



## Eldred Bruce Preece

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In his own home, Bruce was born April 24th 1932 in Vernal, Utah. He had an idyllic childhood, fishing, swimming in the local pond, and playing with the farm animals. In his youth he excelled at sports including basketball, football and track. He also loved hunting deer and elk with his family.

After some time in college, he served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Western Canada. For the rest of his life, he was a passionate missionary. He completed his education at Brigham Young University and gained a master's degree in religious education. He spent about 35 years teaching, coordinating, and working with Native Americans for the Church Educational System.

He married Nancy Brighton in 1957 and welcomed five children and one Native American girl into their home. The family lived in Canada for about ten years. Bruce served as President of the Canada Vancouver Mission from 1974-1977. The family then moved to Vancouver Washington where they lived for 47 years.

In retirement Bruce enjoyed reading, hunting and fishing, church service and sitting around a campfire. He loved the Lord and his family.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Nancy Brighton, his children Catherine, Stephen, Stewart (Tami), Sara (Oliver), his ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in his honor at the Church of Latter-Day Saints

on Tuesday, July 2nd at noon. The address is 10509 SE 5th St., Vancouver,  
WA. 98664.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Bruce, you'll always have a place in our hearts. You were a master teacher and we will relish the memories of the Institute classes (the White House) we took from you. With your quick witticisms and sense of humor, there are many memorable quips you used in your daily conversations. Even though you hailed from Vernal, that was certainly close enough to warrant a connection to Craig, Colorado! Knowing you and your wonderful family has certainly added a dimension of goodness in our life.  
Til we meet again,  
Rick & Diane Wisniewski

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**Diane Wisniewski** - July 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Eldred Bruce Preece** - June 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM