



## Raymond D. Axtell

August 6, 1934 - March 2, 2026

Raymond D. Axtell, age 91, of Axtell, passed away on Monday, March 2, 2026 at his home. Private family services will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the Axtell Fire Department. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Ray was born on August 6, 1934, in Amherst, Nebraska, to Frank and Mina (Harmony) Axtell. He attended and later graduated from Kearney High School. Ray proudly served in the United States Navy during the Korean War. After his honorable discharge from the service, Ray married Karen Kegley on April 8, 1956 in Kearney. Ray was a kind hardworking man with an amazing memory who spent the majority of his life as a heavy equipment operator. He retired at the age of 89.

Surviving relatives include his sons and daughter, Rodney Axtell of Axtell, Darry and Karla Axtell of Funk, Bradley Axtell of Kearney and LaRae Axtell of Holdrege; sisters, Vivian Edwards, Waunita DeLaet , Ruby (Fred) Kersting, all of Kearney, Ann Aycok of Wills Point, TX; brother, Don (Ginger) Axtell of Kearney; grandchildren, Baron (Kerri) Axtell, Erick (Danielle) Axtell, Adam (Sara) Axtell, Haley (Tyler) Pieper, Sydney (Lance) Taylor, Brennan (Hilary) Axtell, Jordan Axtell and Madi (Hayden) Frost and 19 great grandchildren.

Raymond was preceded in death by his wife, Karen; brothers, Duane "Butch" and Bob and sister, Charlotte Krotz.

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ Rick B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond D. Axtell.

Rick B. - March 05 at 03:41 PM



“ Kindest man I have ever had the pleasure to know and call uncle. So many memories from childhood. You will be missed. Until we meet again, I love you!

Angie Vasquez - March 05 at 01:18 PM

BM

“ Brent, Ethan, Hunter, and Mike purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Raymond D. Axtell.



Brent, Ethan, Hunter, and Mike - March 03 at 05:34 PM