



James Patrick Preston

November 18, 1934 - April 25, 2023

James Patrick Preston, 88, has left our ground time to explore the expanse of rivers and streams in the sky. As a skilled fly fisherman brooks and waterways have always been a part of his heart.

Born in 1934, just outside of Boston in Melrose, MA to Patrick and Hazel Adams Preston. James with his older brother, Ken, (N.H.) spent family summers in Stowe Vermont and on Plum Island on the Cape. After graduating from HS, he served three years in the Korean War working for communications in Japan.

Returning home, he worked in the heart of Boston as a bank loan officer. Eventually, James with his new wife, Arlene, moved to Lake Elmore, Vt. Where his son Matthew Ivory (Kentucky with Tammy and family) was born. James became the sales manager at station WSKI in Montpelier, Vt for 30 years. Becoming a regular at the famous Coffee Corner. Every Easter, he could be seen delivering a school bus full of floppy seven-foot-tall bunnies safely to each business participating in this WSKI tradition.

James was an avid outdoorsman. Fishing and hunting with his son and close friends in remote areas of Vermont. He also maintained a large garden surrounding a little pond, home to the family duck, Dead, who surprisingly lived on.

Once, driving to Montpelier, he met a hitchhiker, and the story of James and Eliza began. In 1986 they married in four feet of snow on West Hill in Hardwick, Vt. Both avid gardeners and river followers. And soon to be the parents of two daughters, Gabrielle (Denver) and Zemly (Denver.)

A dedicated father to his children, Zemly, Gabrielle and Matthew, He found great joy in participating in their school lives and various projects.

Residing the last 28 years in Fort Collins, Co with their two daughters, James, and Eliza traveled steep mountain roads looking for rock formations and friendly brooks Sometimes missing New England, the Atlantic, and a good box of fried clams from the place they still called home.

James was smart, funny and a great storyteller. He knew no strangers. He cooked fine dinners, a perfect egg, and was known as debonair man (Nick Sardonis) by Eliza when going out for fancy evenings. A celebration of life is pending, with the destination of his ashes to be placed in Gold Brooke, near Emily's Bridge in Stowe, Vt.

Tribute Wall

EP

“ *Eliza Preston lit a candle in memory of James Patrick Preston*



Eliza Preston - March 25 at 02:09 PM

EP

For months after you were gone, I'd hear you rattling silverware up in the kitchen drawer while listening in a half-awake state of being. Then a dream came, and a big garden of purple petunias, their tender scent rising, while two calm horses with blonde manes stand off to the side, waiting for us. I knew instantly that this dream was from you. (Only you know the secret of purple petunias.) It took months for this happy dream to come. But now, I have these long, very colorful dreams. Full of painted mountain stones, or long flowing fields, where we climb marble stairs with pillars, to reach a view of the verdant field before us. We watch for a bit as Khyber runs free in the soft meadow below us. Then I climb down and run just behind him. We enter these dreams through a passage up a familiar mossy hillside. There's a brook and lots of trees, and then we are off on the next adventure. (I am so sorry we didn't get back to live in our dear New England.

Eliza Preston - March 25 at 02:44 PM

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“ *Eliza Preston lit a candle in memory of James Patrick Preston*



Eliza Preston - June 05, 2024 at 11:14 PM

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Travel well, Jamesy. xo

Eliza Preston - June 05, 2024 at 11:15 PM

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“ *Eliza Preston sent a virtual gift in memory of James Patrick Preston*



Eliza Preston - June 05, 2024 at 11:08 PM

EP

Whew. It's complex out here. I miss you. I couldn't start your heirloom tomato seeds because of the chilly weather, so I got a started heirloom. I'm getting flowers this year, I know you would be glad. I hope you are exploring the universe, I hope it is wonderful.

Eliza Preston - June 05, 2024 at 11:13 PM

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“ *Eliza Preston lit a candle in memory of James Patrick Preston*



Eliza Preston - January 28, 2024 at 06:24 PM

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“ *Eliza Preston sent a virtual gift in memory of James Patrick Preston*



Eliza Preston - December 12, 2023 at 02:19 PM

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Oh, I was trying to put our love and hugs after the watering can. Onward to planting time.

Eliza Preston - December 12, 2023 at 02:24 PM

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“ *Eliza Preston lit a candle in memory of James Patrick Preston*



Eliza Preston - December 12, 2023 at 02:13 PM

EP

Dearest Jamesy, It's tough doing Christmas without you. We always had fun. Putting on Christmas music and decorating. I miss you. All I have are the lights on the tree, so far. Hopefully, I will get a bit further. xxoo

Eliza Preston - December 12, 2023 at 02:18 PM

EP

Sending love and hugs from all of us.

Eliza Preston - December 12, 2023 at 02:23 PM

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“ *Eliza Preston lit a candle in memory of James Patrick Preston*



Eliza Preston - September 22, 2023 at 02:50 PM

EP

Ken, Fran, and others went up to Emily's Bridge and Gold Brooke. I'm sure you are happier, now. Love and miss you every day. There were none of your heirloom tomatoes this Fall, but next Spring I will plant the seeds you saved. xxoo In a dream you planted a huge purple petunia garden for me. Two blonde-maned horses waited just beyond the garden.

Eliza Preston - September 22, 2023 at 02:59 PM

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“ *Eliza Preston lit a candle in memory of James Patrick Preston*



Eliza Preston - July 11, 2023 at 12:43 PM

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“ *Eliza Preston lit a candle in memory of James Patrick Preston*



Eliza Preston - June 04, 2023 at 11:48 AM

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“ *Eliza Preston lit a candle in memory of James Patrick Preston*



Eliza Preston - May 16, 2023 at 01:12 PM

RA

“ Rachel lit a candle in memory of James Patrick Preston



Rachel - May 03, 2023 at 08:21 PM

RA

Matt, Sorry for your loss. I know your dad is watching over you. Keep his memories and he will never be far away.

Rachel - May 03, 2023 at 08:23 PM

EP

Dearest Pi, you rescued me, I hope I rescued you in return. Never forget Fred Moss and Victory Bog. Love, Truff

Eliza Preston - May 16, 2023 at 01:13 PM