



## James Wesley Mowatt

July 27, 1936 - January 31, 2022

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Jim passed away unexpectedly on January 31. Born in Chewelah, WA, to Andy and Lorna (Seaman) Mowatt, Jim graduated from Chewelah High School in 1954 and joined the U.S. Navy that fall. He spent four years aboard the aircraft carrier Philippine Sea traveling the world.

Jim found the love of his life and married Arlene Schmitt in October 1960. He worked as a logger and security guard, before beginning his career at Eastern Washington University in 1964. He was promoted to Custodial Manager in December 1973, where he worked until retirement in 1993. Jim and Arlene had three children and were lifelong Cheney residents.

Jim enjoyed hunting, fishing and boating, and absolutely loved spending time on his property at Waitts Lake in Stevens County. One of his special joys was a summer spent RVing and fishing in Alaska. He was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the American Legion Post 72.

For the past five years, Jim was kept close to home by being on dialysis five days per week. He still found a few days each summer to go to the lake to spend time with family – especially his grandsons – and friends.

The family wishes to thank the staff at the Spokane Fresenius Kidney Center for his wonderful care. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. His grandsons will especially miss his “grandpa” stories from childhood, the navy and hunting, and how they always ended with entertaining, yet heartfelt, banter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Maurice and Donald; and one sister Eleanor Tranchell. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Arlene; daughter Kimberly (Tim) Mann of Wilsonville, OR; daughter Leslie Mowatt of Cheney; son Jeffery (Sherry) Mowatt of Cheney; five grandsons – Bryce Mann, Andrew (Jessica) Mowatt, Seth Mann, Antony Mowatt and Alexander Mowatt; brother Ralph (Cathee) Mowatt of Gresham, OR; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass will be Saturday, February 5, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 406 N. 5th Street, Cheney. A luncheon will follow in the church hall. Internment will take place later at the Washington State Veterans Memorial Cemetery at a date to be determined.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church  
406 N. 5th St.  
Cheney, WA 99004