



Groomes Raymond

April 3, 1958 - February 14, 2023

Raymond Dean Groomes, 64, of Omak, WA passed away peacefully on February 14th, 2023, surrounded by his family. Ray was born on April 3rd, 1958, in Omak, WA to Doyle and Virginia Groomes. He was the oldest of four children, the quintessential big brother, always looking out for his younger siblings, Larry, Duane, and Darla. Ray grew up in Okanogan, WA and attended Okanogan High School, graduating in 1977. He was a football star on the Okanogan High School football team and was known by his teammates as a standout middle linebacker and received many accolades throughout his time playing for the Bulldogs. Ray lived several other places throughout his life, but Omak was a town he loved and always returned to. In the summer of 1985, Ray was married to Charleen and together they had three children, John, Jason, and Amanda. He was later married to Carol Groomes where he was blessed to love three more children as his own, Shane, Shaylynn, and Stacy. Ray and Carol remained happily married until her passing, with him continuing to love her every day after until his own passing, when he was finally able to re-join the love of his life, just in time for Valentine's Day. Ray was predeceased by his mother, Virginia Groomes, father, Doyle Groomes, and wife, Carol Groomes. Ray is survived by his son John Heller (Clarissa) of Shoreline, WA and their children: Lilyana, Chance, Colton, Caine, and Cayson; his son, Jason Groomes (Viliamu Miller) of Seattle, WA; his daughter Amanda Abrahamson (Martin) of Omak, WA and their children: Amari, Kenidee, Brooke, and Natalia; his son Shane Caito (Kim) of Bend, OR and

their children: Amanda, Aiden, and Avery; his daughter Shaylynn Kalberg (Jason) of Bend, OR and their children: Kaydrie, Mikie, Acacia, Caius, and Matias; and his son Stacy Caito (Melinda) of Bend, OR and their children: Kahlan and Tanis. Ray is also survived by his brother, Larry Grooms (Pam) of Mount Angel, OR and their children: Dustin (Gwen) and Ashley; his brother Duane Grooms of Omak, WA and his children: Derik (Jamie) and Alicia (Jacob); and his sister Darla Pena (Randy) of Keizer, OR and their children: Brittany (Jesse) and Hailey; and countless more beloved family and friends. Ray enjoyed Rock-n-Roll, water sports, hunting, WSU Cougar football, poetry, wood working, their dog Rudy, and most of all, he loved his family. Ray had numerous one-liners that many know and love which include: "I love you more than air", "Bent Steele and Sex Appeal", "You're the prettiest flower in the garden", "You know who I love more than you? Nobody", and finally, "Stylin' and Profilin'", along with so many others that we will remember and hold onto forever.

Ray's family is holding a Celebration of Life on Saturday, March 18th at 4:00 pm at the Omak Elks Lodge. There will be a potluck style dinner, and everyone is welcome to join us in celebrating our amazing Father, Papa, Brother, Uncle, Cousin, and Friend.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 18. 4:00 PM (PT)

Omak Elks Lodge
110 Ash St S
Omak, WA 98841
(509) 826-7112

Tribute Wall



“ Rest in Peace "Punkie" as your close friend, Thomas Todd, & coach, James Todd" 1952-2022) would loving call you. With fond memories of you, Leslie Todd.

Leslie Todd - April 13 at 05:04 PM



“ Groomes Raymond

October 23, 2023 at 01:06 AM



“ I only knew Raymond "Ray" Groomes in High School at Okanogan. Yes, I do remember how Football season showed only a part of him and the joy it brought to do what he could and to support his fellow teammates. Ray was that way with most everyone. He saw you through eyes of really looking at people no matter who they were and befriended most of us in the Class of 77 plus others As there was sharing things in brief passing's through those High School years, He genuinely showed His HEART and revealed his goodness I am glad that family was able to be by his side as he crossed over to meet with his Wife. Another one has drifted to other shores beyond us. Salute Sheri Dotson-Holcomb

Sheri - February 23, 2023 at 05:29 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Groomes Raymond.



February 20, 2023 at 09:25 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Groomes Raymond.



February 20, 2023 at 06:40 PM



“ Carol Link lit a candle in memory of Groomes Raymond



Carol Link - February 18, 2023 at 06:40 PM



Rest in peace, Ray. I first knew Ray in grade school where played ball with my older brother and Ray's cousins. His nickname was Punkie and I was probably the only one who could get away with calling him that. I loved playing football with him. He was a senior and me a lowly sophomore he took under his wing. He always had my back. Glad I got to see him on our last trip back to the states. Godspeed, Bulldog.

Tom Todd

Tom J. Todd - February 24, 2023 at 02:38 AM