Supervisor
Industry/Business:	Univeristy of Utah Hospital	Education:	9th Through 12th Grade
Residence:	South Salt Lake City, Utah	Father's Name:	Gaetano Morelli
Mother's Name:	Caterina Ventura	Facility Type:	Home
Facility or Address:	42 Cordelia Avenue		

INFORMANT INFORMATION

Name:	Joe H Pantos	Relationship:	Son
Mailing Address:	6100 West 10400 North, Highland, Utah 84003		

DISPOSITION INFORMATION

Method of Disposition:	Burial
Place of Disposition:	Mount Calvary Cemetery, Salt Lake City, Utah
Date of Disposition:	January 25, 2012

FUNERAL HOME INFORMATION

Funeral Home:	Neil ODonnell & Sons Mortuary
Address:	372 East 100 South, , Salt Lake City, Utah 84111
Funeral Director:	Stephen O Schroeder

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

Medical Professional:	Steven Horton MD, 5169 Cottonwood Street, Murray (Salt Lake), Utah 84107
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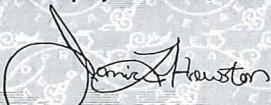
CAUSE OF DEATH

Congestive heart failure [Onset: 10 Years]
Tobacco Use: Non-user
Medical Examiner Contacted: Yes Autopsy Performed: No Manner of Death: Natural

Date Issued: January 25, 2012

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Office of Vital Statistics




Gary L. Edwards
Director/Health Officer
County/District Health Department



Do not stand there by my grave
 and weep
 For I am not there. I do not sleep.
 I am a thousand winds that blow,
 I am the diamond glint on the snow,
 I am the sunlight on the ripened grain
 And I am the gentle, autumn rain.
 When you awake in the morning hush
 I am the swift uplifting rush
 of the quiet birds in circling flight.
 I am the soft star shine at night.
 Ah, yes, do not stand there
 by my grave and cry
 For I am not there. You see,
 I did not die.



Della M. Pantos
 1909 - 2012

In loving memory of

Della Morelli Pantos

Born October 8, 1909 Green River, Utah
 Died January 16, 2012 South Salt Lake, Utah

Daughter of Gaetano and Caterina Ventura Morelli
 Wife of William G. Pantos (died June 23, 1957)

Funeral Mass

Wednesday, January 25, 2012 11:00 a.m.
 Saint Ann Catholic Church
 Rev. Michael R. Sciumbato, celebrant

Pallbearers

Joseph Pantos	Nick Pantos
Farrell Pantos	Joshua Pantos
Brayden Pantos	Brandon Bronson

Committal

Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery
 4th Avenue and T Street Salt Lake City, Utah

Funeral Directors
 Neil O'Donnell and Sons

Footprints

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.
 Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.

In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.
 Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,
 other times there was one only.

This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life,
 when I was suffering from anguish,
 sorrow or defeat,
 I could see only one set of footprints,
 so I said to the Lord,

"You promised me Lord,
 that if I followed you,
 you would walk with me always.

But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there has only been one set of footprints in the sand.
 Why, when I needed you most, have you not been there for me?"

The Lord replied,
 "The years when you have seen only one set of footprints,
 my child, is when I carried you."

Descendants of Gaetano and Caterina "Ventura" Morelli

Adelina "Della" Morelli-Pantos

B: May 17, 1891---D: June. 23, 1957

Daughter of Gaetano and Caterina "Ventura" Morelli



Sister of Fortunata, Michael, Emery, Mike, Frank, Henry, Lillian Marie, Carl and Kenneth.

Husband of William Pantos

Mother of Joseph and Patricia Pantos

Grandmother to Joseph, Jonette, Andrea and Nicholas Pantos

Great Grandmother to Joshua, Brayden, Andrew, Jesse, Alex, Cameron and Dillon Pantos

Great, Great, Grandmother to Adelina, Brylie and Blake Pantos

Gaetano Morelli & Caterina Ventura
B 08-24-1877 M 01-24-1914 B 05-02-1884
D 11-10-1941 D 05-04-1929

Della Morelli & William Pantos Family
B 10-08-1909 M 09-02-1932 B 02-17-1891
D 01-16-2012 D 05-04-1857

1

Joseph H. Pantos & Martha "Redmond" Pantos
B 06-08-1933 M 11-24-1962 B 01-19-1937
D 06-12-2019 D
Children (4)

2

Patricia Pantos Jones & Michael Jones
B 04-25-1945 Div. 1979
M 03-04-1969
D No Children

1

Jonette Pantos
B 12-25-1963
M 05-20-2017
D
P. J. Clayton
B 04-20-1964
D 00-00-0000
No Children

2

Andrea Pantos
B 12-05-1965
M 08-27-1993
D
Terry Jensen
B
Div. 1997
No Children

3

Joseph Pantos
B 11-21-1966
M 09-11-1992
D
Kimberly Holmes
B 05-22-1967
Div. 2007
3 Children.

4

Nicholas Pantos
B 07-10-1970
M 02-12-1994
D
Charlotte Madsen
B 08-23-1971
Div. 02-28-2002
4 Children

1

Joshua Pantos
B 01-26-1987
M 09-29-2018
D
Elizabeth Winchester
B 02-11-1990
D

Nicholas Pantos
B 07-10-1970
M 07-03-2017
Keli Mattinson
B 04-05-1974
2nd Spouse No Kids

1

Adelina Pantos
B 03-14-2018

1

Jesse Pantos
B 06-25-1994
M
D

2

Brayden Pantos
B 01-28-1992
M
* Bryce Smith
B 10-03-1994

2

Alex Pantos
B 12-30-1995
M
D

1

Brylie Pantos
B 06-25-2013

3

Cameron Pantos
B 02-25-1998
M
D

2

*Blake Pantos
B 04-17-2018

4

Dillon Pantos
B 07-12-2000
M
D

3

Andrew Pantos
B 04-28-1999
M
D