



Russell Gordon Koch

July 28, 1954 - September 3, 2010

Russell Gordon Koch, middle son of Gerald (Jerry) and Ann Jeanette Koch passed away Friday, September 3, 2010 at Seattle, Washington. He was born July 28, 1954 at Wenatchee, WA growing up in East Wenatchee. As a child, Russ participated in local sports including Little League baseball coached by his dad and Bill Hamilton, learning to ski in Waterville where his mother regularly took the boys for lessons and practice and later Mission Ridge, and joining the Boy Scouts, achieving the rank of Life Scout. He also wrote articles for the Waterville Empire Press. Russ always appreciated his teachers in the Eastmont school district where he graduated in 1972.

While working a short time as a KPQ radio announcer, Russ became acquainted with and thought highly of Sgt. Champion of the local Marine Corp Recruiting office and decided to join the US Marine Corp. doing boot camp in San Diego and a tour of duty in the Philippines, Okinawa and on the USS Ogden. (Later, in private life when he had his own office staff, he would give them the day off on the birthday of the U.S. Marine Corp.)

He returned to Wenatchee and worked for KPQ again until opening his own investment business, Koch Capital, for several years.

Russ married Penny Hoskins of Wenatchee in 1983, and they moved to the Seattle area where he continued in the investment field for many years. In the

last years the greatest share of his time was spent in the area of oil exploration, and he traveled extensively in this effort.

Russ always enjoyed a physical challenge and for many years he participated in the Northwest triathlons, the Seattle to Portland bike ride, etc., climbing Mt. Rainier, and parachute jumping. On the flip side, he was a member of Mensa.

Russ' strong faith in Jesus Christ has come as a result of Christian influences in his life but also being a voracious reader since his youth through the present. Russ has had many special friends over the years. These past months while he has fought the ill health that diabetes can bring, his close friends have been a special blessing to him and to his family. Russ has been an active and good dad to son Chris and daughter Kelsey. His presence will be greatly missed.

Russ was preceded in death by his grandparents, Gene and Alma Koch and George and Myra Gruenberg, and his mother Ann Jeanette Koch. He is survived by his father, Jerry, of East Wenatchee, brothers Ken (Lucy) of San Diego, CA and Tom (Tami) and nephews Riley and Alex of Wenatchee, his aunts Arden (Bert) Buchanan and Linda (Terry) West, all of Wenatchee, and cousins Eric, Kevin and Bryan West of California and South Carolina.

A traditional service will be held at Jones & Jones – Betts Memorial Chapel at 1:00 P.M. Friday, September 10, 2010, with interment to follow at the Wenatchee City Cemetery. All family and friends are invited to attend. If you care to make a donation in Russ' name, please do so to the charity of your choice. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Jones & Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Wenatchee City Cemetery

1804 N. Western
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Previous Events

Service

SEP **10**. 1:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Koch Family,

I wish to extend my heart and my sympathies with your loss of Russ.

As the younger brother of Jeff, I was able to witness and enjoy the ever-evolving explorations of Russ and Jeff.

It seemed a shared wit and intellect would have them leading a rebellion or reinventing the wheel.

While much of their commentary went over my head, it seems that I developed a part in my hair about that time.

I know that Jeff valued Russ in many ways, (as did our family) as a friend; Russ was a comrade in satire,

Humor and willingness to question status quo.

Russ was also a friend and family member. Russ and Jeff at the dinner table insured lively discourse and occasional

Sparring partners with the attorney/judge at tables head.

Russ showed respect for the family members and as a younger sibling, I never had to run for cover.

The pursuit of knowledge and energy displayed by those two had us always wondering, what are those two up

To now?

As with all things, the winds scattered us to pursue our dreams and a means of subsistence. Over the years it

Seemed I was able to get an answer when I asked Jeff about Russ

My memories hold Russ as a truly unique individual whom I thank for his friendship to my brother and his

Decency to our family

There will always be a seat at our table for Russ

With consideration and respect

Gavin R. Hamilton

Gavin Hamilton - September 15, 2010 at 01:39 PM

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“ *I'll always remember Russ' steadfast enthusiasm in all the things he had interest in. So sorry to hear of his early departure of this world, but a better place awaits.* ”

Tad Janet Foyle - September 09, 2010 at 10:35 PM

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“ *one my favorites is the day Russ and I took CJ and Kelsey to watch the kingdome blow up we left the house at like 6 am and had a blast no pun intended !!! I'll miss you me friend love otis !!* ”

Scott wilson - September 09, 2010 at 06:24 PM



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