



Richard "Dick" Chester Preston

March 6, 1930 - August 21, 2017

Richard Chester Preston

Yoder, Wyoming --- Richard Chester Preston, 87, died Monday, August 21, 2017.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 28, at the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church in Torrington with Reverend Vicky Kintzel and Associate Pastor Kate Morrison officiating. Family burial will take place at a later date. Cremation has taken place.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send their condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Dick was born March 6, 1930, in Gillette, Wyoming the son of John Thomas and Bertha (Klutz) Preston. The family lived 6 years on the Belle Fourche River before moving to Arizona. Preston's moved to Rozet, Wyoming where Dick attended grade school and graduated in 1948. Following graduation, he spent four years in the Navy during the Korean Conflict. He went on to receive a BS from Arizona State University in Ranch Management and a MS from New Mexico State University in Animal Production. He worked at White Sand Proving Grounds and Bureau of Land Management in Farmington, NM. After receiving his teaching certification, he taught in Chandler, Arizona and Chugwater, Casper and Rock River, Wyoming.

Memorials may be made to the Southeast Goshen County High School science department in Dick's name. Before he took up ranching full time, Dick taught Chemistry and Physics classes in rural high school for many years in

Arizona, Kansas and Wyoming. Dick felt that those science programs were consistently underfunded. Although he never taught there himself, Dick cared deeply about the quality of education for Goshen County kids.

Dick married Ellen Lou Likins at Yoder in 1961. The couple was married 55 years. He was a 4-H leader, DeMolay Dad and Elder at South Goshen Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife Ellen; sons Eric and Theodore (Kristi); daughter Victoria; grandson Thomas Preston; granddaughters Sofia Preston and Aubrey Atkinson and his sister Norma Bales.

Preceding him in death were his parents; brothers Jack and Lewis; sister Shirley Sutton and his son Richard William Preston.

Previous Events

Memorial services

AUG 28. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church
2972 Main St
Torrington, WY 82240

Tribute Wall

PM

“ *My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of you during this time of loss. May you find peace in his memories.*

*With deepest sympathy,
Peggy Sue Meininger*



Peg Meininger - August 28, 2017 at 11:20 AM

LS

“ *Lynn And Sarah Stoll lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Chester Preston*



Lynn and Sarah Stoll - August 27, 2017 at 09:35 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Chester Preston.*



August 25, 2017 at 08:10 PM

LI

“ Loren And Shirley Isbell lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Chester Preston



Loren and Shirley Isbell - August 25, 2017 at 08:26 AM

LI

Ellen and Family you are in our thoughts and prayers. He was a great man and will be missed. May the fond memories you have lift you up at this most difficult time. May God Bless you!!!

Loren and Shirley Isbell - August 25, 2017 at 08:29 AM



“ God be with you all and give you comfort in your time of sorrow. If there's anything we can do, please let me know. I'm not far away, just that yard light in the distance.



Debra Wilson-Hambrick - August 25, 2017 at 03:19 AM

DE

“ Doug, Becky, Casey & Leah (Knopp) Essert purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Richard "Dick" Chester Preston.



Doug, Becky, Casey & Leah (Knopp) Essert - August 24, 2017 at 09:22 PM

KS

“ *Kirsten & David Simmons lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Chester Preston*



Kirsten & David Simmons - August 24, 2017 at 05:27 PM

KI

You are all in my thoughts and prayers! Sending lots of love your way



Kirsten - August 24, 2017 at 05:45 PM

CS

“ *Dearest Dick~You are one of a kind. And a precious soul. Corky wants you to get hunting camp ready, round up the horses and scout for Elk. You're now free to cowboy all day long. We love you dearly. Corky has shared about your times together. You have been a very good friend and always supported us all. God Bless the Preston Family. We love them all.*

Corky and Elaina Stetson - August 24, 2017 at 04:00 PM

CS

“ *Corky And Elaina Stetson lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Chester Preston*



Corky and Elaina Stetson - August 24, 2017 at 03:50 PM

MB

“ Michele Osmon Bau lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Chester Preston



Michele Osmon Bau - August 24, 2017 at 01:28 PM

MB

Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. The Bau's- Donny, Michele and Quinn

Michele Osmon Bau - August 24, 2017 at 01:29 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Chester Preston.



August 24, 2017 at 01:16 PM

TR

“ Lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Chester Preston



Theil Ryan - August 24, 2017 at 11:06 AM