



Thomas Edwin Graves, III

December 31, 1929 - April 23, 2023

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1929 – 2023

Thomas Edwin Graves III, age 93, of the District of Columbia sadly passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 23, 2023. He is once again with his beloved wife, Cherrie Jo, whom he has missed dearly since her passing in 2016. They were married for 66 years.

Tom was born and raised in the District of Columbia and graduated from Eastern High School. As a young boy, during his elementary school days, he started boxing at the #5 Boys Club in the District. His love of boxing continued into his high school days where he was proud to have boxed in the Golden Gloves. His passion for the sport continued till his last day.

A true Washingtonian, he was an avid fan and cheerleader for the Washington Nationals (a.k.a The Senators) and the Washington Redskins (sorry, but that is how he knew them).

Not a man of many or any hobbies, you could always find him watching a boxing match, a good game show or a British produced television show. And, he could spend half the day reading the newspaper, from front to back. He also kept current with the political issues of the day and had a deep pride in

his beloved country.

While stationed at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, Texas during the Korean War, he met and married, Cherrie Jo. After his discharge they returned to his home town of Washington D.C. where they raised their four children.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Cherrie Jo and his oldest son, Thomas E. Graves IV. He will be missed by his daughters Elaine Hegarty (Patrick), Michelle Back and his youngest son, Terrence Graves (Patricia). His grandchildren: Will Graves (Ellie), Marcene Pugh (Remel), Jim Back (Michelle), Lindsay Lavato (Nick), Rachel Hegarty, Tammy Lynn Graves, Madison Coppinger and 9 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers a contribution in his memory may be made to The Boys and Girls Club of America in Washington D.C., The Alzheimer's Association, The American Diabetes Association or any organization of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Cemetery

4111 Pennsylvania Ave
Suitland, MD 20746

Previous Events

Service

MAY 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Edwin Graves, III*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *I met Mr. Graves in 1964 when my family moved to Southeast Washington D.C. His youngest daughter, Michelle was my age and Mr. & Mrs. Graves allowed me and Michelle's next door neighbor girls that were our age also to play with Barbie dolls on their front porch. We four women continue to be close friends to this day. As we grew up, we played with the other neighborhood children in the street and both her parents watched us to make sure we stayed safe. Her parents would take walks to the end of our block and always stopped to say hi to my parents. They were so thoughtful and continued to ask my mom and dad how my sister, brothers and myself were doing after we had left the household, got married and moved away. They always showed us love and I will always cherish the memories of them both.*

Cyndi G Parker

Cynthia Parker - May 07, 2023 at 09:32 PM

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“ I met Mr. Graves when my family moved to Southeast Washington D.C. in 1964. I was the same age as their youngest daughter Michelle, and we quickly became best friends and Mr. & Mrs. Graves allowed me and her other two neighbors to play together with Barbie dolls on their front porch. The four of us girls continued close friendships to this day. Mr. and Mrs. Graves were always watchful as we played games in their yard and in the street. They cared for all the neighborhood children with love and concern. They always asked about my siblings and my parents whenever I came by. And they walked most days down the street and made sure to stop and chat with my parents. It was a special season in my life in which I cherish to this day!

Cyndi G. Parker

Cyndi Parker - May 07, 2023 at 09:00 PM

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“ As his son, there are many memories that come to the forefront, Daddy was tough on all of us and as I've grown up , I understand why and appreciate him and his ways. Go rest in peace and be with our Momma and Big Brother and thank you for everything.....I love you Daddy and through us you will live on.....well done faithful servant....miss you !!!

Terry Graves - May 03, 2023 at 05:47 PM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - April 25, 2023 at 04:08 PM