

## **IRIS SCOTT**

Iris Mary (Scott) Benton  
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IRIS MARY (SCOTT) BENTON      MYRON & IRIS (SCOTT) BENTON

**IRIS MARY SCOTT**, daughter of Carty Thomas Scott (1886-1952) and Anna Bordewick (1892-1970) was born on 28 Nov 1916 in Montezuma, Gray County, Kansas. In 1936, at the age of twenty, she wrote several stories about Gray County and its pioneers for the Federal Writers Project. She married **MYRON MILLARD BENTON**, son of Emmett Everett Benton (1893-1964) and Alma Lillian Hatch (1896-1926), on 11 Dec 1944 in Montezuma, Kansas. Myron was born on 22 Oct 1917 in Cimarron, Gray County, Kansas. In 1962, the family moved to Longmont, Boulder County, Colorado.

Myron worked as a carpenter in the maintenance department at IBM Boulder until his retirement. Iris’s family considered her a brilliant and interesting woman. In her later years, she became a certified Graphologist (*A person who can analyze the physical characteristics and patterns of a person’s handwriting*). She began teaching it through the Adult Education program in Longmont, Colorado.

Iris passed away on 30 Jul 1999 in Longmont, Colorado. Myron died there on 31 Aug 2013. Burial for both was at the Mountain View Cemetery, in Longmont.

Myron and Iris had three children:

**RICHARD MYRON “DICK” BENTON** was born on 7 Oct 1945 in Los Angeles, California. He was first married to Patty Reilly, and they had one son named Marc

Douglas Benton. The marriage ended in divorce. Richard was next married to Tanya Travis, and they had a son, Richard “Fox” Benton, who was born in September of 1978.



RICHARD MYRON BENTON

Dick and Tanya were divorced on 6 Jun 1985. In 2006, Richard was living in Dothan, Alabama. He died on 28 Feb 2017 in Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado.

**JACK DEAN BENTON** was born on 24 Apr 1954 in Dodge City, Ford County, Kansas. He married Sherolyn Sue “Sherry” Janecek on 25 Oct 1980 in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska. Sherry was born on 17 May 1958. They were divorced in November 1989. Jack died on 16 Apr 2006 in Berthoud, Larimer County, Colorado, and was living in Lyons, Boulder County, Colorado, at the time of his passing. Sherry and their two children, Chase and Kylie, continued to live in Omaha, Nebraska.



SUSAN JEAN (BENTON) OBERLIN

**SUSAN JEAN BENTON** was born on 5 Dec 1955. She was married to Rick Oberlin in 1982. Susan and Rick performed music together and were known as “Legs and the Kid.” She was a talented weaver and worked with various crafts. In 2006, they were living in Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado where Rick worked as a Physician’s Assistant. Rick died at his home in Grand Junction, on 12 Jan 2009. Susan passed away on 3 Jan 2015 at the Community Hospital in Grand Junction. She and Rick’s ashes were scattered together at the Wild Basin, Rocky Mountain National Park.