



Herman James Graves, son of John and Wilmina (Jacobs) Graves, was born October 5, 1942, in Chicago, Illinois. In 1943, the Graves family moved to Rock Valley, Iowa where Herm attended Rock Valley Christian School through the 8th grade and graduated from Rock Valley High School. Herm served in the United States National Guard and was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant. In 1964, Herm was united in marriage with Judy Hamann. The couple made their home in Rock Valley

until moving to Gillette, Wyoming in 2010. Judy passed away in 2010. In 2020, Herm married Sharon Van Den Top and the couple continued living in Gillette.

Herm worked with his father as a plumber, and later was an over the road truck driver, and spent time working for Van Zee Enterprises, Demco, and Total Component Solutions. One of his most loved jobs was working as a groundkeeper for St. Mary's Catholic Church of Rock Valley and mowing for the Parks & Recreation Department in Gillette.

Herm had a great love for God and was a great studier of the scriptures on a daily basis. He also loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren who brought him great joy. Herm passed away Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Denver, Colorado, at the age of 81.

Herm is survived by his wife, Sharon of Gillette; son, Keith Graves (Tina Cox) of Gillette; daughter, Kerri (Mark) Baker of Sioux City, Iowa; step-daughter, Kayla (Andrew) Hinders of Clark, South Dakota; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sister, Ethel Bacca of Silverdale, Washington; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jerry Robinson, Jean (John) Wynia, Gerald (Bertha) Van Den Top, Geri (Robert) Blankespoor, Hester (Wesley) De Groot, Deb (Ron) Hoksbergen, and Sandy Alsum; and 2 nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Wilmina; first wife, Judy; brother, Charlie Graves; sister, Janna Hoffman; parents-in-law, Ted (Florence) Hamann and Albert (Rika) Van Den Top; brother-in-law, Duane (Marlene) Aslum; and sister-in-law, Susan Robinson.

*In Loving Memory*  
**Herman James Graves**  
October 5, 1942 ~ January 17, 2024

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

11:00 AM, Monday, January 29, 2024  
First Reformed Church  
Doon, Iowa

**OFFICIANT**

Pastor Jerod Jordan

**ACCOMPANIST**

Shar Dengler

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGE**

Ephesians 1:11-14

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

*"Amazing Grace"* #343

*"The Lord is My Shepherd"* #694

**RECESSIONAL**

*"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"*

**PALLBEARERS**

Kyle Graves ~ Kyle Timmerman  
Devon Oswald ~ Jakob Horstman  
Kayl Jacobsma ~ Vern Van Dyke

**MEMORIAL**

COPD Foundation

**PRIVATE FAMILY INTERMENT**

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery  
Rock Valley, Iowa

*Herm's family invites everyone to the church fellowship hall for a time of food and fellowship immediately following the service.*



## *In Heaven We'll Know Our Own*

*Thank God for the faith that teaches  
When the struggles of life are o'er  
We shall meet our own, our loved ones  
And know them all once more,  
What matters though life be weary  
And we tread its path alone  
If, when the journey is ended  
In heaven we'll know our own?  
And how will it be, I wonder?  
Shall those who were dearest here  
Be dearest again in Heaven?  
Or, think you, when we stand near  
The throne of a loving Father,  
That His children, every one,  
Shall seem equally dear to each other,  
Can each be like our own?  
I wonder, but then, no matter,  
This belongs to the great "To Be"  
And we'll see all these things more clearly  
In the light of Eternity,  
Tis enough to know if we're faithful  
Till the labor of life is done  
I the sweet by-and-by in Heaven,  
We shall meet and know our own.*



*IN MEMORY*

