



## Aage "Bill" Axelgard

September 21, 1923 - September 28, 2016

Aage Thuesen "Bill" Axelgard, 93, finished his earthly mission on September 28, 2016 in Provo, Utah. He was born September 21, 1923 in Duchesne, Utah to Danish parents Christian Thuesen Jensen Axelgard and Karen Marie Sorensen-Hall.

He was the youngest of seven children, and was preceded in death by his wife, great-grandson, Joshua Aage Axelgard, parents, and siblings; Nan, Marguerite, Christine, Christian Thuesen, Wiggo Frederick, and Walter Thuesen Axelgard. He is survived by his three children: Kristee and Richard Roach (Spanish Fork), Mikel and Julie Axelgard (Orem), and Bill and Suzette Axelgard (Circleville). He loved, teased, and was immensely proud of his 8 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

His family moved to Price, Utah in 1927 where his father owned and operated a creamery and taught Bill and his brothers the value of hard work. He enjoyed football, swimming and tennis in his youth, and was an avid BYU basketball and football fan. He was always busy with building projects, home repairs, gardening, and reading novels and the scriptures. Bill loved the Gospel, his country, family, friends, Jeopardy, and strawberry milkshakes.

Bill proudly served his country in the Navy during World War II and was assigned to Pearl Harbor and Johnston Island. He was a model of self-reliance, integrity, service, kindness, and hard work. His lifelong motto was, "Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without."

He married his eternal sweetheart Remola Colleen "Pat" Miller in August 1947, and after he joined the LDS Church they were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple in April of 1964. They were inseparable for over 67 years and he demonstrated his love and devotion to her as he tenderly cared for her during her last years.

Education was a high priority to Bill. He graduated from Carbon High School in 1941, received an Associate Degree from Central Utah Vocational School (now UVU) where he served as the school's first student body president, and graduated with honors from Utah State University with a degree in Civil Engineering. He retired as the Superintendent of

Maintenance and Utilities for U.S. Steel in 1983.

When Bill made a commitment he fulfilled it with his whole heart. His testimony of Christ was exemplified through his kindness to others and Church service as Bishop, Stake Missionary, Stake High Council, St. George Temple Missions, Storehouse Agent and Transient Bishop at the Deseret Industries as well as numerous ward callings and years of temple service.

Family was his top priority. He showed his love through his unselfish sacrifices, service, college scholarships, mission money, camping trips, Lagoon adventures with grandchildren, nicknames, hugs, and wise counsel and advice.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, October 3th, at 11:00 am, at the Rivergrove 1st Ward, 780 North 700 West, Provo, Utah, where a Viewing will be held prior from 9:00 to 10:30 am. Interment with Military Honors in Provo City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the LDS Perpetual Education Fund.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary. Condolences may be shared at [www.uvfuneral.com](http://www.uvfuneral.com).

# Cemetery

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**Provo City Cemetery**  
610 South State Street  
Provo, UT, 84606

# Events

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**OCT 3** **Viewing** 09:00AM - 10:30AM  
Rivergrove 1st Ward  
780 North 700 West, Provo, UT, US, 84601

**OCT 3** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM  
Rivergrove 1st Ward  
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# Comments

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“ Fred Axelgard (senior) wrote this tribute:

My father's youngest brother, dear Uncle Bill, passed away this past Wednesday. Thus ends a generation. Seven siblings of Danish parents who came to Duchesne, Utah, in 1913, before settling in Price for the Depression. All seven were remarkable. Strong. Intelligent. Effective. Eager to make the world better. We, the children of this generation, all marveled at them. The four boys all enlisted after Pearl Harbor. The family made a difference. It's always been humbling to be an Axelgard, knowing these people and what they were like: Nan, Mimi, 'Stina, Sonny, Wiggo, Walt and Bill. The children of Chris and Karen Axelgard. From my heart, I salute them all, for I feel my life was infused with so much goodness and strength from them.

If I may share a moment that I hope offends no one. My Dad (Wiggo) and Uncle Bill were standing together after the funeral in Price for my Aunt June. Of the seven, just the two of them were left. So Dad put his hand on Bill's shoulder and asked, with a huge grin on his face, 'Who'll bring the flowers next time?'

As it panned out, Uncle Bill brought the flowers. And now, we honor him at his passing. Robyn and I were with him Monday evening at the hospital. Right as we walked in, he asked 'Did you bring some stuffed squash?' Rob had described this dish when we saw him in August, and apparently it made quite an impression. We made plans, during that chat in August, to drive up to Duchesne. We're going to do it, and soon. We'll invite Uncle Bill to come along, and Dad, too.

I would like to express my deep gratitude for my Uncle Bill, for his faith, for his kindness, for the loving respect he tendered a nephew and his wife (us) who, after almost 35 years away, showed up on his Provo doorstep in 2013. He's the real 'Bishop Axelgard', he's the real deal. God bless you, Uncle Bill, God bless you.

**Fred Axelgard** - October 03, 2016 at 10:51 PM

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“ My mother's 'Uncle Billy' was one of the lights of her life, not neglecting to call her on her birthday without fail for over 65 years, once arranging a ship-to-shore call to do so while en route from Pearl to San Francisco. The most congenial man you could ever meet, Billy was a celebratory and comforting presence to the whole family always and to my lineage at James' wedding, Barbara's funeral, and Wiggo's 90th birthday celebration. Indelible part of the warp and woof of all Axelgards, Nancy Johnson Piedmonte, her children Richard and Susan (Chuck Colvard), James and Nanette Anderson, Klay and Catherine Anderson, and Dick Piedmonte join all who knew him in mourning his passing and celebrating his great life, in part with a donation to the Perpetual Education Fund.

**Irving R. Feldman** - October 02, 2016 at 06:40 PM

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“ Bill, the Orem ER sends our regrets to you as you mourn the loss of your father. It sounds like he lead a fabulous life. What a blessing it's been for you to have had him for so long so that your kids could see and read about his legacy.  
Sincerely,  
Chris Pyne and Orem ER staff that remember you from years ago :)

**Christine Pyne** - October 02, 2016 at 06:12 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. I worked at the Hospital for many years and Mr Axelgard would call in to pay a bill or to ask a question he would ask for me. I knew him for many years. I also send my condolences to his son Bill who I also worked with at the Hospital. You arent kidding which you say this man was a tease!! He had the greatest stories to make you laugh. He was a lot of fun! It was fun to know him! Terri  
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**Terri Joyner** - October 01, 2016 at 10:15 PM