



Larry Duncan Preston

April 9, 1931 - March 28, 2017

Reverend Larry Duncan Preston, age 85, of Glendive, Montana, passed away on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at the Eastern Montana Veteran's Home in Glendive. A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 7, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. at the Westside Baptist Church in Glendive with Pastor Dan Pust and Pastor Ron Derksen officiating. Interment will be in Sheridan, Montana at a later date. Silha Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Larry was born on April 9, 1931 in Sheridan to Lawrence "LB" and Elaine (Duncan) Preston. He was raised in Sheridan, and lived in Bozeman, Dillon, Waterloo, Melrose, Divide, Butte, and Glendive, Montana. He graduated from Sheridan High School in 1949, and enlisted in the Navy. He was a decorated Korean War Veteran who served on board Tank Landing Ship, LST-883; and was honorably discharged in 1953 as Electronics Technician Third Class. He earned a Bachelor of Science in 1957 from Montana State College in Bozeman. He next pursued education at Baptist Bible College in Denver, Colorado, and in 1975, he earned a Master of Science in Education from Western Montana College in Dillon. Larry was a much-loved teacher at East Jr. High in Butte. He was an ordained minister, and pastored churches in Iliff, Colorado, then in Sheridan, Waterloo, and Melrose. Larry also served in various pastoral capacities in both Butte and Glendive. Larry was a member of VFW Post 1125 and American Legion Post 28 in Glendive.

He met Mildred Hale of Manhattan during his time at Montana State College and they married on November 26, 1953. They had six children; Duncan,

Shelley, Evelyn, James, Michael, and Elisabeth. Their marriage ended in 1979, and he married Dorothy Funk of Sheridan on April 24, 1981. After her passing in 2007, he met Eva (Libby) Walker of Glendive, and the two were married on June 13, 2009 in Billings.

Larry's deep appreciation of Creation was evidenced by his keen interest in fishing, hunting, hiking, and identifying edible mushrooms. He collected rocks and fossils, and greatly enjoyed his time spent volunteering as a docent at the Creation Museum in Glendive. His passionate interests in history and music were passed on to many of his children and grandchildren. He was very sociable, and "never met a stranger," but his most important relationship was with the Creator, as revealed in the Bible.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; his second wife Dorothy; and his brother Garry.

Larry is survived by his wife Eva; his children Duncan (Ellen) Preston of Oceanside, California, Shelley Greening of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Evelyn (Kennon) Nilsen of West Memphis, Arkansas, James (Margaret) Preston of Voluntown, Connecticut, Michael (Wendy) Preston of Belfair, Washington, and Elisabeth (Bill) Penney of Haverhill, Massachusetts; 21 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and 5 nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages memorials to Gideons International to support their diligent service of placing Bibles around the world.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 7. 2:00 PM (MT)

West Side Baptist Church
804 East Canary Lane
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Duncan Preston*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Larry Duncan Preston*



Denise Stoddart - April 07, 2017 at 12:42 AM



“ *My condolences on your loss of Larry Duncan Preston. I met Pastor Larry while I was volunteering at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home (EMVH). He was well known and well liked and will certainly be missed.*

*Bus Morris
EMVH*

Bus Morris - April 06, 2017 at 07:19 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.*

Judy Kearns - April 06, 2017 at 06:08 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear of your loss!*

NANCY KORB - April 04, 2017 at 06:55 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Larry Duncan Preston.*



April 04, 2017 at 09:54 AM



“ *Mr. Preston was one of my teachers at East Junior High in Butte. One of the good ones without a doubt. He took his job as an educator very seriously but always found a few minutes to talk airplanes with me. A mutual interest of ours. I believe that was his way of engaging me in his teachings. Worked liked a charm. Yes, a very good man.*

Todd Randall - April 03, 2017 at 03:17 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Larry was a huge comfort to Dale while he was on hospice. Larry brought Dale closer to Jesus. Larry provided our family with so much comfort. He was a very kind soul.*

Lori Metcalf Hajek - March 31, 2017 at 10:36 PM



“ *Lori Metcalf Hajek lit a candle in memory of Larry Duncan Preston*



Lori Metcalf Hajek - March 31, 2017 at 10:32 PM

LD

“ Larry & Doris lit a candle in memory of Larry Duncan Preston



Larry & Doris - March 31, 2017 at 04:12 PM

DL

“ DAVE & MICHELLE LUTTER lit a candle in memory of Larry Duncan Preston



DAVE & MICHELLE LUTTER - March 31, 2017 at 10:55 AM

RW

“ Richard & Wendy lit a candle in memory of Larry Duncan Preston



Richard & Wendy - March 30, 2017 at 08:13 PM

RW

Eva & Family, Num. 6:26 We are so sorry for your loss. Pastor Larry was a gem (Godly, Empathetic, Memorable) of a man. Loved his harmonica playing & his willingness to counsel & pray for anyone. Rom. 1:8, Matt. 25:21

Richard & Wendy - March 30, 2017 at 08:30 PM

RT

*To all the Preston Family I am so sorry to here of Larry's passing. Larry always took time to talk to me and always had great advice. He will be greatly missed. My heart and prayers are with you all during this time.*Rusty Talbott

Rusty Talbott - April 04, 2017 at 08:47 AM