



## Face of Fillmore

*By Sherry Shepard*  
December 18, 2019

This week Fillmore has bid a fond farewell to one of its finest - Robert "Ag" Nielson.

Ag loved Fillmore and left his permanent mark on our little community. His was a legacy of service. That service came in a variety of capacities.

Ag loved and served his family – his wife Afton and their children and grandchildren and great grandchildren. They were always foremost in his heart. Ag was dedicated to serving in his church callings. He served in many of them including being a Bishop, High Counselor, as a service missionary and a dedicated scout.



Ag – fairly recent



Ag in the Army

Ag served his country by enlisting in the Army in 1946. He felt this was a real privilege. He was a member of the American Legion Post and served there by participating in the color guard at countless funerals and in other ways.

Ag graduated from Utah State University and taught for years at Millard High School. He continued teaching after retirement and into his 90's was still teaching GED classes at the Millard County Jail. He received many awards for his teaching excellence and his students loved him.

Ag served his community as well, serving a short stint as Mayor of Fillmore as well as on the city council.

These accomplishments listed here only touch the surface of his legacy of service to all.

On a personal note, my experiences with Ag was one of continued encouragement. We seemed to be on the same post office schedule and I often visited with Ag there. He always had great comments about the Face of Fillmore and what he thought I was doing for the community. On occasion, he would give me additional ideas for columns, which were greatly appreciated. If Ag thought it was worth writing about, it was. I did a story about his home and the history of it, which he thought was a real treat for his family, but it was I who was on the receiving end of a great experience.

Knowing Ag was heartwarming for a great deal of the people of Fillmore with this same positive approach and sincere kindness.

If a list is ever made of the prominent men who have shaped the lives of those in Fillmore, Ag's name will appear right at the top. Thanks, Ag, for your great friendship to all who knew and loved you.



Cemetery pictures courtesy of David Wade