

Harold Benson Preston

Pendleton

September 16, 1924-November 24, 2013

Sunday, Nov. 24, 2013, Harold Benson Preston left his many children, grandchildren, grandchildren and friends to return home to his Heavenly Father and the Eternal Companion he has missed for the last 16 years.

Harold was born in Weiser, Idaho, September 16, 1924, to Herbert Thomas and Anne Elizabeth (Benson) Preston. He joined an older sister, La Rae. Don and Dona Mae followed him into the family. They settled in Payette, Idaho, where he grew up and graduated from high school. He spent a year at the University of Idaho in engineering. He worked in northern Idaho on the blister rust crew for a summer with his good pal James McClure. He started in the grocery business becoming a meat cutter, and worked at M&W Market, Albertsons, Safeway and owned his own shop in Nampa, Idaho. He moved to Pendleton, Ore., with his family to work for Albertson's. He worked for Safeway prior to his retirement.

While working for Safeway in Jerome, Idaho, he met Sylvia Sperry, the love of his life. They married January 27, 1946, in Jerome, Idaho, and were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple Aug. 14th, 1946.

He was called into service to the U.S. Army Sept. 1946 and spent time in Japan during the occupation, being discharged in June 1947.

He was active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, filling many positions. His favorite position was the two years he spent working in the Columbia River Temple

in Kennewick, Wash.

He and Sylvia had five living children, Katherine (Bill) Mackley, Ramona (Dave) Emery, Tom (Carol) Preston, Randall (Kathy) Preston and James (Linnet) Preston. There are 20 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren who are blessed to have known him.

He follows his wife of 51 years, two infant sons, William and John, and a granddaughter Julia.

Harold was a worker. He was always busy, but if he had some time to relax he spent it with family, hunting, or fishing with his sons, sons-in-law and grandchildren, barbecuing the best chicken in the world, taking us camping and once I remember him floating on his back in Lake Lowell spouting like a whale. We laughed so hard.

He was very grateful for the many kind people who have visited, brought food and love to his home over the last year while he has been unable to get out. The family expresses appreciation for the help of his doctors and caregivers, especially Carol Preston who devoted countless hours on his behalf.

Funeral service will be held November 30, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel located at 12th and Gilliam in Pendleton, Ore. Interment will follow at Olney Cemetery.

Visitation will be November 29, 2013, between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. in the chapel at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop.

Online condolences may be sent to www.pendleton-chapel.com



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