



## Randy Boruff

June 6, 1951 - May 17, 2021

Randal Eugene Boruff, 69, husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, friend, civic servant and coach. He was a lifetime resident of Ephrata, Washington. On Monday, May 17, 2021, due to his extended illness and complications, “Barney” went to be with the love, first and foremost, of his heart and soul, Our Lord, with his wife and children at his side.

He never missed an opportunity to share his faith. Our family’s prayer is that you will allow and embrace His message.

Randal Eugene Boruff was born June 6, 1951 in Ephrata, Washington to Clarence (Buster) and Betty Boruff.

Randy loved a microphone, music, people, and sports which led him into the journey of his lifetime. Starting with KULE Radio 730 AM at age 16, he discovered his deep and gentle voice. He graduated Ephrata High School, Class of 1969.

Following graduation he attended BBCC in Moses Lake, Washington but it didn’t fill his desires. As he continued on with sales and broadcasting his direction turned to professional umpiring so he attended umpire school in Florida. Randy started his career with the minor league, soon to realize living on the road wasn’t for him so he returned to Ephrata, always returning to radio.

Then Max Warner offered Randy his opportunity of a lifetime in the life insurance business. Throughout his 44-year career he often held the Top 10 in his company. Nationwide, the real success of his career wasn’t sales, it was

the love of people and family. This success took he and Diane traveling throughout the world. He never met a stranger.

His second career was owning KULE as a sports broadcaster and sports talk radio. After selling the station, he coached baseball, became the Mayor of Ephrata and Babe Ruth State Commissioner, which led him to start the Columbia Basin River Dogs in 1994. To date, his plate was always full but never too busy for a little golf, his annual hunting events, and to bring four World Series to Ephrata.

Randy always took time out to follow his grandchildren in their sports – from baseball, volleyball and track – to dance.

There was never a dull moment but his greatest love of all was six amazing children. They filled rooms with bursting laughter in cherished family gatherings. He loved their spouses as his own, leaving an imprint on their hearts forever with endearing words of wisdom and just being himself.

As his illness took life on a journey of miraculous events to his tender last days of just pure love and concern for those around him, as well as caretakers and his family ... always telling his story.

Randy leaves behind his wife of 42 years, Diane; children Shellie Sainsbury (Michael), of Richland, Wash., Brandi Headrick (Keith) of Marysville, Tenn., Joshua Sainsbury (Charity) of Ephrata, Wash., Josh Boruff (Jenahlee) of Vancouver, Wash, Gabriel Boruff (Erika) of Pasco, Wash., Samuiel Boruff (Rachel) of Moses Lake, Wash; his brother Patrick Boruff (Jill); 14 grandchildren and soon-to-be two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father Buster and mother Betty; and his brother Tom.

We will miss you dearly and God bless the ones you've left behind. We will never forget the love and laughter.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, 2021, at The SIX Sports Complex indoor athletic training facility, 6708 College Parkway NE in Moses Lake. Please, FLAT SHOES ONLY – NO HEELS.

We deeply appreciate your attendance but only if you're well! Please be

responsible – we will have some masks available.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Columbia Basin Youth Baseball Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 250, Ephrata, WA 98823.

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 in Ephrata, Wash.

# Cemetery Details

## Ephrata City Cemetery

333 E St. S.W.  
Ephrata, WA

# Previous Events

## Reception

JUN 10. 1:00 PM (PT)

The Six  
6708 College Parkway NE  
Moses Lake  
Moses Lake, WA 98837

# Tribute Wall

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“ Hello Family of Randy... I am just reading this now. What a great guy!!! He was so thoughtful with my folks and I so appreciated it! Sam... he was so proud of you... he would sit with Von and Dick and me in a meeting and say, “ Now, Sam can do that for you.” He sure loved his family, he would talk about them a lot 😊 He was gone too young. But he lives on in all of you 💕

**Pam Hungenberg (Hoyt)** - May 29, 2022 at 09:42 AM

JW

“ Jill Walker lit a candle in memory of Randy Boruff



**Jill Walker** - June 27, 2021 at 12:17 AM

CD

“ Our hearts and prayers are with your family. It was an honor to know Randy. We have many fond memories of him during our River Dog years. He had a huge heart for so many young men and made a great impact on their lives. May the Lord bless and comfort all of you during this difficult time.

Sincerely,  
The Bryan DeHoog Family

**Cami DeHoog** - June 10, 2021 at 01:01 PM

DL

“ *Dollie Lutz lit a candle in memory of Randy Boruff*



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**Dollie Lutz** - June 09, 2021 at 01:02 PM

RH

“ *Robert Haensel lit a candle in memory of Randy Boruff*



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**Robert Haensel** - June 07, 2021 at 01:41 PM

MH

“ *Mary Heston lit a candle in memory of Randy Boruff*



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**Mary Heston** - June 07, 2021 at 11:07 AM

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“ *Our hearts and prayers go out to Randy's family. Randy was a good friend and we always had a good time talking about Jesus and he always suggested great books to read! We will miss him very much.*  
*Christy and Ken Youngers*



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**Christy and Ken Youngers** - June 07, 2021 at 01:14 AM

DT

“ im sure going to miss him a great person the first day river dogs got formed i was there at larson ballfield with jerry thaut



darrell templeton - June 06, 2021 at 03:03 PM

EM

“ Randy and I first met at my house many years ago , he was selling life insurance. He was very good at his trait , I bought a life insurance plan, and still have it. The next time we met was in his office about ten years ago. After he went over my plan he says you enjoy baseball ? Yes I do, will from then on I watched many of the River Dogs games. He always spotted me and we shot the bull . Soon it came to him that he had a helper for World Series Babe Ruth games and series here in Ephrata. And we had a friendship that has lasted since then . I seen him about a month ago at a high school game, and he told me of his health plans , he was very glad to be able to be alive and he gave praise to God for his help. I will think of him at every baseball game, and what he did for the game and his players.



Ed Maw - June 04, 2021 at 03:07 PM

JS

“ Jim Sherwood lit a candle in memory of Randy Boruff



Jim Sherwood - May 25, 2021 at 11:54 PM

TF

“ *The Kriete Family lit a candle in memory of Randy Boruff*



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**The Kriete Family** - May 25, 2021 at 05:06 PM

RP

“ *Randie Ponozzo lit a candle in memory of Randy Boruff*



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**Randie Ponozzo** - May 24, 2021 at 12:52 PM

LE

“ *Linda Endicott lit a candle in memory of Randy Boruff*



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**Linda Endicott** - May 24, 2021 at 12:16 PM