



## Eston Morton Preston

May 24, 1948 - March 30, 2020

Eston Morton Preston, age 71, of Lanark, IL, died tragically in an automobile accident the morning of March 30, 2020, in Rockford, IL. A memorial gathering, and inurnment, will be held on a later date.

Eston was born May 24, 1948, in Morrison, IL, the son of Richard and Phyllis (Nelson) Preston. He attended Mt. Carroll schools, until he was drafted into the Army during the Vietnam War. Rightfully so, Eston was extremely proud to be a Vietnam Veteran. In light of the current events, we cannot come together as a community to memorialize Eston at the present time. However, we can all honor Eston's life and military service by thanking a veteran, today, for his or her service to our nation.

Following his service to his country, he farmed as a young man, before finding his true calling, driving semi. He also owned and operated a tree service for a number of years, with his brother. A little later in life, Eston married Elsie Sherman, on August 10, 1990. With their combined eight children, they created a family of ten. At the time of his passing, he worked for TR Transfer, based in Stockton, IL, and loved his exceptional working relationship with Greg.

As evident by his career choice, Eston had a passion for driving. One of his favorite ventures was traveling with Elsie and friends. He enjoyed the great outdoors, spending many hours camping and fishing with his family. Even when he was home, he could often be found tending to, and mowing, the lawn, whether it needed it or not.

Eston will be dearly missed by his wife, Elsie; sons, Samuel (Louanne) Preston, of Lanark, IL, Kenneth (Crystal) Preston, of Shannon, IL, Richard (Christina) Preston, of Shorewood, IL; daughters, Melinda (Steven Hays) Near, of Janesville, WI, Tanya (Michael) Mitchell, of Rockford, IL, Misty (Tanner) Lindstrom, of Ottawa, IL, and Joni (Eric) Beyer, of Lanark, IL; 16 grandchildren, NaTasha Belander, Kirk Preston, Samantha Stephenson, Dylan Preston, Amanda Near, Travis Near, Marie Preston, Jenna Preston, Hailey Preston, Abbie James, Konnor Kosier, Tycen Lindstrom, Talyn Beyer, Gavyn Beyer, Declyn Beyer, and

Emberly Beyer; 11 great grandchildren; two brothers, Ethan (Janet) Preston, of Englewood, FL and Elza "Dent" Preston, of Kirkland, IL; and numerous extended family members and friends.

Eston is preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Phyllis; brother, Eldon Preston; daughter, Pamela McPhillips; sister-in-law, Marietta Preston; granddaughters, Brea Lindstrom and Hallie Lindstrom, great granddaughter, Riah Roper; and nephew, Mathew Preston.

# Comments

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“ If my memory is correct it was Eston who took down a tree on my farm that was within three feet of the house. I marveled at his ability to do this with no harm to the house.

It is tragic to have his life taken so soon. Gladys Larem

**Gladys Larem** - April 09, 2020 at 10:21 AM

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“ Randy And Monica lit a candle in memory of Eston Morton Preston



**Randy and Monica** - April 06, 2020 at 04:03 PM

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“ Melinda, Travis and family~ you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Mike and Sarah Eveland



**Sarah Eveland** - April 04, 2020 at 09:36 PM

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“ Sam and family we are sorry for your loss!

**Teresa Traum** - April 04, 2020 at 02:34 PM

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“ Dalene Preston lit a candle in memory of Eston Morton Preston



**Dalene Preston** - April 04, 2020 at 12:38 PM

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“ Dear Elsie, Sam & all the Family, we are so deeply saddened about Eston's passing. He was a cherished member at the Preston reunions and gatherings. We will always miss his great humor and his ability to see light in any time of darkness. Again, please accept our deepest condolences. Ron and Freddie

**Freddie Preston** - April 04, 2020 at 12:56 AM

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“ Sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for all of you.

**Shirley Brashaw** - April 03, 2020 at 08:42 PM

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“ Fred And Penny Norris lit a candle in memory of Eston Morton Preston



**Fred and Penny Norris** - April 03, 2020 at 06:27 PM



“ There are no words to express our sadness at Eston's passing! He was a fine man, husband, father and grandpa! We have many fond memories, including his expert pig roasts!! Rest easy friend and God Bless

**Fred and Penny Norris** - April 03, 2020 at 06:33 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. His mom and my grandmother (he called her 'snowball') taught me to bake bread, cinnamon rolls, etc. I remember Eston as the boys were always there to 'help' and tease. Prayers for you and his family. Connie (Haag) Zuhde

**Connie Zuhde** - April 03, 2020 at 05:32 PM

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“ Elsie,  
So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you & your family at this difficult time.  
JoEllen McCaskey

**JoEllen McCaskey** - April 03, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ So sorry Elsie anf family. Love and sympathy to u all.

**Lynnette Forth** - April 03, 2020 at 02:15 PM