



Melvin L. Frostad

August 24, 1935 - July 7, 2022

Melvin L. Frostad of Vancouver, Washington passed away on July 7th, 2022 peacefully in his sleep. He was 86 years old.

Melvin was born to parents Thelma and John Frostad on August 24th, 1935, on the family farm just north of Marcus, WA. He was number 12 in a family of 13 siblings. Being from a big family, Melvin learned the importance of togetherness, love, and doing your part.

In his youth, Melvin played guitar in a country band called the Golden Mountain Boys. The other members of the band were his brothers Walt, Harold, Johnny, and his nephew Roy. Eventually, Melvin's wife Dixie sang vocals. The Golden Mountain boys played covers and originals at grange halls and school dances, and they even had a spot on the local radio station. Although the brothers slowly moved apart, every year they gathered together to play at the annual Frostad family reunion. It was the big event of the summer and a memory cherished by all who heard them play, even those forced to get on stage to sing along.

The Golden Mountain Boys in Barstow, "We'll Come Around!"

Melvin worked on the family farm for many years before working on the Great Northern Railroad, in an aluminum plant, a sawmill, and as a forest fire

lookout. He later graduated from Eastern Washington University with a Bachelor of Arts in Education, and later received a Masters of Teaching in Physical Science from Idaho State University.

Melvin taught industrial arts and math for many years, while also coaching track, football, and basketball. He touched the hearts and minds of many students as both a teacher and a principal. Anyone lucky enough to be brought under Melvin's wing would tell you that he was a stern guy, but also a big softie where it counted.

Melvin was a man who loved working with his hands, whether it was crafting guitars and furniture, refinishing cars, or playing his guitar. But above all, he treasured his family. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who left a lasting legacy on the importance of hard work, making time for loved ones, and passing on your gifts.

Melvin is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Dixie May (Dobson) Frostad, his 4 children,(Melodie, Kevin, Tracy and Katrina), 16 grandchildren (Kristen, Robin, Luke, Justin, Jennifer, Alex, Whitney, Macy, Haley, Nicholas, Madison, Emily, Ryan, Samantha, Lily, and Hunter, and 5 soon-to-be 6 great grandchildren (Keenan, London, Redding, Theia, Finley, Avery, and Austin. Willow is expected in September.

A celebration of life will be held in honor of Melvin on July 22nd, 2022 at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 1101 NE 112th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98684, at 12:30 in the afternoon. Flowers, donations, and condolences may be offered at Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 03:31 PM



“ I love you Dad.

Katrina Nelson - July 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ He was a wonderful father, grandfather and an all around spectacular human being. Dad you will be missed and forever in my heart. I love you. Katrina

Katrina Nelson - July 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ So many great memories, so much great music! Thinking of all of you and hoping family and remembering helps ease your sorrow.

Kathy Bullene and family - July 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ In memory of Uncle Melvin.

Kathy - July 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May the strength of family, friends and memories make the days ahead easier.



Anonymous - July 20, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ We always enjoyed his company at your family events. A wonderful man loved by many, missed by hundreds. Heaven gained an angel. Sorry for your loss

Doug & Sarah Baker - July 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Dad was always supportive of us all...always willing to give and lend a helping hand 😊

Tracy - July 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ So many memories and now they are reaching for heaven.

Debi Hoover & Family - July 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Melvin L. Frostad

Tracy - July 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Love you dad!! You will forever be in my heart!



Tracy Mukensnabl - July 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ In loving memory of our dad and grandpa!



Love Kevin, Janice, Alex - July 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I used to love when Dad and mom would visit us in Kansas and then Illinois. Loved to listen to dad playing the guitar and him and mom would sing! Love you dad, you will be missed!

Janice Frostad - July 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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

A Memorial Tree was planted for Melvin L. Frostad - July 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM