



Cecil Eldon Preston

January 11, 1938 - February 3, 2014

Cecil Eldon, son of Cecil Monroe Preston and Faith Hallie (Holmes) Preston, was born January 11, 1938 in Laverne, Oklahoma. He passed away February 3, 2014 at St. Mary's Hospital in Enid, Oklahoma at the age of 76 years and 23 days.

He was the oldest of four children. He attended Laverne Schools and graduated in 1956. He then attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University, majoring in Biology and was a member of the football team. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

On March 27, 1964 Cecil married Sherrill (Sherry) Edwards in the Methodist Church in Laverne. They moved and taught school in several different places in Oklahoma and Texas before returning to Laverne.

After settling in Laverne they welcomed a daughter, Kathleen (Kate) Preston Nickel. They farmed and raised sheep and Cecil was self-employed. After Kathleen graduated they traveled, living in Texas, Arizona and finally settling in Oklahoma. Cecil loved to talk and truly believed in the naturopathic way. He was always trying to sell the next "big" thing whether it was alternative medicine or unconventional farming methods.

He loved his grandkids and always had a fishing pole ready for them. He also enjoyed watching them show their animals and play sports.

Cecil was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Faith Preston, and an infant brother.

He is survived by his wife Sherry of 48 years, one daughter Kathleen Nickel

and her husband Lynn, three grandchildren, Kolby, Kory and Karlee Dietz of Alva; one brother Charles (Chuck) Preston and his wife Mary of Norman, Oklahoma; one sister Patricia (Patti) Gardner and her husband Leon of Canute, Oklahoma; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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Tribute Wall

YK

“ *Kate, Kolby, Kory, Karlee and Sherry,*

We are very sorry to hear about the loss of your dad, grandpa and husband. We enjoy the times we shared with him. Your family is in our prayers.

Yolanda and Hannah Kornele - February 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Sherry and Kathleen so sorry for your loss, do to appointments I will be unable to be with you in person but in thought and prayers, Well cousin guess you beat me to that old fishing hole in the sky. Brings back memories of us fishing at Fort Supply lake and years before that (when dad was still here) out east of Laverne.*

Tom Mitchell - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Kate, I'm truly sorry for the loss of your father. He was one of a kind! Enjoyed visiting with him at the cable office in Alva.*

Julie Davison Helm - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ *Kate and family,*

We're so sorry to hear of your dad's and grandpa's passing. He was such a friendly and nice fella. We will sure miss him at the stock shows.

Dave & Anita Noland - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Sherry, Katharine and rest of family. So sorry to hear about Cecil. Have many memories of him when I was a kid. What I remember most is my Dad and him were always giving each other a hard time about something. And you can bet they are at it again. Thinking of you all during this difficult time.

Roxy Rohrer Dunnagan - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ We were sad to learn of the passing of our friend and classmate "Bud". Our prayers and condolences to his family.

Emily and Jim Bouse

Emily & Jim Bouse - February 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ Sherry and Kathleen, we are so sorry for your loss. Cecil was a dear friend of ours for many years, The class of 1956 will miss him a lot. Thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Eunice and Terry Aldrich - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Kate, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. My thoughts are with you.

Judy Rockett - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ So sorry for your loss. May God be with your family and comfort you always.

Ann Preston-Walden - February 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM