



Ralph Grady Moore

October 12, 1959 - April 18, 2017

Ralph Grady Moore, 57, of Moses Lake, Washington, passed away at his home on Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

He was born on October 12,

1959, in Colville, Washington, grew up in Ephrata, Washington in a large family with nine siblings, and graduated from Ephrata High School in 1977.

Ralph never failed to make an impression: from his backward breech-birth entrance into the world, to smothering his white locks of hair with mustard as a toddler, then later getting in trouble when he dyed that same hair green in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. He grew into the tall, handsome young man that everyone loved.

It was rumored that Ralph was born throwing a baseball, the beginning of a throwing career that — at times — got him into more trouble in his younger years.

He went on to pitch for the Ephrata Tigers baseball team, and had the deepest respect for Coaches Dave Johnson and Marty O'Brien. He received a baseball scholarship from Yakima Valley Community College and played semi-pro ball in El Centro, California, but his future on the mound was cut short by an arm injury.

Ralph began working in construction and became an accomplished drywall contractor. While in California, he was reacquainted with and ultimately married fellow Ephrata native Deanna Pringle. When their daughter, Desiree Terese, was born, Ralph became a devoted father.

He later returned to Washington state and started Columbia Drywall in Moses Lake, but still found time to help coach Desi's softball team in Federal Way. Ralph remarried in 2008 to a second wife, Jeanette.

Ralph worked hard and played harder. He charmed everyone with his smile and twinkling eyes. He loved his precious daughter, his extended family, rock 'n roll, baseball, golf, and sports of all kinds. He made friends wherever he went, and the bonds never diminished.

Ralph was preceded in death by his mother, Isabel Grace Moore, and a special childhood friend, Sheldon Israel.

He is survived by his wife Jeanette Moore of Moses Lake; his daughter, Desiree (Tim) Urpman of Federal Way; six sisters – Maxine (Jake) Lye of Richland, Helen (Jim) Wentz of Wenatchee, Shirley Kendrick of Federal Way, Joanne (Randy) Bracht of Ephrata, Gayle (Michael) Moore Costello of Connecticut, Donna (Jim) Kennedy of Kennewick; three brothers – Tony (Catherine) Moore of Ohio, Jeff (Karen) Moore of California, Don (Kristi) Moore of Colorado; stepdaughters Traci (Jon) Redford and Melissa (Josh) Blackwell; and stepson Justin McDowall; stepfather Bob (Sharon) Moore of Athol, Idaho; two granddaughters, two step-grandsons, two step-granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are planned at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 with viewing held 12-1 p.m. at Nicoles Funeral Home, 157 C St. NW in Ephrata, Washington.

Arrangements are under the care of Nicoles Funeral Home, Ephrata, Wash.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26**. 12:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



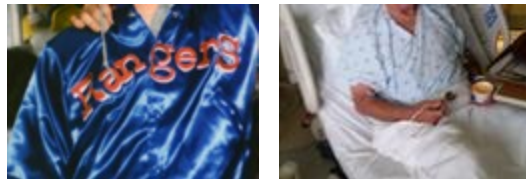
“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph Grady Moore*



Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park - April 25, 2017 at 06:27 PM



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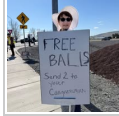


Joanne Bracht - May 04, 2017 at 12:16 PM

KE

“ *I am deeply saddened to hear the passing of Ralph. I knew Ralph all through Jr. High School, until we graduated from high school in 1977. I had many classes with Ralph and he always had me laughing. My most vivid memory is Ralph always had a baseball with him. We would be in math class, he had a baseball. P.E. class during wrestling, he had a baseball. No wonder he was such a good pitcher.
My most sincere condolences to Ralph's family and friends, during this challenging time.*

Ken Exeter - April 26, 2017 at 03:37 PM



Thanks Ken. I love hearing people remember him fondly. Joanne Bracht, Ralphie's big sister

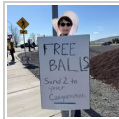
Joanne Bracht - May 04, 2017 at 12:04 PM

EJ

“ We are deeply sorry for the loss of your husband, father, brother, and friend. May the love of the lord bring you all hope, peace and rest..... Eddie and JoAnne



Eddie and JoAnne - April 25, 2017 at 05:25 PM



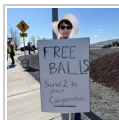
Thank you. I will miss him always.

Joanne Bracht - May 04, 2017 at 12:05 PM

BI

“ My deepest sympathy to my brother-in-law, Jeff and his entire family. I am heartbroken for you all. Love, Becky

Becky Irvin - April 24, 2017 at 03:48 PM



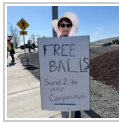
Thank you Becky. He was a sweet little brother and will always be in my heart.

Joanne Bracht - May 04, 2017 at 12:06 PM

KP

“*Ralph's passing has come as a shock to me. I did a lot of work for Ralph over the last 20-plus years. His laugh was highly infectious, and we spent many days talking about life, love, and the pursuit of happiness. He was a great man. He did work hard, and was the best at what he did. I will miss our long conversations, and companionship we shared. I feel I'm a better man for having known him. Rest in peace, my friend. Your long-awaited break has come....*

Kelly Pugh - April 22, 2017 at 08:08 PM



Thank you Kelly. It sounds as if you knew him well. He was my little brother and I will always love him and miss him.

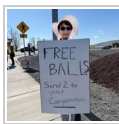
Joanne Bracht - May 04, 2017 at 12:07 PM

SL

Shocked of Ralph's passing, I was on Ralph's little League team Northern Steel. Ralph had a no hitter going into the 9th inning against Fire Department. Cliff Long came up and took a swing with his eyes closed and hit the ball just past the first base to break up the no hitter. Ralph and I talked about that in 2000. Ralph was a big part of 1977 State Baseball Championship he threw the last 3 outs for the win and the first State title in Baseball. That win led the 3 decades of winning in the Baseball program. Ralph will be missed

*Shane Livingston
Austin Tx*

Shane Livingston - May 22, 2017 at 02:12 PM



I'm sorry I didn't see this before Shane. Thank you for your kind words. There is still such a huge hole in my heart that was etched there the day he died.

Joanne Bracht - April 06, 2019 at 12:33 AM