



## Morris Gaylord De Preste

April 2, 1947 - September 17, 2019

Morris Gaylord De Preste, 72, of Aubrey, TX, passed peacefully from this life into eternal life on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 in Frisco, TX. He was born April 2, 1947 in Lockwood, MO to Paul Trenton De Preste, Sr. and Evalina (Hook) De Preste. Morris married Deborah Lee Mason on December 5, 1983 in Reno, NV.

Morris graduated from Livermore High School. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam from 1967 to 1969 as a US Army Staff Sergeant and qualified as a sharpshooter. He was awarded the Purple Heart and two Bronze stars for his service in Vietnam. Morris was also a dedicated fork lift mechanic until he retired in July 2017 and decided to move to Texas.

He loved the outdoors, fishing, camping, and hunting with his brother Paul in California. Morris was a wonderful man, friendly and respectful to everyone he met. He will be missed greatly by all who knew him.

Morris is survived by his wife, Deborah of Aubrey, TX; mother, Evalina; children, Joshua Cameron De Preste of Denver, CO, Brian Creson and wife Gina of Aubrey, TX, and Michelle Creson of Aubrey, TX; grandchild, Logan Creson of Aubrey, TX; three brothers, Paul Trenton De Preste Jr. and wife Linda of Livermore, CA, Brian De Preste and wife Donita of Springfield, MO, and James De Preste of Joplin, MO; and two sisters, Vicki Peterson and husband Ronald of Clovis, CA and Joyce De Preste of Joplin, MO. He was preceded in death by his father, Paul.

Inurnment will be 11:00AM on September 30, 2019 at Dallas-Fort Worth

National Cemetery in Dallas, TX. Online condolences may be shared at [www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Phyllis Stout and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

To send a flower arrangement to the family of Morris Gaylord De Preste, please [click here](#) to visit our Sympathy Store.

# Tribute Wall

GC

“ *Morris, Dad, Papa Mo...you were not necessarily a man of many words (most of the time), but you lived your life with honor every day without fail. Your actions spoke louder than any words could. However, every once and a while you sure could deliver a zinger into a conversation with your witty ways!! I am so grateful to have you in my life the past 20 years. You've taught me more than you probably realize. Especially when we would have our early morning coffee talks. My husband and my son are the men they are because of you and your legacy lives on in all of us. I hope you are as proud as I am of the life you built for all of us! The past year has been the hardest year ever for all of us, but your strong family values have taught us to stick together and we will continue to be there for one another just as you would have wanted. Our lives will never be the same without you and you will forever be in my heart! I know you will watch over and continue to guide us even from a far. XOXOXOXOLove you Dad!*

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**Gina Creson** - September 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *I am so sorry about Morris' passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers for God's comfort and strength during this time of deep sadness and sorrow.*

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**Ron Peterson** - September 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ Thank you for making childhood such a fun and magical place Morris. Good thing the folks never knew half the crazy (dangerous) stuff you, Paul, and I were up to :-)) Flexies, exploring the mine shafts, driving over to cruise East 14th Street in San Leandro... And that was the least of it!! My heart is broken Mo and the world is a lesser place without you. And I love you Debbie, and pray that will God Bless you and keep you strong.

Vicki Peterson - September 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked with Morris at Hyster, Yale and Komatsu. It was a privilege and honor to know and work with him.

Timothy Pleasant - September 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Morris was an Excellent Mechanic who worked for Yale forklift in Union City calif and Komatsu forklift in Oakland calif. he was a great guy. his knowledge of lifts was excellent. he was a great guy and will be greatly missed. thank you for teaching me about those old lifts.

kurt pless - September 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Memories through the years with family!

Deborah DePreste - September 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Forever in my heart and memories. Loving, Beautiful Man. Walk with the angels Uncle Morris, they will rejoice in your presence. Love you always, Debbie

Debbie Bane - September 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Deborah so sorry for your loss, David W. Text if you need to! 417 872 7563

David Wilson - September 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Weve been friends for 40 years, Morris DePreste, Im not going to stop now.

Ron Schuster - September 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ God bless you all.

Mike Willis - September 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Fun time during a Missouri Trip. Morris cant stop me now :). All fun and in love!

Debbie DePreste - September 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DL

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David Larsen,

Nixa, Missouri

David Larsen - September 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Dear Debbie, Im so sorry to know about your loss. May he Rest In Peace and May God give you strength and comfort during this painful times. ❤️

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**Ana Luisa D-Evans** - September 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LS

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*Larry & Gina Stumpff,*

*Miller, Missouri*

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**Larry & Gina Stumpff** - September 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ I've always had great respect for Mo. He was a great man. I considered him a part of my family. It was hard to see him suffering but I will choose to remember who he was. Until we meet again. Rest In Peace Mo.

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**Shawn Taylor** - September 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ So sorry and sad to hear this Debbie. Morris has gone to eternal peace. He was a fighter May fond memories of Morris bring you comfort during this hard time in your life. Our heart and prayers go out to you and your family. Our condolences to you and your family. May our friendship and prayers ease you through this challenging time.Hugs and kisses from all of us.The Toledo FamilyAlvin, Susan, Andrew and SeanBen and Bing

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**Alvin Toledo** - September 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief.

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**Randy & Della Stewart** - September 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Met a wonderful, almost didnt happen, but he was tricked into meeting me! The rest is history! Sept. 1982- Sept. 2019 it was a beautiful journey! Im so thankful youre no longer dealing with the pain.

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**Debbie De Preste** - September 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Such a very special soul we lost on this earth. Warm heart and smile, and so caring. You will be so missed by so many people. Blessings to the family.

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**Elaine n Michael Burnley** - September 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *What a kind and sweet man Morris was. His love for his family and the amazing number of animals that seemed to find their way into the home was priceless. I loved his sweet and calm disposition and that he always had a smile for me. You will be missed Morris. Until we meet again my friend.*

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**JoAnn Hall** - September 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Mo was a kind, caring and gentle individual. Although we didn't spend much time together, those times will always be happy memories for us to look back on. He always made everyone feel good around him and his smile was infectious. One of the nicest persons you Would ever meet.*

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**Chuck and Tammy Di Bari** - September 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Love you dad and will miss always. Rest in heaven.*

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**Brian Creson** - September 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM