



## Richard Astle

March 23, 1943 - October 25, 2020

Richard Mayhew Astle, age 77, passed away on October 25, 2020 following complications from open heart surgery.

Richard was born on March 23rd, 1943 in Los Angeles, California to James Astle, Jr. and Evelyn Quist Astle. Richard had one older brother, Ronald Quist Astle.

Richard graduated Brigham Young University in Accounting in 1967. He was an avid motorcycle enthusiast and enjoyed taking street bike and dirt bike trips with his five sons. Richard loved following the Los Angeles Dodgers and was a season ticket holder for many years. He was a loyal follower of the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square and loved faithfully attending “Music and the Spoken Word” for many years. He played the organ until the end of his life, and was passionate about music.

Richard was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was a Bishop and High Counselor. He served a mission in Ireland. He was a Second Lieutenant Platoon Leader in the US Army from 1968-1970 in the Vietnam War.

Richard was an entrepreneur and owned many businesses. He was self-employed for the majority of his career. He authored a book entitled “The Commonsense MBA,” with a forward written by Stephen R. Covey.

Richard was married to Terryl Ann Lethbridge on August 4th, 1967. They had nine children: Chad (Joy), Gavin, Brandon, Garrit (Shea), Tawn (James), Tressa (Cory), Dane (Gretchen), Paityn, and Tristan (Andy). They celebrated 53 years together in 2020. He was a dedicated husband and father who loved his family very much. He loved to work hard so he could play hard. To know Dick was to love him. He had a killer sense of humor and his children lived to make him laugh.

He is survived by his wife and nine children, 25 grandchildren and one great grandchild. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, October 29th at 11:00 AM in Orem, Utah.

Please join us remotely via the following link:

[https://m.youtube.com/channel/UC-\\_ebppGNUPK76SrLxPyofA/live](https://m.youtube.com/channel/UC-_ebppGNUPK76SrLxPyofA/live)

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

# Cemetery

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## **Orem City Cemetery**

1520 North 800 East

Orem, UT, 84097

# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Utah Valley Mortuary** - October 27, 2020 at 05:53 PM

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“ Richard Astle was a great and beloved neighbor and friend. Richard, Paul Ruffner and I served as scoutmasters together for almost 3 years in the Sherwood Hills Ward. We had great times together with our scouts. His family were also wonderful to know and be associated with. I send my condolences to them for their loss of Richard. But it is only temporary and we will see and be with Dick again in the hereafter. Love, Allen Johnson

**Allen C Johnson** - November 09, 2020 at 12:21 PM

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“ Thinking of you Aunt Teri. We were just talking about you and Uncle Dick's example of a great loving marriage. You could always see how much you loved each other and enjoyed being together, even when the kids are grown!! What an example! We always loved being included in family gatherings, when we lived far from our own parents and Jason also has lots of fond memories of Uncle Dick, growing up! So glad we got to see you both briefly at Megan's wedding. Our family will miss him, but are happy to know we will see him again! Love to you and your family!  
Angie & Jason & girls

**Angie Lethbridge** - October 30, 2020 at 10:52 PM

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“ Larry and I and our family are so sorry to learn of Dick's passing. As a family we really enjoyed your family when you were our neighbors on Windsor Drive. My daughters especially enjoyed Teri as their young women's leader. Dick was a great man and an inspiration to many.

Carol Rutherford

Carol Rutherford - October 29, 2020 at 01:47 PM

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“ Thanks to Bishop Astle, I am an active member of the Church. I was an obnoxious, annoying and awkward youth that didn't fit in and was probably the last person people would want around. I was a half-black kid with a lot of issues and we lived below the poverty level economically. I was not the kind of kid that anyone would have really wanted to befriend. Richard Astle made it a point that I was paid for to attend youth trips, he follow up with me to attend seminary and he made sure I had fun as a youth whether it was riding ATC out in the desert or playing football in the turkey bowl on the Marina HS football field. He made sure that we skinny kids were playing offensive line while he and brother Bingham, also around 250 lbs were rushing. I owe much of the good things and really blessing I my life to one man who sought out an inactive child that nobody else would have ever had hope to be reliable, let alone successful in life. Thank you Richard Astle! May your be blessed in the eternities.

Paul Johnson - October 29, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ sorry for my many typos. I typed it fast at work. I at least wanted to let you, Teri, know how grateful I am for the help your husband was in steering me in the right direction in life. I would have been a disaster in life if he had not been persistent in magnifying his calling.

Paul Johnson - October 29, 2020 at 12:21 PM

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“ I'll miss Uncle Dick's big hugs and how he would call me Lee Lee! He was so supportive of my performances at BYU...he had all the songs memorized from my Young Ambassador days!! We have shared in many family gatherings through the years and I'll miss him! He was a lot fun and I know he and my dad are cracking jokes up in heaven!! Until we meet again! All my love to Sweet Aunt Teri and the whole Astle Clan! I love you!

Lisa Lloyd - October 29, 2020 at 01:19 AM

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**Jim Astle** - October 28, 2020 at 04:31 PM



“ I consider blessed to have gotten to know Richard, though it was only for a short time. He was so kind to come visit me in the hospital when I was recovering from my accident nearly two years ago. He was comforting and encouraging me by sharing some of his own physical problems.

After I came back I invited him to join our lunch group, which he accepted. Due to the virus situation we weren't able to meet as often as we wanted, but Richard always entertained us with his stories about his life, family and political views. He told us once he was grateful to have found the friends who shared his views and he wasn't afraid to honestly express his thoughts. I am going to miss him. I lost a dear friend. But I will carry his memories and cherish the good influence he had on me for the rest of my life.

With much love and respect,

Masaji Watabe

**Masaji Watabe** - October 31, 2020 at 06:47 PM

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“ Dick became my brother in law 53 years ago when I was just 7. With almost 18 years between us he was a father as much as a brother to me. I moved in with Teri and Dick in HB just before my mission. He told me stories of his mission in Ireland with President Covey. Dick was called as Bishop soon after and I was his first missionary sent out to the field. He influenced me more than my own father. When his boys were still too young to ride, he would ride me on his motorcycle. I am still and avid motorcycle rider today! I went boating with the family...I am still an avid boater today! From my earliest memories he would talk about business and say, "Don't matter what you do, long as you're the boss!" Because of his influence I have virtually never had a job and am still a business owner today! In the classic film, "It's a Wonderful Life", Clarence says, "One man's life touches so many others, when he's not there it leaves an awfully big hole." Richard Mayhew Astle has left an awfully big hole!! Thank you Dick for being my mentor, my friend, my brother!! I love you!!

**Bud Lethbridge** - October 28, 2020 at 04:14 PM

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“ Dick and Teri have been treasured friends for 48 years and we have had many wonderful times together. We cycled together and were active in our sons scouting camp outs and awards programs. When they moved to Utah we felt we had lost our best friends but distance didn't diminish our friendship at all. Whenever either was in ca or UT a special visit was made to see one another. When Dick was Bishop he loved to call out his rating of the colorful sports coats I wore. That usually got a laugh and we loved it. Dick was an honorable fun loving guy and rarely did we see him angry. He loved people and people loved him. We will miss seeing Dick but memories of him will be with us as long as we live. Jerry and Mary Ann Huisken

**Jerry and Mary Ann Huisken** - October 28, 2020 at 02:57 PM

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“ Bishop Astle gave the eulogy at my mother's funeral. He interviewed her mother, her sisters, our immediate family members, and many others. He came up with stories I had never heard from her youth, and from people she knew. I was very touched by his diligence and inspiration in putting everything together to celebrate her life.

**Sydney Aldous Swainston** - October 28, 2020 at 12:04 AM

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“ Richard and Teri have been my neighbors now for about the past eight years. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know them. I loved hearing Richard play the organ. He played with such emotion and feeling. This summer he told me he was trying to get in better shape and he started edging my lawn! Sometimes he would drive his quad up on our driveway to clear off the snow. What a great man of God and a great servant. He will be sorely missed. I'm so grateful to still have Teri as a friend.  
Bard and Claudia Hill

**Claudia Hill** - October 27, 2020 at 10:52 PM

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“ I was going on a motorcycle ride with Rich and Terry and his kids and they were giving him a hard time about something—taking too long, going too slow—and he eventually said, “I will be in the back riding with your mom”. It was a your mother joke to his kids and is still the best your mother joke I have ever heard.

**Brady Deucher** - October 27, 2020 at 10:12 PM

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“ I am so terribly sorry to read this Terri your in our thoughts and prayers

**sharon Stellrecht** - October 27, 2020 at 09:55 PM

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“ I have so many memories with Richard. My dad's only brother. We had Christmas Eve together for years. My mom made our family sing on Christmas Eve. We sang solos. I was always so nervous. And Richard was right there laughing at me. Ha ha!!! He was a lot of fun! He told Durran and I at our wedding that it's better to be one than to be right. He was there at my children's weddings!! I have always admired him for being a good father and husband. I love you and I will miss you Richard. Debbie Fewkes

**Deborah Fewkes** - October 27, 2020 at 07:46 PM

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“ As a young boy our families got together often but lost track through the years. Evelyn was my aunt and brother to my Dad Ray. My love and support to your family at this time. John and Susan Quist.

**John quist** - October 27, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ Teri, I didn't know Richard but have known you for over 55 years. Occasionally I would read something about you and your family. I could tell you had a wonderful life with your husband and had a great family. I was terribly sorry about Dick's passing and know it would leave a great hole in your family and friends lives. I know God will give you strength and bless you in this difficult time because God's great love for you and knows how deep your sorrow is.

God bless you old friend.

Love Jan Dowlin Taylor

Salem Utah

**Janet L Taylor** - October 28, 2020 at 09:54 PM