



## Elvin Alfred Graves

November 8, 1932 - April 3, 2019

Elvin A. Graves, 86, passed away on April 3, 2019 at Lake Ridge Care Center in Moses Lake, Washington.

Elvin was born to Ethel and Alfred Graves in Tacoma, WA on November 8, 1932. He grew up in Rockford, WA and graduated from Rockford High School. He enlisted in the Air Force and served in Korea.

As a young man he worked in the Iron Workers Union in Seattle, WA, San Diego, CA and New York City. He later returned to the Northwest and worked for a time for Smith Neilson, in the timber industry.

Elvin married Irene Graves in 1960.

In 1969, Elvin and his family moved to Moses Lake, WA, where he worked for Grant County Mechanical Contractors. He started Servco, Inc. Plumbing and Water Treatment in 1976, which he retired from in 2006.

For many years Elvin was an active member of the Knights of Columbus and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife Irene; daughters Julie (Larry) and Leanne and siblings, Patricia McClure of Wasilla, AK, Dorothy St. Amand of Seward, AK and Melvin (Sharon) of Valley, WA.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *RIP Elvin. He was the first one to teach me to waterski. He took me on their family boat along with my best friend Leanne Graves. He showed me how to hold on to the rope and when to let go of the rope. Patient Elvin tried and tried to pull me up out of the water on those skis a number of times. After each time asking me if I was alright and if I wanted to try waterskiing again. I tried until my lips turned blue from being cold. Elvin was so patient with me that day. He was a good man. I'll never forget Elvin. I hope his family and friends are ok during this sad time. Rest In Peace Elvin, Love, Holly (Lingg) Holt*

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