

Dale Dean Preston, son of Birchie James and Hattie Pauline (Stambaugh) Preston, was born October 10, 1923 at Shenandoah, Iowa. He passed away on Saturday, December 23, 2017 at Elm Heights Care Center in Shenandoah at the age of 94 years, 2 months, 13 days.

Dale's early life was spent growing up near Coin, Iowa on the family farm. He was educated in the Coin Community Schools and graduated from Coin High School with the Class of 1941. In 1942, Dale enlisted in the Army Air Force during World War II. He attained the rank of Sargent before being honorably discharged in 1945.

After returning from the war, Dale, attended Tarkio College in Tarkio, Missouri. He would later begin a long career with the United States Postal Service working as a mail carrier in Shenandoah. He was a member of the Shenandoah American Legion Post #88 and the First United Methodist Church in Shenandoah. Dale loved flying planes and was on his way to receiving his pilots' license before suffering a heart attack. He also greatly loved the outdoors. Anything outdoors, from sitting on the porch to working in his garden brought much enjoyment to him.

A private family inurnment will take place at a later date in Rose Hill Cemetery in Shenandoah. The Nishna Valley Funeral and Cremation Service in Shenandoah is in charge of arrangements. Remembrances and condolences may be shared at: swimemorial.com on the web.