



Ronald "Ron" Groff

October 1, 1945 - April 27, 2008

Ronald "Ron" R. Groff, a fifty-six year resident of Moses Lake, passed into the hands of the Lord, April 27, 2008. He was born October 1, 1945, in Nampa, Idaho, the 1st of 3 children born to Raymond and Ardell (Cline) Groff.

Ron moved to Moses Lake with his parents in the early 50's, graduating in 1963 from Moses Lake High School. Ron was a gifted athlete, playing Chief football, basketball and baseball. His athletic achievements were honored in 2002 with induction into the Moses Lake Chief Hall of Fame. Ron was named Moses Lake High School Athlete of the Year his senior year. As a quarterback, he averaged 15 yards a pass with only 8 interceptions and while a defensive back intercepted five passes. His senior year in basketball he averaged 12 points a game. Ron was an All-State selection in baseball with 18 career wins, 9 his senior year, with an ERA of 0.42 and a .424 batting average. Ron attended WSU on a baseball scholarship. He drew interest and was scouted by the New York Yankees. He received his Associates Degree from Big Bend Community College. Ron continued his sports participation coaching youth baseball for 25 years. He was a member of the Ripple Tavern Softball team during the 70's and 80's. Ron is an example of athletics teaching good scholarship, good citizenship and the values that are necessary for success in life.

In 1965 Ron married Vicki Easter. In 1969, his son and pride of his life, Eric, was born. Ron worked in the wholesale electrical business for Swartz Electric,

CED and Stoneway Electric. He is a long time member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Ron will be remembered for his quiet nature & gentle spirit, and for the past 16 years, his valiant courage dealing with health issues.

Survivors include his wife, Vicki; mother, Ardell Groff of Moses Lake; son and daughter-in-law, Eric and June Groff; and “amazing grandchildren”, Natasha and Quinten Groff; sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Mark Blazer, special nieces and nephews, Joe and Mary Blazer, Marianne and Alan Badgley, Faith and Darren Bridges and their children. Ron is preceded in death by his father, Raymond and brother, Dennis.

At Ron’s request, memorial contributions may be made to the Moses Lake Chief Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 693, Moses Lake, Wash. Memorial services will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1020 South A Street, in Moses Lake Saturday, May 3, 2008 at 11:00 A.M. Arrangements are in care of Kayser’s Chapel and Crematory. Please sign the book or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com

The family wants to acknowledge with gratitude Steve and Donna Warner for their counsel and compassion, our Immanuel Lutheran and Mission Alliance church families and the many friends who were there for Ron during the past two months.

1st Peter 4:12-13. 12Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. 13But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 3. 11:00 AM (PT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
1020 S. A Street
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ Vicki, Eric, June, Natasha, and Quinten,
This has been a tough journey that we have traveled together over the past weeks. However, I believe that this time was truly a gift from God to us. It brought us together closer as a family and best of all, we got to know the Ronnie that he had kept inside for so long. What an honor and blessing to be his sister. It is so much comfort to me to know beyond the shadow of a doubt that he is with our Lord Jesus now and that he is no longer going to have to suffer. We are going to miss him so much but we know that this life is but a vapor and that we will soon be together with him again....forever! I pray that our family, that is still left on this earth, will be drawn even closer in the days ahead and that we can comfort each other through the lonely times.
We love you so much!
Mark and Sharon###imported-begin##Mark and Sharon Blazer###imported-end##

May 05, 2008 at 12:34 PM



“ Vicki and Family,

My sympathies and thoughts are with you during this trying time. I always enjoyed visiting with Ron especially at lunch at the Thai Restaurant in Moses Lake (we always seemed to meet there at lunch).

Bret A Nedrow###imported-begin##Bret A Nedrow###imported-end##

May 05, 2008 at 11:08 AM



“ Vicki,
Please accept our sincerest condolences on Ron's passing. We're so sorry we haven't been in close touch lately. Ron was such a gentle, quiet man. We know he is with the Lord now, and there is no more suffering and pain. What an Angel he will make! We really enjoyed the time we did get to spend together. Please call when it is convenient so we can get together.

John & Terrie

(509)766-9953 or (509)771-2747###imported-begin##John & Terrie Hartzell###imported-end##

May 04, 2008 at 09:13 AM



“ *Dear Vicki and family, We are so sorry for your loss but rejoicing that we all know without a doubt where he is; with Jesus, rejoicing and pain free at last. Wade felt so blessed to have gotten to know Ron even though it was through this awful cancer. He so enjoyed those times they visited. Vicki my heart aches for you. God Bless you and your family. We are praying, Wade and Dorie###imported-begin##Wade and Dorie Staiger###imported-end##*

May 03, 2008 at 07:34 PM



“ Vicki-
My prayers and thoughts are with you. You and Ron have been such an outstanding couple. You have been a great marriage example. Words cannot express my feelings now at this time. All I know is Ron is with the One that had created Him. God Bless You!###imported-begin##Ed McNamara###imported-end##

May 03, 2008 at 12:33 PM



“ Vicki, Eric & family ... what a tremendous loss to you and to our community. Ron's gentle & quiet strength was very compelling, and a great example of deep faith. We know you will miss him greatly, and want you to know you are in our prayers for God's peace and courage in the days ahead. We love 1st Peter 4:12-13. Blessings, Mike & Joyce##imported-begin##Mike & Joyce Mulliken##imported-end##

May 03, 2008 at 12:07 PM



“ Dear Vicki and family,
We are so very sorry for your loss, please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
Love,
Margaret.##imported-begin##Walt and Margaret Bumgarner##imported-end##

May 03, 2008 at 10:15 AM



“ I'm deeply saddened to learn of Ron's passing. I extend my sympathies to his family and friends. While I only attended ML HS for my senior year Ron and I shared many great times as Chiefs on the Football and Baseball teams. While he was the quarterback and pitcher I was his running back and catcher.

-Del Nebeker
Class of '62##imported-begin##Del Nebeker##imported-end##

May 02, 2008 at 03:11 PM



“ *Dad and I are sorry for your loss. Ron was a good man and he will be missed by all. We know the last few years have been a struggle but you have many good memories to carry forward. Prayers for you and the family. Jr and Sr*###imported-begin###*Bob Trask Jr*###imported-end##

May 02, 2008 at 02:28 PM



“ *Ron, always set a good example for a lot of the younger guys on the Ripple softball team. He led by example with his quiet leadership and good sportsmanship. He will be missed greatly by many.*

Barney Treacy###imported-begin###*Barney Treacy*###imported-end##

May 01, 2008 at 11:15 PM



“ *Vicki, Eric and family,
I am so sorry for your loss, I know these past couple months have been so difficult. I have so many fond memories of our short visits at Farmers Market or just shopping in town. Ron always had a smile and a kind word. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.*

With sympathy,

Emily###imported-begin###*Emily Webster*###imported-end##

May 01, 2008 at 10:29 PM



“ Dear Vicki and Eric, my deepest sympathy for your loss, Ron was a good friend, team mate, but most of all Ron was an outstanding person. The friendship and good times I was able to share with you and Ron will always be remembered. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Tony Bernsen##imported-end##

May 01, 2008 at 09:58 PM



“ Aunt Vicki we love you and will miss Uncle Ronny very much. One of the times I visited Ron I shared with him a verse and a quote that just was very true to me and the example Ron showed to us at the end of his life. "Adversity and affliction can either make you bitter, or they can make you better. It's up to you." Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word. You are good, and what you do is good; teach me your dectees. Psalm 119:67-68##imported-begin##Marianne Badgley and Family##imported-end##

May 01, 2008 at 08:37 PM



“ Vicki, Eric, Ardel, Sharon and Families:

We share comfort in knowing Ron is no longer suffering and send thoughts of sympathy and support to you as you begin your journey without Ron.

He will truly be missed.

Love,

Mike and Carlene O'Konek##imported-begin##Mike & Carlene O'Konek##imported-end##

May 01, 2008 at 06:55 PM



“ Vicky, Eric, June & kids,

*My prayers and love are with you! You all have been such a great bunch of friends I am a richer person for haveing known Ron!
Kelly###imported-begin###Kelly Hanold###imported-end##*

May 01, 2008 at 06:26 PM



“ Vicki and Family

*I am so sorry for your loss.
Ron was a great person and will be missed. Best wishes to all.
Sorry I won`t be able to be there. Take care
Jim###imported-begin##james mackey###imported-end##*

May 01, 2008 at 04:20 PM



“ I remember Ron as great guy to be around. He always had a good word for everyone. He will be missed. My sympathy and prayers to his family.###imported-begin###Bill Rigsby###imported-end##

May 01, 2008 at 03:37 PM



“ I was very sorry to hear about Ron. Ron was a great guy and I enjoyed all the years I worked with him. Ron was always polite and respectful and I also appreciate the way he was always nice to my son Jay. Ron will be missed by a lot of people.

Jim###imported-begin##Jim V. Garrison###imported-end##

May 01, 2008 at 01:44 PM



“ Vicki - Our prayers are with you and your family. I have heard many special stories about Ron this year from Quinten. I know that they had a very special relationship...one that Quinten will carry with him forever. May you find comfort in the arms of your loved ones, family, friends and Jesus. Ted and I offer our deepest sympathies.##imported-begin##Ted & Noreen Thomas##imported-end##

May 01, 2008 at 09:41 AM



“ Vicki I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I know your strong faith in the lord will see you threw. May God Bless you and your family.

Linda##imported-begin##Linda Frazier##imported-end##

May 01, 2008 at 01:08 AM



“ Vicki,

I saw you and Ron as the model couple (holding hands, best friends, and respectful/loving). All the while you had Ron on one side and Jesus on the other. May the prayers of your friends and family lift you into their presence as you journey through this time. What a 'blessed assurance' we have believing in the hands that await us on the other side.##imported-begin##Sherri Osborne##imported-end##

April 30, 2008 at 10:27 PM



“ Vicki, My fondest thoughts are of you and Ron in the concession stand when Roman was playing baseball. I loved watching you interact with all the youth. That great attitude that you shared together has left a legacy of greatness for so many of us. My heart aches for you Vicki, please know you are loved and remembered in prayers.

JoAn Forsyth##imported-begin##JoAn Daniels-Brown
Forsyth##imported-end##

April 30, 2008 at 09:56 PM



“ Dear Vicki and Eric,

Please know you are in my prayers. I have such nice memories of a very kind man and his wonderful family. God Bless you and may he bring you peace and comfort.##imported-begin##Sue
Rhoads##imported-end##

April 30, 2008 at 09:25 PM



“ Dear Vicki,
I just learned of Ron's passing, or better yet, graduation to the ultimate life, in heaven, with our loving heavenly Father. I remember so well Ron as an athlete during his years at MLHS. I was two years behind him, and always admired his competitive spirit and excellence on and off the field. I read Eric's note to his very special Dad, and my heart filled with great joy to hear of the faith journey that they took together. I've been in ministry for over three decades and I never ceased to be amazed at the grace, peace and hope which we have through a relationship with Jesus Christ. May that grace, peace and hope be a living reality to you, Vicki. And remember, by faith in God you know that the "best is yet to come."###imported-begin##Dave Krueger###imported-end##

April 30, 2008 at 09:16 PM



“ Vicki and Family:
We grieve for your entire family. It is truly a great loss for the entire community. Ron was a great American and a role model for every one that knew him. We will miss him and continue to pray for you.###imported-begin##Bill and Charlotte Wiester###imported-end##

April 30, 2008 at 09:13 PM



“ June, Eric, Natasha & Quinten..

My prayers are with you all during this sad time.. many happy memories of all the good times.. God Bless you all...

Theresa McGhuey###imported-begin##Theresa McGhuey###imported-end##

April 30, 2008 at 08:36 PM



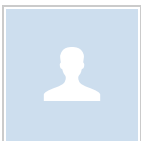
“ OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS TO OUT TO THE FAMILY OF THIS WONDERFUL MAN. THE WORLD WAS BLESSED WITH HIS PRESENCE. HIS SPIRIT WILL LIVE ON. GOD BLESS###imported-begin###BROOKE, JAMES AND RILEY GONZALES###imported-end###

April 30, 2008 at 07:18 PM



“ Vicky and Eric (June and kids,too),
I can't tell you how sorry I was to hear about Ron. I will always remember him as a quiet and humble man with a sweet smile and gentle heart. Of course, the temper, too, only when he got mad at Eric in high school! Ha Ha He always treated me like a daughter back in the day and I so appreciate the love I felt. Take care of each other and thank you for letting me be a part of your family.
Love always- Zeke###imported-begin###Michele "Zeke" Marshman###imported-end###

April 30, 2008 at 04:36 PM



“ Vicki,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I thought it was so sweet when Ron would stop in at the office to surprise you with a cup of coffee, he seemed to know when you needed an afternoon boost.
Cindy###imported-begin###Cindy Barger###imported-end###

April 30, 2008 at 04:20 PM



“ Vicki, Eric, June and Ron's special loves, his grandchildren. We are so blessed to have know this gentle man for so many, many years. He made an impact on a lot of lives, particularly the youth of the community. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love, Ray and Mary###imported-begin###Ray and Mary Mayo###imported-end###

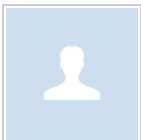
April 30, 2008 at 01:55 PM



“ Vicki, Eric and Family,
Our family would like you all to know how special you are to us. You have been such a positive influence on our Family, from your love for each other, the love of your family, friends, and community. We can't take the pain of Ron's loss away. But knowing you draw your strength from the Lord and knowing one day we will all join Ron and have everlasting peace will help carry you all through.

Love and God Bless and Keep you in His Tender Care,
Chuck, Martha, Jr, Cheryl, Troy, Jennifer, Kyle, and Megan
Cox###imported-begin###martha cox###imported-end###

April 30, 2008 at 01:26 PM



“ Vicki & Eric - There was a time when your home seemed like my 2nd home away from home. I have not forgotten those special times with the the three you & Furman (That cool cat). My prayers are with you. Ron was a Great Father & Friend. I feel blessed to have been able to spend time with him. - Mike###imported-begin###Mike Leininger###imported-end###

April 30, 2008 at 12:52 PM



“ Vicki, We were so sad for Eric and his family and ourselves t learn of Ron's death. However, we are comforted to have the assurance that he is with Christ, no longer in pain, and just waiting for us all to join him. There is such peace in that knowledge. Your family was a fabulous neighbor for nearly thirty years! Our love and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Marge and Keith Koepp##imported-end##

April 29, 2008 at 08:50 PM



“ Vicki and family,
Most of my interactions with Ron were between the white lines of numerous softball fields throughout the state. That quiet nature and gentle spirit along with fierce competitor will be how I shall remember him. He always had a welcoming handshake and warm smile for me off the field as well. He will be missed but always remembered. May the many memories you have all shared provide some comfort in these sad times.
Jerry Olson##imported-begin##Jerry Olson##imported-end##

April 29, 2008 at 06:32 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Groff family during your time of sorrow. Rejoice in the Lord for now there is no more pain or suffering for Ron as he is made new and whole in the twinkling of God's eye.
Our Deepest Sympathy to Vicki and the family.##imported-begin##Linda D. Stewart##imported-end##

April 29, 2008 at 03:56 PM



“ Dear Vicki and family:
My deepest sympathies to you and your family from me and my brother Abe. I enjoyed working with you at Carnation Potato and chasing Ron's pitching record my senior year. I know how much that record meant to Ron. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless Ron's soul.##imported-begin##Rick Shelby##imported-end##

April 29, 2008 at 03:10 PM



“ Words can scarcely express the sadness we feel in this difficult time. We can only take solice in knowing that Ron is now at peace and with our Lord. God bless you and yours.##imported-begin##Marvin and Mary Maslen##imported-end##

April 29, 2008 at 03:02 PM



“ Loving husband,Father,and Grandpa, a man who cared deeply for others,that is how we will always remember Ron, our friend of many years. Our prayers are with you at this time. Vern and Barb##imported-begin##Vern and Barbara Sandmann##imported-end##

April 29, 2008 at 02:20 PM



“ Vicki, We are thinking of you, Eric, and family..and you will continue to be in our prayers. I pray that God will give you peace in knowing that Rom is with Him and will continue to provide you with strength during this difficult time!##imported-begin##Tom and Judy Dagnon##imported-end##

April 29, 2008 at 02:02 PM



“ Vicki,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. With our own two boys in High School sports throughout the years we always saw you and Ron at the games. Yours and Ron's support of school sports is outstanding. He will be missed by all. Take Care!
Roger & Eileen Martinez##imported-begin##Roger & Eileen Martinez##imported-end##*

April 29, 2008 at 12:51 PM



“ Vicki, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. We know that words cannot replace a loss, but friends and acquaintances are here to help you in every way.##imported-begin##Nick and Marty Ross##imported-end##

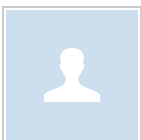
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“ Vicki-

Our hearts and prayers go out to you, Eric and his family in this time of grief. But rejoice!! For Ron is with the Lord and though he loved all of you with everything that was in him, he would not choose to come back for now he is experiencing perfect love and no pain.##imported-begin##Rob and Heather West##imported-end##

April 29, 2008 at 11:50 AM



“ Kathy and I want to express our sincere condolences. We will truly miss Ron.
If there is something that we can do to help in this time of sorrow, please call.##imported-begin##Lew Mason##imported-end##

April 29, 2008 at 09:51 AM



“ Thinking of you and your family during this time of loss.
Gene & Bonnie##imported-begin##Gene & Bonnie
Polhamus##imported-end##

April 29, 2008 at 07:58 AM



“ Dear Vicki, June and Eric,

My thoughts and prayers are with you. Vicki, you have always been a person I have treasured to know and am so sorry to know of your loss. I can only sympathize having lost my father in law 2 weeks ago, how you must feel. Know that I think of you and want to extend my deepest support to you now and in the times to come. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you. June, I am happy to have been able to get to know you more, and as one daughter in law to another, wish for you to know that if you need anything let me know. I wish you all comfort in your memories and support in each other. I will be thinking of you. Jamie Moberg-Vanerstrom##imported-begin##Jamie Vanerstrom (formerly Moberg)##imported-end##

April 28, 2008 at 10:29 PM



“ Vicki and family,

Gerry and I and the rest of the Fazende family offer our deepest sympathies. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love, Robin and Gerry and the Fazende family##imported-begin##Robin and Gerald Goude##imported-end##

April 28, 2008 at 10:22 PM



“ Vickie, I know for you and Eric this has been a long and painful experience. Please know that your Immanuel Lutheran family has their arms wrapped firmly around you, Eric and the rest of the family. Ron was a sweet and gentle soul and I know that god greeted him with open arms. If there is anything good that can come out of losing a loved one it is that Ron is no longer suffering and is in his maker's Kingdom.
Our prayers and love will continue for you always.
With much respect and love, Linda and Ken###imported-begin###Ken and Linda Mutch###imported-end##

April 28, 2008 at 09:40 PM



“ I was blessed with having my father for 38 years of my life i could not have asked for a better dad. This whole process has been bittersweet for me as i know in all confidence that my father is in heaven and is no longer suffering but i MISS him. I am so grateful to all my dad's friends for coming to see him and sharing your lives with him.
But most of all i want to thank the only Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ, for never giving up on me and my father, i saw amazing changes in my dad as he sought to seek the will of the Lord in the latter part of his life.

I love you and i know i'll see you again Pops.

Ephesians 2:5-10

Respect

Eric Groff###imported-begin###Eric Groff###imported-end##

April 28, 2008 at 08:18 PM