



George Welling Preston

April 26, 1932 - May 20, 2019

George Welling Preston, known to his family and friends as Jud, was born in Logan, Utah on April 26, 1932 to Virginia Brackett Welling and George Dollinger Preston. He was the eldest of two brothers. He lived his entire life in Logan and Bear Lake, and became an integral part of those communities.

Jud grew up in the tumultuous years between WWI and WWII. He attended USU and later University of Utah Law School, graduating in 1960. Jud was a very proud member of the US Air Force. He flew out of Hill Air Force base from 1954 to 1962 and flew C-119s and B36s. He was proud to have been in the Air Force and to have served this country, and maintained a keen interest in airplanes all his life.

Following his service in the USAF, Jud returned to Logan and joined his father in the law firm Harris and Preston, and carried on the family business his whole life. He served many people in the Cache Valley community as a private attorney, but over the years he also served several terms as a district attorney for Cache County and later for Rich County.

Jud was an avid skier, incredible sailor, and loved his motorcycles and guns. He was very adept with his hands and made a variety of black powder rifles and, in later years, beautiful knives. He made sails for numerous sailboats, took apart and put back together motorcycle engines, and built his cabin at Bear Lake.

Jud joined the Beaver Mountain ski patrol at age 16, and became a dedicated and skilled patrolman, eventually serving for sixty years on the National Ski Patrol at Beaver. At retirement at age 82, he was the oldest active ski patrolman in the US and is still an honorary member. The Ski Patrol was a family to him.

As an active member and sometime officer of the Bear Lake Yacht Club, he and his family raced sailboats together for many years; he was acknowledged as a fierce and skilled competitor. BLYC was another extended family: lifelong friendships and a very caring and supportive community were a huge part of his weekend life at Bear Lake. Jud didn't limit his sailing experiences just to Bear Lake, though. Numerous sailing trips to the British Virgin Islands with friends and family provided stories which never grew tired in the retelling.

He was also an avid motorcycle rider and loved his biannual trips to the dunes and throughout Moab and Colorado with his friends, broken bones notwithstanding.

Jud was a member of the LDS church and that connection became even more important in his later years as the community there provided great comfort to him in the aftermath of his wife's death. The love of his life was Janet Eggen. They married in 1984 and spent the happiest parts of their lives together for 23 years, 7 months, and 1 day. Yes, he was counting.

Jud was respected for his integrity, honesty, and values. He was loved for his humor, competitiveness, and willingness to help others.

He was preceded in death by his brother Patrick and is survived by his three children, Michael (Shonagh), Stephen (Heidi), and Peggy (Jody), and three step-children, Ward, Wendy, and Todd (Susan), as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is loved by many and will be sorely missed by those who were fortunate enough to have known him.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 31, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in the Nelson Funeral Home Chapel, 162 East 400 North, Logan. Interment will be in the Logan City Cemetery with military rites.

Comments



“ To the Preston Family, My memories of Judd go "way back". He was the first employee my parents hired when they opened up "The Sportsman" and worked in the ski shop. When my bro John returned from the Korean War he made a sail boat and gave Judd his first sailing experience. I started skiing early in life and became a "Ski Patrol: Junior" when Judd ask me to join. I followed Judd into the Air Force and became a pilot and Judd and I conversed about flying on several occasions. He was also my legal counsel. Judd will go down in Northern Utah ski history for his Ski Patrol dedication and time spent in service at Beaver Mountain Ski area. My sincere condolences to you all,
Steve Croft

Steve Croft - May 31, 2019 at 12:30 PM



“ Judd was such a awesome person. My mother worked for Judd for many years in the law firm. Got to know him well. Upon my mother's passing Judd was very sweet and always asked us about dad and us on how we were doing and that he sure missed Carla .

I will bet the reunion in heaven was a awesome one.

Prayers sent to the family through this difficult time.

Cami Clark Hansen

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“ Judd was a great guy! We would always discuss his guns and love of building his black powder guns. It was always show and tell between us. No Judd you can't have the 32 Winchester rifle that killed old Ephriam. He was a very loyal Rotary member and loved by all. We will miss his sense of humor and knowledge on many subjects. He is happy now being with his wife who he has missed dearly. I am glad I knew Judd Preston.

Darla D. And Dennis Clark

Darla D. Clark - May 24, 2019 at 07:53 PM