



## Mr. Edward Albert Preston

April 2, 1936 - December 5, 2024

Edward Albert Preston passed away peacefully in the early morning of December 5, 2024 at the High River Hospital. Ed was 88 years old.

Ed is predeceased by his wife Doreen and is survived by his special friend and partner Faye Cumbers, his sister Joyce and his children Penni (Darwin), Kipp (Betty) and Jody (Nadine). Ed also has multiple grandchildren, great grandchildren and a great-great grandchild.

Born in Dehinda, Saskatchewan on April 2, 1936, Ed spent the majority of his adult life in High River and Southern Alberta, first working in farming and ranching before becoming involved in the concrete and aggregate business. There's a lot of basements, driveways, sidewalks, patios, silos and quonset pads that are still around because of Ed's concrete!

Beyond his day job, most people knew Ed because of music, or "Pickin' and Grinnin'" as he described it. Ed and his band were staples throughout the 60s, 70s, and 80s, literally playing anywhere and everywhere throughout the area. Weddings, community dances, cabarets, bars, taverns and roadhouses...there are hundreds of brides whose first dance was to Ed's rendition of The Farmers Daughter.

Finding his sobriety with the help of AA in 1985 was life changing, and in his

later years, Ed played music with the Christian Cowboys. Faith and God were always an important part of Ed's life, and The Christian Cowboys allowed him to continue to play and sing (aka pick and grin) while delivering a meaningful message. They travelled throughout the community, bringing "Cowboy Church" to local rodeos, pancake breakfasts and other services. Ed especially enjoyed performing on the "Second Floor", bringing the joy of music to the residents there.

Ed's life was not always easy, but he did his best with what he had. He was a hard worker that loved his family, and he passed these traits on to his kids. Those who knew him loved him. He will be missed.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Munroe Barn located at the Sheppard Family Park (1201, 5th St SE, High River, AB) on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 1:00PM.

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

DEC **12**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Munroe Barn located at the Sheppard Family Park  
1201, 5th St SE  
High River, AB (CA)

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ *My sincere condolences to the family.*

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**Janie Walker** - December 20, 2024 at 09:54 AM

CN

“ *Coleen And Tom Needham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Albert Preston*



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**Coleen and Tom Needham** - December 19, 2024 at 09:37 PM

CN

*Faye and the Preston family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Ed was a wonderful man and great neighbor. He will be missed. RIP Ed* ❤️

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**Coleen and Tom Needham** - December 19, 2024 at 09:39 PM

SF

“ *Sincere sympathy to Ed's family and many friends. He was a great man and a great entertainer.*



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**Sharon Forbes** - December 12, 2024 at 09:03 PM

JP

*Thank you for posting this picture Sharon...amazing*

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**Jody Preston** - December 13, 2024 at 09:48 AM

SL

“ Steve Laycraft lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Albert Preston



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**Steve Laycraft** - December 12, 2024 at 06:55 PM

JP

*Thank you Steve*

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**Jody Preston** - December 13, 2024 at 09:49 AM

ES

“ Eunice Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Albert Preston



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**Eunice Schmuland** - December 12, 2024 at 10:08 AM

ES

*Faye. Kip, Penni, Jody and families.  
Sometimes there are no words-only shoulders to lean on-hands to hold onto and hugs to comfort you.  
Thinking of you during this difficult time.  
Hugs to all  
Eunice*

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**Eunice Schmuland** - December 12, 2024 at 10:10 AM

CH

“ *Cindy (Allan) Hammer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Albert Preston*



**Cindy (Allan) Hammer** - December 11, 2024 at 09:38 PM

JP

*Thank you Cindy*

**Jody Preston** - December 13, 2024 at 09:49 AM

TC

“ *Faye, Penni, Kipp & Jody - Our sincere condolences on your loss. There are many stories out there from Eds musical talent that he shared at all the local community halls. He was a great neighbor for many years & his music will be talked about for many years to come.*

**Terry & Diane Charlton** - December 11, 2024 at 05:45 PM

JP

*Thank you for sharing Terry and Diane, very much appreciated*

**Jody Preston** - December 13, 2024 at 03:52 PM

CJ

“ *I always enjoyed a few words with Ed whenever our paths crossed. He had many facets of his life but feel the last years were perhaps the most serene for him. Blessings to all the family members and Faye, his faithful companion.*

**Connie Lorraine Jewell** - December 10, 2024 at 11:30 PM

JP

*Thank you for the kind words Connie, very much appreciated*

Jody Preston - December 13, 2024 at 09:50 AM

BS

“ *Had the pleasure and honor of hearing Ed play and sing at the Pub awhile back. Still so amazing!  
Rest easy Ed.*

Barb Stevenson - December 10, 2024 at 12:45 PM

JP

*Thank you for sharing Barb*

Jody Preston - December 10, 2024 at 10:52 PM

CC

“ *My condolences to the Preston Family and Faye. Cathy*



Cathy Couey - December 10, 2024 at 11:53 AM

JP

*Thank you for the kind words Cathy*

Jody Preston - December 10, 2024 at 10:53 PM

SD

“ *Sheri D lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Albert Preston*



Sheri D - December 09, 2024 at 07:27 PM

GL

“ Faye & Christian Cowboys,  
I am sorry for your loss and send sincere  
condolences to all of you.  
We will miss Ed and may he rest in peace.  
Grace



Grace Ledoux - December 09, 2024 at 10:40 AM

SO

“ Our deepest sympathies go out to the whole  
Preston family. We never had the opportunity  
to meet Mr Preston, but felt as though we had  
through the heartfelt stories shared by his  
youngest boy Jody. Mr Preston -sounded like  
a stand up guy who loved life and got the chance to live his dream  
in sharing his gift of music. May he rest in peace xoxo Moosa  
Family



Sofia - December 08, 2024 at 04:25 PM

JP

Thank you my dear friend ❤️

Jody Preston - December 08, 2024 at 05:32 PM

MG

“ Condolences to the Preston family and Faye  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all 💕💕

Mickey and Shelley Getten - December 08, 2024 at 12:39 PM

AL

“ I have a great memory of Mr Preston getting up to sing with our band, with his son Jody on drums at a bar in Scarborough years ago. He had a great love of country music and was a true gentleman and beautiful soul.

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**Alain** - December 08, 2024 at 11:44 AM

JP

*Thank you my friend. One of my most cherished memories*

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**Jody Preston** - December 08, 2024 at 12:19 PM

SD

“ Penni, Kipp and all the family, we are sorry to hear about your dad...he was a cool dude for sure  
Sharon and John Dale

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**Sharon Dale** - December 08, 2024 at 10:52 AM

PT

*Thank you John and Sharon*

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**Penni Tebbs** - December 08, 2024 at 05:35 PM

PT

“ I remember how generous Ed and Doreen were to let me ride Blaze with Penni and best young memory was the Christmas caroling on the sleigh while they played in the cold. Ed had good stories to tell. My condolences to Penni and the rest of the family.

*Peggy Todd*

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**Peggy Todd** - December 08, 2024 at 01:59 AM

JP

*Thank you for sharing this beautiful memory Peggy*

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**Jody Preston** - December 08, 2024 at 09:20 AM

PT

*Thank you for the memory Peggy*

**Penni Tebbs** - December 08, 2024 at 05:36 PM

RA

“ *I was truly blessed to have known Ed. I first met Ed at a meeting, in a church, on a cold winter day in January 2019. Ed was asked ‘to read’ How It Works from the AA Big Book. He apologized for his failing eye site, put his hands on the Big Book and in his magnificent voice, recited How It Works from memory, no mistakes, and when finished, with his beautiful broad smile said “that’s How it Works”. He touched me deeply and his willingness to share his story no doubt saved the lives of many, mine included. RIP Ed, it was my privilege and honour to know you.*



**Randall** - December 07, 2024 at 07:37 PM

JP

*What a beautiful story Randall, thank you for sharing*

**Jody Preston** - December 07, 2024 at 08:33 PM

PT

*Wonderful. Thank you for sharing*

**Penni Tebbs** - December 08, 2024 at 05:37 PM

TB

“ *Tammy Beach lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Albert Preston*



**Tammy Beach** - December 07, 2024 at 05:12 PM

MM

“ *Maureen Moncrieff lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Albert Preston*



Maureen Moncrieff - December 07, 2024 at 04:45 PM

MW

“ *Marlene Woodside lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Albert Preston*



Marlene Woodside - December 07, 2024 at 02:28 PM

DE

“ *It was a pleasure anytime I had a chance to chat with Ed. And I will always remember that superb singing voice. Condolences to Faye, Penni, Kipp, Jody and families.*

Denton Eaglesham - December 07, 2024 at 01:15 PM

PT

*Thank you Denton*

Penni Tebbs - December 08, 2024 at 05:38 PM

CL

“ *Our condolences to Penni, Kipp , Jody and all the families. Also to Joyce and Faye. Our prayers are with you all. God's richest blessings. Love ❤️ as always.*



Carol Lievaart - December 07, 2024 at 01:13 PM

PT

*Thank you Carol*

**Penni Tebbs** - December 08, 2024 at 05:38 PM

MP

“ *What a true blessing it was to know Ed. The first time we met was in Birchwood Park, many years ago, when he and Fay were out for their daily walk. My Rottweilers approached him, stubby little tails wagging frantically wanting some attention. NO fear , he laughed and talked to them, gave them big hugs. They both knew, as did I, what an incredible, kind, honest, respectful, loving person Ed was. I have had countless conversations about anything/everything with Ed and each time I left respecting him more. My heart is broken hearing this news. Rest well, my friend. No more pain/discomfort. Your life mattered greatly and Cary and I will never forget you.*



**Mark Phillips** - December 06, 2024 at 10:54 PM

PT

*Thank you for sharing your thoughts and memories. Beautiful*

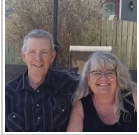
**Penni Tebbs** - December 08, 2024 at 05:40 PM

GL

“ *Gail Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Albert Preston*



**Gail Lewis** - December 06, 2024 at 09:59 PM



“ Our thoughts are with Faye, Penni, Kipp, Jody and families. He will be missed by all who knew him. Tom & Janet Goss



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**Janet Goss** - December 06, 2024 at 09:08 PM



“ Ed knew the Starke family before I even knew the Starke family! He played at ken and my wedding. Ken told many stories of Ed and him in the concrete business. And we would laugh...!! A wonderful generous man and a great Dad. Our sympathies to all of the families



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**Marj Starke** - December 06, 2024 at 07:35 PM



*Thank you for sharing Marj. Great memories*

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**Penni Tebbs** - December 08, 2024 at 05:41 PM



“ Craig Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Albert Preston



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**Craig Schmuland** - December 06, 2024 at 07:14 PM

RW

“ Dear Faye,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. May the memories over the years help ease the pain in your heart as you move forward. Take care.  
Our condolences,  
Russ & Sharon

Russ & Sharon Watkins - December 06, 2024 at 06:30 PM

NG

“ Dear Kipp and family...we are so sorry for your loss. Sending our thoughts and hugs your way. ❤️



Nicole Gaja - December 06, 2024 at 06:08 PM

RL

“ Rick & Shirley Laycraft lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Albert Preston



Rick & Shirley Laycraft - December 06, 2024 at 05:59 PM

PJ

“ Peggy Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Albert Preston



Peggy Jackson - December 06, 2024 at 05:05 PM

M(

“ *Marcia Ayrey (Webster) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Albert Preston*



**Marcia Ayrey (Webster)** - December 06, 2024 at 04:17 PM

TH

“ *Ed was a very special person, he taught me everything I know about concrete. Started to work with Ed in 1995, and just weeks after the '95 flood on the Oldman River hit us hard in Fort Macleod. He pulled up his boot-straps and baled right in to help us wherever he could. Then when the fire came through a couple years later that got stopped just before Granum, he bailed in and helped again. All this on top of managing the concrete plant in Claresholm. Condolences to the family, take solice in the fact that Ed has met Jesus, the single most important thing that has ever happened to him! God rest your soul Ed, I know you are in good hands.*  
*Thane Hurlburt*

**Thane Hurlburt** - December 06, 2024 at 03:31 PM

PT

*Thank you so much for your kind words Thane.*

**Penni Tebbs** - December 06, 2024 at 05:29 PM

MW

“ *Sincere condolences to Ed & Faye's families. Ed was a special man and we are grateful to have known him.*  
*Marg & Brian Wheeler*



**Marg & Brian Wheeler** - December 06, 2024 at 03:25 PM

JP

*Thank you for the kind words Marg*

**Jody Preston** - December 06, 2024 at 11:19 PM

PZ

“ To Fay, Penni, Kipp, Jody and families our deepest condolence’s to you all. Penni so many great memories of hanging out together when we were young and going to dances where the Preston’s played. Cherish your memories, they will help you get through the tough days that lay ahead.  
Sincerely Len and Pat Zebedee.



**Pat Zebedee** - December 06, 2024 at 03:23 PM

PT

*Thank you so much.*

**Penni Tebbs** - December 06, 2024 at 05:31 PM

BJ

“ Boyd & Shelley Jamison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Albert Preston



**Boyd & Shelley Jamison** - December 06, 2024 at 03:17 PM

JP

*Thank you*

**Jody Preston** - December 06, 2024 at 11:20 PM

LC

“ *Lynda Cowling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Albert Preston*



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**lynda Cowling** - December 06, 2024 at 03:16 PM

JP

*Thank you Lynda*

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**Jody Preston** - December 06, 2024 at 11:20 PM

PF

“ *I was one of those brides that Ed & Doreen played for. A true gentleman and great neighbor. Sincere sympathies to all of Ed's & Faye's families.*

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**Patti Frey** - December 06, 2024 at 02:45 PM

PT

*Thank you for the kind words.*

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**Penni Tebbs** - December 08, 2024 at 08:30 PM

DS

“ *Dennis Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Albert Preston*



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**Dennis Schmidt** - December 06, 2024 at 02:08 PM

GB

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Preston families & to his “Special Partner” of many years, Faye!

Grant & Debbie Braaten - December 06, 2024 at 01:59 PM

DM

“ Debbie (Chichlet) Merckx lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Albert Preston



Debbie (Chichlet) Merckx - December 06, 2024 at 12:32 PM

LS

“ Linda Schafer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Albert Preston



Linda Schafer - December 06, 2024 at 12:32 PM

JG

“ Our sincere condolences to both Faye and Ed’s families. Ed filled our hearts with his music and friendship. May those happy memories help comfort you during this difficult time!

John and Deb Gross - December 06, 2024 at 12:09 PM

JP

Thank you John and Deb - appreciate your kind words

Jody Preston - December 06, 2024 at 03:40 PM

BP

“ *Our deepest condolences to all. Les has many memories of working with Ed .*



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**Barb Pickering** - December 06, 2024 at 11:29 AM

JP

*Thank you so much Barb*

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**Jody Preston** - December 06, 2024 at 03:42 PM

DO

“ *Dennis Ochs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Albert Preston*



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**Dennis Ochs** - December 06, 2024 at 10:57 AM

JP

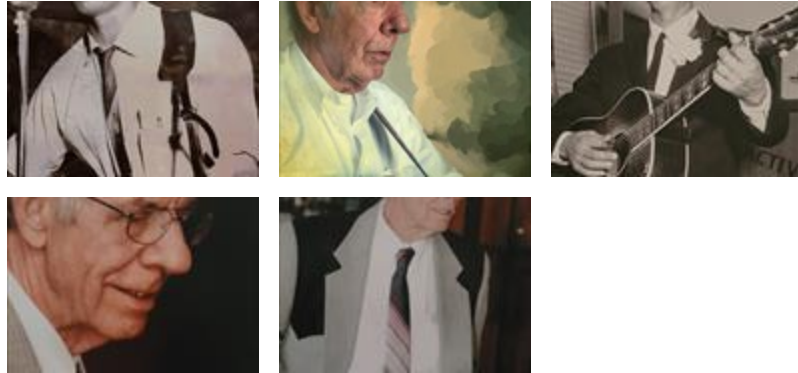
*Thank you for thinking of our father*

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**Jody Preston** - December 06, 2024 at 03:42 PM

JP

“ 5 files added to the album Edward A Preston



Jody Preston - December 06, 2024 at 10:38 AM

JP

*Some of my favourite pictures of my dad...❤️*

Jody Preston - December 06, 2024 at 10:40 AM

BM

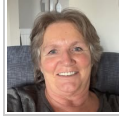
*Wonderful photos of Ed. He always had a smile and friendly greeting. To Fay and Ed's family, our deepest condolences on the loss of a good man.*

Bruce Masterman - December 06, 2024 at 11:04 AM

DS

*Country legend and a very nice man rest easy uncle Eddie*

Dennis Schmidt - December 06, 2024 at 02:32 PM



*Deepest Condolences to Kipp & Betty & Family, and the entirety of the Preston family. Ed had a great memory and always remembered me, when we would run into each other when him and Faye were out and about town. He also played at Roger and my wedding in Blackie in July of 1981, the song was Could I have this Dance, which always made Roger happy, when he was kicking up his heels on the dance floor. Always remembered May you RIP Ed 🙏!*

*Roger and Angie McCormick*

**Angie McCormick** - December 06, 2024 at 03:18 PM

CN

“ *Cyril And Bev Norrie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Albert Preston*



**Cyril and Bev Norrie** - December 06, 2024 at 09:44 AM

JP

*Thank you for thinking of our father*

**Jody Preston** - December 06, 2024 at 03:43 PM

KN

“ *Kathy Niemans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Albert Preston*



**Kathy Niemans** - December 06, 2024 at 09:11 AM

JP

*Thank you Kathie*

**Jody Preston** - December 06, 2024 at 03:43 PM

SS

“ *Sheila Storoschuk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Albert Preston*



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**Sheila Storoschuk** - December 06, 2024 at 08:12 AM

JP

*Thank you for thinking of our father Sheila*

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**Jody Preston** - December 06, 2024 at 03:43 PM

CM

“ *Charlene Malmberg lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Albert Preston*



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**Charlene Malmberg** - December 05, 2024 at 05:24 PM

JP

*Thank you Charlene*

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**Jody Preston** - December 06, 2024 at 03:43 PM