



Acell William Bown

October 30, 1936 - March 11, 2026

Funeral Service Link: <https://zoom.us/j/93693378756>

Acell William Bown passed away on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 in Santaquin Utah. He was eighty-nine years old.

Acell was born October 30, 1936, the sixth of seven children born to Emma Amelia Peck and John Martin Bown in Provo. As the son of a piano teacher, he was playing, writing, and performing music on the piano from the time he was three years old. As a youth, he also taught himself to play softball, and he went on to pitch a no-hitter game. He graduated from Orem High school in 1954, and after a few years in the army, served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Western Canada mission. After returning home, he served in the US Air Force and then studied at BYU, where he met his sweetheart, Anne Marie Sorenson. They were married in 1967, and went on to have eight children. They built a home in Payson, where they lived for many years.

He was a man of many talents and interests: he was most recently the owner of an artisan jewelry business, but he was also a stonemason, a builder, a softball pitcher, a master musician, a gardener, an amateur magician and magic trick designer, a Saint Bernard breeder, a piano tuner, a tabletop game designer, an expert picture hanger, and a talented whistler.

Acell was a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ all his life, blessing those around him through the priesthood and his wisdom and love and enthusiasm. He held and magnified many callings and offices within the church including branch president, councilor in a bishopric, high councilor, music director, scoutmaster, and many more. He also served in the temple for many years, working with new grooms, which brought him great joy. He and his wife were also able to serve two missions together in their later years, one to Sri Lanka and Malaysia and the other to the Philippines.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Norma and Ann, his brothers Jay, John, Clyde, and Bruce, and one daughter, Gaea Louise. He is survived by his loving wife, seven children, twenty-two grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 21, 12:00 p.m., with a viewing at 10:30 a.m. 2162 East Canyon Road, Spanish Fork, Utah, 84660.

The services will also be available to watch via Zoom.

Please share memories and condolences at www.serenityfhs.com.

Cemetery Details

Payson City Cemetery

400 North 800 East
Payson, UT 84651

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 21. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Salem Park Ward
2162 E Canyon Rd
Spanish Fork, UT 84660

Funeral Service

MAR 21. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Salem Park Ward
2162 E Canyon Rd
Spanish Fork, UT 84660

Tribute Wall

LB

“ One time when Acell and Anne were going on a mission, Ken and I went to their home for a celebration. On their counter was a plate of rings Acell had made and was giving away. This was such a blessing to me because I had been going through chemo for brain cancer and had lost a lot of weight and could not wear my wedding ring any more and didn't know what to do about it. Miraculously, there was a ring that fit me perfectly, and I wear it still today with gratitude in my heart for our dear loving friend Acell.

Linda Brimley - March 21 at 03:43 PM

WD

“ I met Acell for the first time on October 19, 2018 and I have so enjoyed his personality and working with him at Health Plus Clinic for these many years! I have always appreciated his respectfulness, candor, and sense of humor. It was easy to connect with him because we are fellow artists and musicians. I could sense the goodness of his soul. I will miss Acell as my patient, and as my friend!

William David Voss D.O. - March 21 at 01:40 PM

BB

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NV

“ *PSS... loved reading and learning more about this incredible beautiful heavenly soul..*

Nola (Erickson) VanWagenen-Davis - March 15 at 11:45 PM

KE

“ My dear brother Richard whom I totally adore - have no doubt if he were still here, would be writing the most eloquently heartfelt tribute to his beloved Father-in-Law. Although I can never word things as beautifully as he did, I have no doubt he would want to share how wonderful you have been to him and Arlene. How much he loved you and what you are about. He would want you to know he is grateful you helped raised Arlene in a way that she would become the most amazing mother to their children and amazing wife, friend, and companion to him. He would want to say thank you for many fun family moments together and for the positive example you have been to him, Arlene and the kids over these many years! He would want you to know that he always felt welcomed, loved, appreciated, and inspired by you. He felt honored to be accepted into an amazing family that he loved being a part of!

Thank you for being so good to him. I got to hear a lot about you and your family through my brother - it was always a treat! He loved you and your family so much and grateful for you all!

To the Bown family, please know us Erickson siblings love you all! We think the world of you all and send our heartfelt condolences your way along with lots of TLC from each of us!

Erickson Family

Kristin Erickson - March 15 at 08:50 PM

AM

I ditto Kristin's thoughts and sentiments. I'm so sorry Arlene and family to hear about your dear father. The few times I met him I knew Arlene that you were so blessed to have him as your dad. May you and your mom and children and siblings find comfort at this difficult time. ❤️🥹



Afton Monahan - March 15 at 11:36 PM

TA

“ I would love to see of all of the Christmas trees over the years. Summers with my cousins were the best summers ever. I remember polishing rocks and playing in the barn and the giant swing over the red ant hill. So many tart cherries and adventures that shaped lives. I remember he did not like my whistling though!

Tanya - March 15 at 03:07 PM

CK

“ Acell was a wonderful person and a great example of perseverance and dedication. Our deepest condolences to you and all your family.

Craig and Kathy - March 15 at 11:10 AM

BA

“ He is an inspiration to me. One day when I am no longer able to be a temple worker, I'll become a patron, just like he did, and keep going anyway. He was so happy to be around. They must have needed a good man on the other side because they definitely got one now.

Bart - March 15 at 12:38 AM