



JULIE B. BECK

FORMER GENERAL RELIEF SOCIETY PRESIDENT

Q&A PANELIST

FRIDAY 2 PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

SATURDAY 11:30 AM

The fifth of eleven children, Julie Bangerter was born to William Grant and Geraldine Hamblin Bangerter on September 29, 1954, in Granger, Utah. When she was four, the family moved to São Paulo, Brazil, where her father presided over the Brazilian Mission, which at the time encompassed the entire country. She learned Portuguese as a child and as a general officer of the Church learned to speak Spanish.

Despite being told by a high school counselor that she would probably not do well in college, Julie graduated from Dixie College in St. George, Utah, and then from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. She married Ramon Paul Beck, her stake young single adult representative, on December 28, 1973, in the Salt Lake Temple. They have three children. and 15 grandchildren.

Sister Beck served on the Young Women general board and as first counselor in the Young Women general presidency before serving as general president of the Relief Society from 2007 - 2012. She was the fifteenth woman to hold this position.

During her administration there was a re-emphasis of the purpose and work of Relief Society. The book *Daughters in My Kingdom: The History and Work of Relief Society* was published, and the Relief Society logo was simplified to benefit a worldwide Church. Sister Beck's ability to speak Portuguese and Spanish enabled her to teach and speak personally to a large percentage of sisters in the Church.