A. Edward Schmidt

April 26, 1917 ~ February 5, 2014

Adolph Edward (Ed) Schmidt was born in Granger, Utah, April 26, 1917 to Andreas (Andrew) and Nellie May Bangerter Schmidt. He died February 5, 2014, in Salt Lake City. He was the second of twelve children. Ed grew up on a small family farm in Granger. There was plenty of work to do to help feed such a large family. He learned his father's trade of carpentry and cabinet making, and later used these skills to build a home for his family in Salt Lake City.

Ed received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Bentley University in Boston and an MBA degree from the University of Utah. He spent a large part of his career in the payroll department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was head of the department at the time the payroll system was computerized.

Ed served in many church callings including five full-time missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His first mission, to France, was cut short by World War II. It was on that mission that he met his future wife, Louise Puenzieux in Lausanne, Switzerland. She immigrated to Boston in 1940 and they were married in the Salt Lake Temple on April 11, 1941. During the Korean War, Ed was again called to the French Mission. During that time, his wife Louise and their four young children lived with her parents in Lausanne. Later, he and Louise served three French-speaking missions together: on Reunion and Mauritius (islands in the Indian Ocean), and in French Guyana in South America. Ed also served several stake missions and was a Temple Worker for many years.

Ed was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. He was kind, loving, friendly, and welcoming to everyone. The great lessons of faith, humility, work, modesty, love, patience and perseverance, which he lived, are indelibly ingrained in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters: Frieda, Nellie, Jessie and Rosalynn, two brothers: Bob and Joe, and two great-grandchildren: Hannah Clayson and Nate Jaramillo. Ed is survived by his wife Louise, six children: Allen, Christine Hailes (Steve), Sandy Gabbitas (Ted), Kathy Snow (Stephen), Norman (Aissa), Dan (Nan), and by more than 70 other descendants. He is also survived by one brother: Andrew and four sisters: Louise, Etha, Lillian and Elsie.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM, Saturday, February 15, 2014 in the LDS Ensign Stake Center, 135 North "A" Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. Viewings will be held at the same location Friday, February 14, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and Saturday, February 15, 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Burial will be in the Salt Lake City Cemetery. The family would like to thank Intermountain Hospice Care for their kind and compassionate services.