



Randell "Randy" Anderson

October 7, 1961 - January 26, 2025

Randell Brett Anderson, age 63, passed away peacefully at home on January 26, 2025, surrounded by his family after a courageous 11-year battle with cancer. Born in Republic, Washington on October 7, 1961, Randy moved with his family to Granger, Washington in 1972, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Randy married his high school sweetheart, Debra (Debbie) Middleton, on May 7, 1982, in Sunnyside, Washington. Together, they built a life filled with love and memories. Thirty-eight years ago, they purchased their first and only home in Granger, where they raised their two daughters, Jode and Amanda. Randy was a proud father and later, a devoted grandfather to four grandchildren whom he adored: Lucas and Owen Murphy, and Avery and Leidl Thomas. His family brought him immeasurable joy, and he cherished every moment spent with them.

A passionate man, Randy loved the game of golf and could often be found on the course, perfecting his swing. He had a deep interest in betting on the horses, a hobby that brought him excitement and enjoyment. Randy also had a love for music; he played the guitar and found solace in listening to his favorite tunes. He was a devoted fan of the U.W. Huskies, and his enthusiasm for the team was always evident.

Randy is survived by his beloved wife of 42 years, Debbie; his mother, Joanne Anderson of Yakima, Washington; his siblings, Rob (Debbie) Anderson of Olympia, Washington, and Jode (Craig) Pray of Kent, Washington; his two

daughters, Jode (Quinn) Murphy of Sumner, Washington and Amanda (Hunter) Thomas of Granger, Washington; his four grandchildren; his sisters-in-law, Donnetta (Mike) Derrey of Yakima, Washington and Diana (Mike) Rick of Goldendale, Washington; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Anderson, as well as his paternal and maternal grandparents.

A Celebration of Life will be held on March 22, 2025, at Toppenish Eagles, Toppenish, Washington from 11 AM to 1 PM. All who knew Randy are invited to come together to remember and celebrate his life.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Kadlec Tri-Cities Cancer Center Foundation in his memory.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **22**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Toppenish Eagles
515 Division Road
Toppenish, WA 98948

Tribute Wall

MB

“ I'm still in shock. I can't think of the words to say. Randy was special and I will forever treasure the many memories from My childhood growing up. Continued prayers. May heavenly father wrap His arms around the family extra tight during this difficult time and always.



Michelle Blanchard - March 24, 2025 at 05:30 PM

RB

“ It's hard to write a remembrance for a friend so present. Randy had the best laugh when pointing out the absurdity of the mundane. Randy was the best principal. EVER. He refused to be squeezed into a mold and wisely chose family over promotion. Faithful to his calling of teacher, coach, camp leader -he showed us all a balanced life. He gave advice (when asked) to spare awkward outcomes. He kept all confidences. His staff newsletter was the BULLetin. When meetings tossed about too many acronyms, he'd break it up with "When does the Student Health Intervention Team meet?"

ruth a barr - March 17, 2025 at 10:12 PM

FR

“ From your friend Lupe Rodriguez purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Randell "Randy" Anderson.



From your friend Lupe Rodriguez - February 23, 2025 at 05:27 PM

FR

“ From your friend Lupe Rodriguez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randell "Randy" Anderson.

From your friend Lupe Rodriguez - February 23, 2025 at 05:27 PM

BM

“ I am deeply saddened to hear this heartbreaking news. I had the privilege of meeting Randy at Heritage University while we were pursuing our Education degrees, and from the very beginning, it was clear what a special person he was. He had an incredible gift for bringing laughter and joy to those around him—there was never a dull moment when Randy was in the room.

As the years passed, I would often see him at the golf course with Debbie, and each time, it was a pleasure to catch up. No matter the occasion, Randy always had a smile on his face. His warmth, kindness, and love for life were truly remarkable.

My heart goes out to Debbie and his family during this difficult time. May the cherished memories of Randy bring you comfort and strength. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

Rest in peace, Randy. You will always be in our hearts. ~Barb Moses

Barb Moses - February 20, 2025 at 11:50 AM

AO

“ Even though we haven’t kept in touch since I left the Granger School District, when I look back, it is always with great fondness that I think of you both. You were always so kind and supportive of me and my work that I felt valued and appreciated. I felt very sad when I heard Randy had fallen ill a few years back and I prayed he would not suffer. My prayer now is that your family will find healing and support through God’s grace and comfort in your friends, family and community. God bless you.

Ann Omta - February 10, 2025 at 04:11 PM

BH

“ Randy was such a great guy! Teaching at Granger MS, we bonded over being UW Huskies fans amongst a majority Cougar staff. Prayers for the family. God Bless.

Brenda Hubert - February 03, 2025 at 01:55 PM

MB

“ As I scrolled thru my social media today I was shocked and saddened by the passing of Randy. He was my co-worker at Roosevelt Elementary and we coached together with the late Don Helvie. He was such a great fella. His room was next to mine and you could always hear him laughing. He so enjoyed teaching and he would get fired up about some topics he believed strongly in. He had such a funny sarcastic way of answering questions and he kept most of us just laughing....especially during teacher meetings. He always voiced what we were all thinking but didn't dare say. I use to love listening to the debates between Don Helvie and Randy...they were epic. One of the funny moments I can recall was when it was his birthday (we shared the same birthday), I wanted to really crack him up so I got this huge box...decorated it with wrapping paper and then put a surprise for him inside. I took it over...he was like whow! You shouldn't have. I left it there with his class screaming for him to open it. My whole class waited in the hall...then it happened. He opened it! And out popped one of my Students..who had been hiding inside the box...he started yelling Happy Birthday!! Randy was laughing so hard I thought he was gonna pass out. My class entered the room and we all sang happy birthday to him. RIP Randy...you will be missed.

Miguel Bazaldua - January 29, 2025 at 01:52 PM

HB

“ What a wonderful person who will be missed by many.

Hank Besel - January 29, 2025 at 12:12 PM

CE

“ Claudia Estrada lit a candle in memory of
Randell "Randy" Anderson



Claudia Estrada - January 29, 2025 at 02:15 AM

CE

“ It's sad to hear about Randy, I'm glad I was able to always helping
out when he went to hospital appts, always had a big smile and very
friendly 😊 he will be missed by front desk 🙏🙏

Claudia Estrada - January 29, 2025 at 02:14 AM

CM

“ Carmen Merry lit a candle in memory of
Randell "Randy" Anderson



Carmen Merry - January 29, 2025 at 01:40 AM

CM

*My thoughts and prayers to you Mrs Anderson (Deb) and your family
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RIP Mr. Anderson*

Carmen Merry - January 29, 2025 at 01:43 AM

CA

“ I always appreciated Randy's sense of humor. He always made us laugh at staff meetings. He was a wonderful 5th grade teacher to my daughter, Estrella. She loved the engaging way he would read aloud to the class.

Christina Alaniz - January 28, 2025 at 11:21 PM

MG

“ I'm so sorry to hear this news. Randy was a good guy. I have good high school memories with him! I will miss him. So sorry for your loss Debbie and for your family.

Mary Van de Graaf - January 28, 2025 at 08:05 PM

DJ

“ So sorry to hear this sad news! My deepest condolences to Deb and family. He was a good neighbor, teacher and I know he will be deeply missed by his loved ones.
Prayers for God's love to comfort you.



Donita Jordan - January 28, 2025 at 03:00 PM

MH

“ My dear friend Randy,
You were the most honest, transparent and caring person I have ever meant. Always called a spade a spade and I appreciate you for that!
I am better person after becoming acquainted with you

Monte Heggie - January 28, 2025 at 01:33 AM