



## Reverend Leston David (L.D.) Axsom, Sr.

March 27, 1919 - November 7, 2012

Reverend Leston David (L.D.) Axsom, Sr. died on November 7, 2012, at the age of 93. He was born to James Roscoe and Emma Frances (Ross) Axsom on March 27, 1919, in the Hickory Grove community in Northeast Lawrence County, Indiana, where he lived, attended school and church until the family moved to the Bloomington area in 1934

He married Helen Evelyn Harding of Bloomington, Indiana on December 8, 1941. The couple lived and worked in Bloomington and then Ellettsville, Indiana. Leston had a career that spanned service in the United States Army during World War II where he served in the American Theater and the Europe, Middle East and Africa Theatre. He served in France, Belgium and Germany. He later owned a construction company, a real estate brokerage and worked for the State of Indiana.

His longest and most devoted service was as a minister for more than 50 years and pastor of the Turning Point Apostolic Church until his retirement. He worked tirelessly there to build the church, minister to the needs of thousands and show his love of humanity to everyone he came into contact with, speaking of hope, faith and love to all who would listen. He was dedicated to helping the church building fund, and is remembered by many for his tireless efforts making and selling candy, cookbooks, and other

fund raising efforts for that purpose. He spent thousands of hours volunteering in projects to help his church help others. Above all else it was his passion to help people heal whatever needed healing in their lives and he did so by sharing his faith. His focus was always on his natural family and his spiritual family.

He is preceded in death by his wife, his parents, 4 sisters and 4 brothers. He is survived by one daughter, Patricia Ann Butler of Bloomington, Indiana, three sons, Leston D. (Clara Mae) Axsom, Jr. of Bloomington, Indiana, Steven W. (Carol) Axsom of Bloomington, Indiana and Michael L. (Susan) Axsom of Loogootee, Indiana. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren; Angela (Hank) Baugh, Cynthia (Ron) Hawkins, Andrew Axsom, Krista Davis, Alisha (Moses) Thacker, Shannon Orsine, Shawn Axsom, Shane (Kacie) Axsom, Travis (Misty) Axsom and Todd Axsom; 26 great grandchildren; Ashley, Tyler, Bradley, Andrew, Jordan, Cody, Christopher, Shawn, Dakota, Cheyenne, Shelbi, Emily, Abigail, Jada, Ethan, Jaden, Drew, Tommy, Allie, Alexis, Elizabeth, Raven, Jonathan, Kelsie, Amanda and Vivienne. There are six great-great grandchildren; CJ, Mason, Callahan, Madison, Brittany and Preston, with Wriglie due to arrive this month.

Visitation will be at Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37 Bloomington, Indiana on Friday, November 9, 2012 from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Visitation will also be at the Turning Point Apostolic Church in Ellettsville, Indiana on Saturday, November 10, 2012 from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM, followed by services at the church then interment services at Valhalla Memory Gardens in Bloomington, with Reverend Ron Hawkins officiating. Memorial contributions are welcomed by the family to be made to the Turning Point Apostolic Church Building Fund.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. The church has lost a tower of strength who will be greatly missed.*

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**Lloyd & Shay Branam** - October 26, 2015 at 04:14 PM

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“ *Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. My Dad has been under the weather for a couple of weeks and hasn't bounced back as he'd like, but he wanted to extend his sympathies. He has many memories of L.D. that he's shared with us through the years. He was a wonderful man who will be greatly missed.*

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**Shelley Norman-Smith** - October 26, 2015 at 04:14 PM

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“ *So sorry to hear about your Dad Patty. Even though I never met him I have heard so many great things about him ever since I was young. He is in Gods hands now. Prayers for all the family for I know he will be truly missed.*

*Jusyd C Freeman*

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**Judy C Freeman** - October 26, 2015 at 04:14 PM

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“ *Memories flood my soul, what a amazing pastor.. Myself and many family members started off with the lord there at his church many years ago..L.D.Axom a wonderful friend to our family...Hoene, henderson, capps, Burks, and served in the army with my father glen henderson. praying for the family, he will be truley missed*

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**sue hoene** - October 26, 2015 at 04:14 PM