



## Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr

November 13, 1941 - August 1, 2015

Edward "Ed or Eddie" Stanley Rhoades, Jr 73 of Ephrata, Wa left this material world to be with his lord and savior on Saturday, August 1, 2015 at home with his wife by his side. Ed was born November 13, 1941 to Edward Stanley Rhoades, Sr and Rosabelle Margaret "Rose" Rhoades in Chehalis, WA. He graduated from Chehalis High School where he started his love of sports playing basketball and baseball through his school years which provided him the foundation for which he would live much of his life. Ed entered the military in January of 1961 serving for 20 years in the Air Force. Ed married his sweetheart and love of his life Nancy E. (Davis) Rhoades on June 15, 1963 after a long courtship and engagement of one month. Two years later their daughter Sue E. (Rhoades) Sherwood was born in Anchorage, AK while stationed at Elmendorf Air force Base. Ed continued his love of sports by both playing and coaching while serving his country at various locations around the US and remote stations. He was given a son, Michael S. Rhoades in Sacramento, CA and so his family was complete. Ed was honorably discharged from the service after 20 years in 1981 with several commendations and awards for service. He moved his family back to Washington State to the little town of Ephrata to finish raising his children and continue his passion for sports by officiating baseball, basketball, football and softball for over 30 years. Ed received Washington Officials Association and Washington Interscholastic Athletics Association Meritorious Service Awards along with being inducted into the WOA and WIAA Hall of Fame.

Ed is survived by his wife Nancy of Ephrata, a sister Evelyn Hitzroth of Oakville, WA, daughter Sue of Moses Lake, WA and son Mike of Ephrata, WA as well as six grandchildren, Gavyn, Jordan, Tristyn, Kennedy, Moriah, Micah, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at the Ephrata High School Performing Arts Center (PAC) at 1 PM. A short Honor guard service will be held at 1 PM on the High School football field and we will move into the PAC for the memorial service.

Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at [www.nicolesfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicolesfuneralhome.com) Arrangements are under the care of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata, WA.

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG 8. 1:00 PM (PT)

Ephrata High School  
333 4th Ave NW  
Ephrata, WA 98823  
[mikeandbeawhite@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeandbeawhite@yahoo.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr*



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**Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park** - August 06, 2015 at 10:03 PM

MR

“ *Just wanted to pay tribute to my dad he served 20 years in the Air Force thanks for your service dad love you happy Veterans Day*



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**Mike Rhoades** - November 11, 2015 at 02:20 PM

SS

“ *Ed had a passion for all youth sports. He would go out of his to do anything for the youth sports in the Columbia Basin. I will always appreciate him and will miss him very much. I am glad that you were part of my life.*

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**Susan Schwiesow** - August 20, 2015 at 11:48 AM

SS

“ *Susan Schwiesow lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr*



Susan Schwiesow - August 20, 2015 at 11:35 AM

EG

“ *Evan And Kim Galbreath lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr*



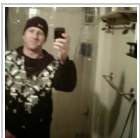
Evan and Kim Galbreath - August 12, 2015 at 02:42 PM

PP

“ *Pete and Judi Petrik Ephrata wa*



Pete and Judi Petrik - August 09, 2015 at 08:47 PM



“ *Mike Rhoades lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr*



Mike Rhoades - August 09, 2015 at 05:00 AM



“ Mike Rhoades sent a virtual gift in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr



Mike Rhoades - August 09, 2015 at 04:58 AM



“ Erica Lesko lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr



Erica Lesko - August 05, 2015 at 10:14 PM



“ I will always remember the passion he had for the softball and baseball programs in ephrata!!! I loved how he taught even when umping a game. Lots of love and prayers to the family. Heaven gained a good one that's for sure!

Erica Lesko - August 05, 2015 at 10:11 PM



To young fledgling catchers we are not supposed to say, "Just throw it over the pitcher's head and it will get to second base", but he did and was loved for it. Oh how much he gave as a valiant member of the WIAA. Warren Pugh

Warren Pugh - August 29, 2015 at 05:01 AM



He was a great fixture in the community. Enjoyed all the games and seeing Ed. Bless you all and my heart goes out to the family and community.

Margie Konshuk-Bocook - October 04, 2015 at 09:15 PM

JS

“ *Jan Sorenson lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr*



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**Jan Sorenson** - August 05, 2015 at 05:01 PM

JS

*So sorry to hear this. What a great guy, he will be missed and always remembered.*

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**Jan Sorenson** - August 05, 2015 at 05:02 PM

BM

“ *Bob & Peggy Muchlinski lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr*



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**Bob & Peggy Muchlinski** - August 05, 2015 at 08:41 AM



“ *Linda Sherwood lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr*



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**Linda Sherwood** - August 05, 2015 at 08:19 AM

BB

“ *Blaine Bargmann lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr*



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**Blaine Bargmann** - August 05, 2015 at 05:01 AM

BB

“ *Mr. Rhoades as I knew Ed was an excellent umpire and even a better man. My thoughts and prayers are with my friend Mike and the rest of the family during this tough time.*

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**Blaine Bargmann** - August 05, 2015 at 05:00 AM

AS

“ *Anna Sherwood lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr*



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**Anna Sherwood** - August 04, 2015 at 09:30 PM

DT

“ *I'll always remember Ed as someone who lived for youth sports. He had such a passion for helping the various sports programs in any way he could. He loved to talk sports, and I'll miss him greatly.*

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**David Tempel** - August 04, 2015 at 06:45 PM

JC

“ John & Jeanette Coppersmith lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr



John & Jeanette Coppersmith - August 04, 2015 at 02:39 PM

AB

“ Al Burk lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr



Al Burk - August 04, 2015 at 01:27 PM

AB

“ I met Ed about 25 years ago when he was the UIC of a State or Regional Tourney that I umpired at. I was young and Ed was very much the teacher and mentor to me there. He told me that he saw a lot of potential in me and encouraged me to continue and work hard and one day I may find the success that he had found in ASA and beyond. I may never attain the height of success that Ed reached in his long career but I know that there are numerous umpires who have grown and found success because of Ed's undying love for the sport of softball. Thank you Ed for all the years and all the encouragement you brought to the lives of so many!

Al Burk - August 04, 2015 at 01:27 PM

RH

“ Ed will be missed. He would do anything for anyone. The softball world lost a Good one.

*Rick Hansen*

*Washington State ASA*

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**Rick Hansen** - August 04, 2015 at 12:53 PM

BS

“ Ed was a great friend of a lot of umpire and a friend of ASA softball  
Now he got the big game and will not miss a call

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**Bill Silves** - August 04, 2015 at 12:50 PM

RE

“ Eddie (Flip-Flops) Rhoades, a super friend of over 30 years will be missed by all students, Umpires, schools, and the state of Washington, for whom he touched the lives of many. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and everyone that this man has touched their lives. Heaven must have needed and umpire. Love  
Dick & Kay Eglet

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**Richard (Dick) Eglet** - August 04, 2015 at 12:37 PM



*Thanks Dick may God bless your family. ...*

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**Mike Rhoades** - August 09, 2015 at 04:53 AM

CE

“ Ed was greatly admired for all the work and dedication he gave to ASA softball through the years.

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**Carol English-Hawley** - August 04, 2015 at 12:08 PM

JW

“ John Wright lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr



John Wright - August 04, 2015 at 11:56 AM

DD

“ Derek And Heleana Davis lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr



Derek and Heleana Davis - August 04, 2015 at 11:31 AM

TS

“ Tristyn Sherwood lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr



Tristyn Sherwood - August 04, 2015 at 09:26 AM

MS

“ Mark Sherwood lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr



Mark Sherwood - August 04, 2015 at 08:09 AM

RD

“ Rod Davis lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr



rod davis - August 04, 2015 at 07:58 AM

TD

“ The Davidsons sent a virtual gift in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr



The Davidsons - August 04, 2015 at 07:05 AM

SJ

“ Ed touch so many lives in so many ways, he never took you for your faults but looked at you for your potential, great great man, he is going to be missed greatly, rip Ed you will always be remembered

scott johnson - August 04, 2015 at 07:00 AM

MF

“ Michele Baker & Family lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr



Michele Baker & Family - August 04, 2015 at 03:30 AM

CD

“ *Carl And Sondra Dow lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr*



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**Carl and Sondra Dow** - August 03, 2015 at 11:24 PM

RO

“ *Ron And Carol Oaks lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr*



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**Ron and Carol Oaks** - August 03, 2015 at 10:33 PM

PP

“ *Pat & Kris Pringle lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr*



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**Pat & Kris Pringle** - August 03, 2015 at 10:25 PM

DM

“ *Doug Manley lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr*



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**Doug Manley** - August 03, 2015 at 10:22 PM

DM

“ I'm thankful I was able to meet and get to know Ed over the past couple of years. He was a fine man and he will be missed.

Doug Manley - August 03, 2015 at 10:22 PM

AL

“ Angie Leppert lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr



Angie Leppert - August 03, 2015 at 10:20 PM

AL

“ Uncle Ed was a supreme example of a good man. He will be missed by all. I'm only thankful he no longer has to be sick and in pain. May he rest in peace. Love to all of you, Angie

Angie Leppert - August 03, 2015 at 10:20 PM

SS

“ Sue Sherwood lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Rhoades Jr



Sue Sherwood - August 03, 2015 at 10:13 PM