

# James Lynn Graves, 78

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James Lynn Graves, who was born in Ashton S.D. to Charles Lynn and Carol Jean "Munro" Graves on June 7, 1924, passed away Dec. 14, 2002.

He spent most of his childhood on various Indian reservations from South Dakota to New Mexico as his father worked as Superintendent for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

He graduated from Pocatello High School in 1942 and came to the University of Idaho to study chemical engineering.

Following the invasion of Peal Harbor, he enlisted in the Army and went to the University of California, Berkeley for special training as an engineer. He was sent overseas to the European Theater with the 21st Armored Infantry Division.

His father, Charles, served in the same area at the same time. Jim was, at one point, assigned to escort a military dignitary through one battle site. The dignitary turned out to be his father.

After returning from three years in the Army, he re-enrolled at the University of Idaho and married LaDena Elaine Leigh in Parma, Idaho on Aug. 22, 1948.

He graduated from Animal Husbandry from the UI in 1949. Following graduation, he joined the Idaho Agriculture Extension Service in Lewiston.

The couple moved to Bonners Ferry where Jim became Boundary County agent from 1951-1962. he moved his family from Madison, Wis. while he earned his Master of Science degree in Cooperative Extension Administration in 1963.

The next move was to Boise where he was appointed District Supervisor of Idaho Cooperative Extension.

In 1969 he was named Associate Director of the Cooperative Extension Service for the State of Idaho and moved to Moscow.

Two years later his title changed to Director and he remained in that position until his retirement in 1981 with 31

years of service to Idaho agriculture. He was inducted into the Idaho State 4-H Hall of Fame in November 2002 at its 100th year celebration.

The year following his retirement he accepted a two-month assignment with Americans for International Development in Egypt.

Two and a half years later he and LaDena returned to Moscow to enjoy their four children, eight grandchildren and a new great-grandchild, Jacob Lynn, born October 2002.

Jim is survived by his wife LaDena at their family home in Moscow; son Milton and wife Anita and their two daughters, Carolyn and Margaret, of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada; son Matthew and wife Nancy in LaGrande, Ore. and their sons Brian and wife Michelle and their son Jacob in Coeur d'Alene, and Eric in Everett, Wash.; daughter Carol Henscheld and husband Joe in Idaho Falls and their children Kristy in Eugene, Ore. and P.J. at the University of Idaho; and son Russell and wife Kate in Moscow and sons Nic of Port Orchard, Wash. and Nolan at the University of Idaho.

Jim was a member of the Moscow Central Lions Club and B.P.O. Elks Lodge 249. He was a Vandal Booster and a long-time supporter of the University of Idaho.

He was a valuable member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and Latah County Shrine Club and served as chairman of the Calam Shrine Football Classic the last two years.

He enjoyed golf, fishing and following the activities of his grandchildren.

A memorial service and celebration of his life has been planned for Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002 at 4 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Moscow.

The family suggests memorial be made in the name of James Graves to the Shriners Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, Wash, 99210 or the First United Methodist Church in Moscow.