



Gordon Ellestad

December 14, 1929 - March 17, 2022

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In the morning of March 17th, 2022, Gordon Ellestad passed peacefully from this world into the loving arms of the Heavenly Father.

Gordon was born in Brainerd, Minn. Gordon was the middle child of three children born to Arnold and Helen Ellestad. His early years were spent farming and hunting with his father. It was here that the family did what was needed to survive off the land.

During his high school years, he became friends with Marjorie Bradow. Toward the end of high school that a lasting relationship started to evolve. They were married on December 20th 1948 in a small Lutheran Church close to home. They were the second couple to be married at the church; the first being his brother Vern and his wife Evelyn.

Gordon and Margie continued the farming life together in Minnesota. Gordon spent his time farming or pulp wood. Farming did not often produce enough money to support the family, so Gordon would cut pulp wood in the most extreme weather to trade for supplies. Gordon would do this work with a team of horse and a bow saw. During the winter Gordon would often have to start a fire just to thaw out his coffee which was in a thermos and sandwich.

Gordon had many hobbies including hunting, fishing, traveling, and spending time with family. Gordon enjoyed hunting for deer, elk and geese in Washington, Idaho, and Montana.

His travels with Marjorie took him to several different places. The two of them made several trips to Minnesota to visit family. They enjoyed wintering in Arizona and spending time with their son, Neil. Many summers were spent in Alaska fishing with their son Kevin and his wife Kristeen and granddaughter Hanna. Gordon caught several Salmon and Halibut. Gordon also got to go moose hunting with Kevin on the Koyukuk River.

Gordon was always his happiest when he was spending time with his family. Gordon loved sharing stories of his life and had several pictures and videos to go along with it. Gordon more than anything loved his beloved wife of 69 years, Marjorie.

Gordon is survived by his grandson Justin Ellestad and great granddaughter Claire Marjorie Ellestad of Visalia, Calif, his daughter-in-law Kristeen Ellestad and granddaughter Hanna Ellestad of Anchorage Alaska, his sister-in-law Evelyn Ellestad of Moses Lake, Washington, nephew Tom Ellestad and wife Marla, Sue Ellestad, both of Moses Lake. He is also survived by many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by His wife Marjorie Ellestad, their three children Linda (Ellestad) Moore, Neil Ellestad and Kevin Ellestad as well as two grandchildren Aaron and Mallory Moore, his brother Vern Ellestad, sister Lavona (Ellestad)Mahaney, nephew Larry Ellestad, niece Alice Fritz and great nephew Roger Ellestad.

A special thank you to Gordon's caregivers for their kind and loving care in his

last months, Dr. Graham for his years of excellent care and to Pastor Lou Hesse for his compassion, spiritual guidance, and care for the entire Ellestad family.

Grave side service will be held at Pioneer Memorial on Friday April 8th at 2:30pm. Memorial Service will be held on Friday April 8th at 4 p.m. at Living Word Lutheran Church located at 2609 W. Broadway in Moses Lake, Washington, a reception is scheduled to follow the service.

Cemetery Details

Pioneer Memorial Gardens

14403 Rd. 2 Ne
Moses Lake, WA

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 8. 2:30 PM (PT)

Pioneer Memorial Gardens
14403 Rd. 2 Ne
Moses Lake, WA

Memorial Service

APR 8. 4:00 PM (PT)

Living Word Lutheran Church
2609 W. Broadway Avenue
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

JK

“ Gordon, it was a blessing to work for you at Dietzen's Thriftway when I was in High School. I so appreciated your mentorship and guidance in the early years of my working life. You were a second father to me, spending time talking with me after the store closed. I felt a special friendship with you and Marjorie, staying connected at Christmas through the Christmas Cards we exchanged. I have many great memories of having dinner with you and your family in your Moses Lake home. I know that you are with Marjorie and other family members in Heaven. May you rest in peace.

John Kirchgessner - September 06, 2022 at 04:06 PM

MC

“ I'm so grateful to have been your friend and hear all your stories! What a blessing you were to me, until we meet again, Love you Gordy!

Mary Cassiano - March 31, 2022 at 08:54 PM

TW

“ Gordon you were such a wonderful man. I enjoyed the stories that u told . You will be forever missed. Love always Tina wallo .

Tina wallo - March 30, 2022 at 07:16 PM

WE

“ Wendy lit a candle in memory of Gordon Ellestad



Wendy - March 30, 2022 at 06:50 PM