

## **Leo Charles Gravesen, 82**

**Aug. 23, 1914 - March 18, 1997**

**YAKIMA, WA** - Leo Charles Gravesen was born Aug. 23, 1914, in Cresco, son of Lars C. and Dorothea (Neilsen) Gravesen. He was raised and educated in Iowa.

Sept. 30, 1950, he married Evelyn Robinson in Bentonville, AR. He moved with his family from Joplin, MO to Yakima in 1951 where he worked at Ray Randall's Fifth Avenue Grocery and Libby, McNeil & Libby. In 1958, he suffered a heart attack after which he took vocational rehabilitation training at Yakima Business College to become a bookkeeper. He then became employed for the City of Yakima street department and later transferred to customer service in the water department. After suffering a second heart attack, he was forced to retire from his city employment and later worked for Trail Wagons and Shaw & Sons Funeral Directors until his retirement in 1993. He died March 18, 1997, in Providence Yakima Medical Center at age 82.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his grandson, Cory Brendt. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn M. Gravesen of Yakima; three daughters and sons-in-law, Trish and Dale Brendt of Cheney, WA; Carol and Leon Davison of McAllister, OK; Barbara and Don Ross of Claremore, OK; two sons and daughters-in-law, Terry and Adelia Gravesen and Michael and Joyce Gravesen of Yakima; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren; two sisters, Evelyn Black of Barnhart, MO and Wanda Smith of Clearwater, FL.

Funeral services were held March 22, 1997, in Shaw & Sons Funeral Chapel. Burial was in Terrace Heights Memorial Park. The family suggests that memorials be made to the Leo Gravesen Memorial Fund.