



Randal "Randy" C. Uhrich

June 10, 1954 - January 16, 2017

Randy Uhrich, 62, passed away on January 16, 2016 at his home after a courageous battle with cancer. Leaving behind his wife Mary and daughter Katie.

He was born in Wenatchee to Clarence and Anne Uhrich and raised on the family wheat ranch in Waterville. He worked side by side with his father learning the family business at an early age, as well as the value of hard work.

Randy's early education was in the Waterville school system. He graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1972. Afterwards, he embarked on an education journey, receiving degrees from Wenatchee Valley College and Eastern Washington in accounting, chemistry and chemical engineering and his MBA from the University of Washington. If Randy had his choice, he would have continued this education quest but Grandmother Katie told his parents it was time for that boy to settle down.

Settling down into a career was just another adventure for Randy. While holding positions in finance and auditing Randy traveled to some interesting places. He lived in Alaska, Colorado, New York and New Jersey. Despite the distance, Randy used most of his vacation time to return home to help his father with the wheat harvest.

While living in New Jersey, he met his future wife Mary G. Whittles. They married in April 1994 at Mt Tabor Methodist Church and settled down in Morris Plains, New Jersey.

In 1998, Randy and Mary moved back to the area to be closer to the ranch. Working again with his father until Clarence's passing in 2008. Taking the reins from his dad, Randy expanded the Waterville farm as well as opening and operating Uhrich CPA's in Wenatchee. He was passionate about farming but loved chatting with his clients and getting to know them on a personal level. Randy served as county president of Washington State Association of Wheat Growers for several years and then served on the executive committee from 2003 to 2009 serving as President in 2007-2008.

Randy had an infectious laugh and was known for vibrant smile and his positive nature, "I am not capable..." was not in his vocabulary. He had an adventurous spirit, enjoyed traveling and loved the outdoors, He summited MT. Rainier in his twenties. He enjoyed hiking and backpacking in the Enchantments. Randy loved reading historical biographies. He enjoyed camping, boating and cross country skiing with his family and recently got back into downhill skiing to share this with his daughter. He loved taking his Katie four

wheeling and teaching her to drive truck on the ranch.

Randy would not allow his cancer diagnosis to run his life. He continued to work hard while undergoing traditional treatment and eventually seeking alternative options. This began a journey his wife named Eat, Pray, Heal as he explored options through diet and non-toxic treatments that led him to travel abroad. He was inspired as well as an inspiration to others. Although he hoped for a different outcome, he was given more time with his family than was not though possible.

The family would like to thank Dr. Overton and Ginny Heinitz for gentle care as he would often challenge them with his questions. A heartfelt thanks to the awesome nursing staff on the 5th floor of the Central Washington Hospital and Randy's Home Health Team.

Randy is survived by his wife and daughter, his mother, Anne, and sister's Diane and Darlene Uhrich, relatives in Alberta Canada and loving brothers and sisters and nieces and nephews on his wife side of the family. He is preceded in death by his father Clarence.

A funeral service is scheduled for February 4, 2017 at 12 noon with a reception to follow at the First United Methodist Church. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guestbook at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones – Betts Funeral Home.

Events

FEB **Service** 12:00PM

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First United Methodist

941 Washington, Wenatchee, WA, US, 98801

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - February 01, 2017 at 04:36 PM



“ What a wonderful tribute to a great life lived! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Katie, Mary! We will all miss him but we are truly grateful for the time we had with him...God Bless you and the family.

Allen and Kim Tangeman

Allen & Kim Tangeman - February 02, 2017 at 11:54 AM



“ Randy uhrich was one of the most positive likeable person I have had the privilege to have known. I cannot believe he is gone. I pray for all of his family especially his daughter Katie. You are sorely missed randy. We all love you. Your high school buddy. Scott j.bradley.

Scott bradley - November 11, 2017 at 11:16 PM



“ Randy was just a terrific person in every way. Always kind and non judgemental. He accepted everyone as his friend. He will be sorely missed by everyone he touched. Your high school friend. Scott. Bradley.

Scott. Bradley - November 12, 2017 at 02:29 AM



“ Randy was a great human being and a good husband and father. He is missed and the world is a much lesser place without him. Your high school friend ... Scott j. Bradley

Scott bradley - November 12, 2017 at 06:02 AM



“ Jim is following this tribute.

Jim - March 15, 2017 at 10:44 AM



“ When I met Randy, I was just settling into finding work after a two year sabbatical of off and on work. I was nervous the first few days at BASF, but when Randy came into the office a few days later, he warmed my heart with his down-to-earth personality radiating in his special warm smile.

The other thing I remember so clearly, was our visit to his "farm". When we began traveling with our travel trailer, he invited us to visit should we make it to Washington. We took him up on it at the most difficult time of the year (harvest time) but never flinched about taking on guests. He made his continuing to work, part of OUR vacation. When he came out of the fields, I wasn't sure the dust covered man (I wasn't positive until he spoke) was him. The only white skin I could see was around his eyes when he removed his glasses; also releasing his splendid smile.

Randy's dad took my husband up into the combine and all I could see from the ground was white socks on Joe. When Randy asked if Joe could follow him in the pick up, but found him busy with his dad, I volunteered since I could drive a stick-shift. Only problem was, I thought we were going on a road. Not so, a nice distance away, we landed back at the wonderful Bonanza farm house and I was treated to my own share of dirty clothes to match Randy's. We felt more like part of the family then I sometimes do in my own. I'll miss you Randy. See you on the other side!

Melvina Rushnock - February 25, 2017 at 07:01 PM



“ I've known Randy since high school and have happy memories of us hiking, camping, skiing, and even exploring Alaska and Colorado while he lived there. I've never met a more positive person than Randy; he was just always cheerful no matter what. He was a devoted husband and father to Mary and Katie, and a good friend to many.

M. Schremp - February 04, 2017 at 12:40 PM



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Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home - February 01, 2017 at 04:21 PM



“ Dear Family and Friends, I met Randy through a professional insurance association, NAIFA. He was friendly, ready to make new friends, and his smile was contagious. You could tell he was a "good guy". I am glad to have known him. My thoughts and prayers to his family and his many friends. Regards, Debbie Feist

Debbie Feist - January 31, 2017 at 04:44 PM



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Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home - January 30, 2017 at 06:57 PM



“ I first met Randy 4 years ago when I moved to Wenatchee from Spokane for a job transfer with Washington Trust Bank. Randy was one of the first people I had met and we quickly formed a bond. He not only supported and encouraged me in my career but truly cared about what was going on in my life and my family. He always had a smile on his face and approached life with positivity. I'm surely going to miss our lunch dates, his friendship and contagious laughter. Mary & Katie, I am praying for you both and please know you are in my thoughts. Hugs. - Carrisa Blair

Carrisa Blair - January 25, 2017 at 01:23 PM



“ I met Randy 3 years ago when I first moved to East Wenatchee. I moved here not knowing anyone and I was opening a new business all on my own. I needed help with taxes, payroll, financials, and many other things. I was looking for someone that could sorta take me in under their wing and maybe have more of a family like relationship rather than just a business relationship. And Randy and his staff did just that. I actually called him "Uncle Randy". He helped me with so many obstacles and curve balls that were sent my way in the last three years. He was very kind to me and I really appreciated him very much! I enjoyed our visits and the fact that he really got to know me and my business. He will be extremely missed! My thoughts and prayers are with Randy's family. Thank you for everything Randy!

Ashley Klopp - January 24, 2017 at 05:58 PM



“ Mary & Katie, my heart is with you during this difficult time. Randy was so kind and had the most vivacious laugh. He will truly be missed. You both are I. My prayers every day.

jen Carey - January 22, 2017 at 11:18 PM



“ I treasured his friendship , and was able to talk to him over a cup of coffee as we did with his dad When he was alive and on the farm. He had a confident attitude and a reassuring smile . I will miss his wisdom and his friendship . I will miss the visits I had with him in his office . Neil Jacobsen .

neil jacobsen - January 20, 2017 at 05:48 PM