



Richard Leroy Grubb

June 21, 1959 - March 19, 2021

Richard Leroy Grubb, 61, of Ephrata, Washington, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, March 19, 2021 into the arms of his Savior.

Richard Grubb was born to Merle (Bud) and Joanne Grubb in Ephrata, WA. He graduated from Ephrata High school and was involved in football and track.

He received an AA from Wenatchee Community College, and began working for the Grant County Maintenance Dept. He retired from Washington State Department of Transportation in 2016. He also trucked apples during harvest for Pheasant Orchards.

He married his high school sweetheart Sheryl Hanson and had two sons, Justin and Jared Grubb. In 1999 he married Darla Wash and gained three more sons, Chris, Jared and Nathan Wash.

In his early years, he loved doing fun runs and won awards for playing badminton.

He was very active in the Ephrata soccer community officiating and coaching his sons teams. He loved fishing, watching sporting events of his grandchildren, nieces and nephews and playing games with them. He was an avid card player with his friends and family. He was known for making the best baked beans and breakfast burritos. He looked forward to hosting morning coffee every day with family. He always had English Springer at his side.

He was a loyal member of the Ephrata Community Church and a faithful son of Christ and enjoyed his bible study groups.

During his final years, he battled with Parkinson's.

People will always remember Rick by his mischievous smile, his contagious laugh, and his love of poparts without frosting. He was a man of few words, but lived by example.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bud and Joanne Grubb, and granddaughter Audrey Grubb.

He is survived by his wife Darla Grubb of 21 years and his five sons –Justin (Elizabeth) Grubb, Chris (Caitlyn) Wash, Jared (Emilie) Grubb, Jared (Kelsey) Wash, Nathan (Emili) Wash.

He made many memories with his 8 grandchildren- - Audrey Grubb (d.), Aubrey Nearing, Zoie Grubb, Kolby Nearing, Richard Grubb, Brynlee Wash, Everly Wash, Brooklyn Wash.

If desired, memorials may be given to the Community Church of Ephrata – Mercy Fund, 54 K St SE, Ephrata, WA 98823.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, March 26th, at 10:00am at the Ephrata Cemetery followed by a celebration of life for family and friends.

Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at www.nicolesfuneralhome.com. Arrangement are under the care of Nicoles Funeral home of Ephrata, Wash.

Previous Events

Graveside

MAR **26**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Ephrata City Cemetery
333 E St. S.W.
Ephrata, WA

Tribute Wall

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“*Darla and family: I was so sorry to learn from my parents of Rick's passing. I am thankful that we know where he is and that we will see him again someday. I love you guys and I am praying for you. Rick was a good man and his absence will be big. I am thankful we do not mourn as those with no hope. But we do mourn. And my heart hurts with you over the loss of him.*”

Colleen Rupke - April 12, 2021 at 10:55 PM

IZ

“*Thoughts and prayers go to this wonderful family. I've had nothing but good times with Mr. Grubb and his family. Wether it was thanksgiving or the normal friday family dinner I was always welcome and greeted with laughter.*”

izzy - March 26, 2021 at 01:09 PM

LB

“*Darla and boys - so sorry for your loss. I remember Rick refereeing soccer games and watching the boys play. May you find peace in all the wonderful memories. Lorna Bilodeau and Jeremy Winona*”

Lorna Bilodeau - March 25, 2021 at 10:02 PM

KK

“ As bad as hearing of Rick's passing and the sadness I feel, I can't help but smile when I think of Rick. Probably because he seemed to always be smiling himself. He was always fun to be around and laughing. His friendship will be remembered as multi-generational in my family. He spent many weekday evenings with my father and other good friends playing bad mitten at Columbia Ridge Elementary school of which he was undoubtedly the best player on the court. All of us experienced the "Grubb Smash" on our chest or forehead followed by his one-of-a-kind laugh. He also demonstrated his proficiency at cards and Risk regularly down in Emil's Pub & Pool in the years before my father passed. After moving away from the Ephrata area, our paths crossed only a few times, but those were always a good times.

To his family, I hope that someday soon all the good memories will crush the sadness you are experiencing now. Rest easy Rick. You will be missed.

Kevin Klettke - March 25, 2021 at 10:02 PM

RT

Just heard about Rick's passing from one of his many friends. So sorry to hear this. I worked with Rick at the DOT out of the George Facility. You couldn't find a nicer guy than Rick he would've given the shirt off his back to help anyone in need. We worked hard there sometimes way & beyond of what was expected of us. Rick never complained he just had that infectious laugh of his that would get us through the day. We just had so much fun. I sincerely offer my deepest condolences to Darla & his boys for this loss. He was a true friend. Will miss you buddy. Rudy Trevino

Rudy Trevino - April 01, 2021 at 07:44 PM

KS

“ I have way too many great memories of time spent with Rick in the 50 years that we were friends to list here but the fondest memories had to be our fishing trips and playing cards or Risk instead of studying while at college. I only ever out fished him once but every trip left my side hurting from laughing so much. I will always smile when I think of Rick.

Ken Slininger - March 25, 2021 at 01:50 PM