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Irene Knutsen of Spokane, WA; three sons: Ron, Steve, and Jim Gray; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He will be missed dearly by those who knew and loved him, and his place within the community that he loved, can never be replaced. Go knowing you are loved, and that those that have gone before you, are there waiting on the other side. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." John 14:27 Miss you Grandpa?

Melvin Lewis Gray, 95, Wenatchee, died Monday, June 29, 2020.  
Arrangements are by Chapel of the Valley, Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mel was a real man and I learned a lot from him when I worked for him. He was a man's man. He was very respectful and I had a lot of respect for him. He was really good at his work as a carpenter. His word was 'gold', you could trust him. He will be missed. Dan Baker (509-663-7326)*

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**Nancy Baker** - July 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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**Chelsie Gray** - July 08, 2020 at 05:31 PM