

Marvin Jeremy Ashton 1915 by Hyrum Ashton

My Great Grandfather, Marvin Jeremy Ashton, was born May 6, 1915 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was the son of Marvin O. Ashton and Rachel Jeremy Ashton. He had two brothers and three sisters. Marv's parents taught him and his brothers and sisters the value of hard work. When Mary was a young boy he raise small bunnies and pigeons! He also worked on the family owned produce farm. He helped raised and sell fruits and vegetables. One of his favorite activities was riding his horse across town to boy scouts.

He worked his way through college by working at his father's hardware store. He graduated from the University of Utah School of Business with honors! He enjoyed extra activities like sports. He excelled in basketball and tennis and was the editor of the school newspaper. Mary was raised in an active LDS family. From 1937 to 1939 he served a mission to Great Britain for his church. When Mary returned to Salt Lake after his mission he married his High School sweet heart who lived just down the street, Norma Bernston. They had four children. Their son Stephen is my Grandpa. Mary provided for his family by owning and running a lumber yard.

Mary served two terms in the Utah State Senate and in 1971 was called to the council of the Twelve in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. During his service there. He served as chairman of ZCMI, Deseret Book and the Polynesian Cultural Center boards. He spent the rest of his life traveling around the world meeting with church members and government leaders. He did this until he died on February 26, 1994 in Salt Lake City. He was 78 years old.

My Dad described his Grandpa Mary as kind, caring, and interested in him personally, He made my feel good about himself. Grandpa Mary would sometimes take my Dad to Jazz basketball games! My Dad said, he always look forward to spending time with his Grandpa and loved being his