



## Ronald Best

August 3, 1956 - June 3, 2016

Ronald Edgar Best, father, step-father, grandfather, brother, son-in-law, friend, and beloved husband to Vicki passed away peacefully on June 3rd, 2016 after a courageous battle with Encephalitis. Born August 3rd, 1956 in Spokane, Washington, Ron was the firstborn son of Howard Edgar Best and Helen Louise Anderson and brother to Monte and Janet. After spending two years in California while Ron's father worked for Union Carbide, the family returned to Spokane in 1960 to run a grocery store. In 1966, the family relocated to Seattle, WA where Ron received a degree in Economics from The University of Washington. Ron met and married Samye Cummings which prompted one final move for him - this time to Salt Lake City, Utah. He then received a second degree from The University of Utah in Architecture. Once in Salt Lake City, Ron was introduced to his new passion (chocolate) through his Mother and Father-in-Law, Paul and Marion Cummings. His career then became his focus on becoming a master chocolatier, which he enjoyed and shared with his four beautiful daughters, Chelsa, Mikelle, Allie and Annie who now run Cummings Studio Chocolates. Ron married Vicki Golledge Clark in 2001 and became a committed step father to Vicki's four children, Summer, Derrick, Sterling and Brittany. Ron was known for his generosity and ability to encourage the best in those around him. With his love for small business and his entrepreneurial skills, Ron and Vicki founded V Chocolates.

Throughout his life, Ron was passionate about many things, including skiing, cooking, hunting for stray golf balls, being in the outdoors, woodworking, wild flower identification, scooter rides with grandkids, and being a treasured friend to many. He had piercing blue eyes and a big white smile. He was a committed and loving grandfather to Madeline, Makani, Izzy, Abby, Zeke, Lucy, Ruby, Hannah, Brody, Brightyn, William, and Beckham. He loved life and was kind to everyone. He will be greatly missed by all that were influenced by the sweetness he gave to everyone.

A service to honor Ron's life will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 12:00 noon.

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# Comments

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“ My mother, Ruby, worked with Ron way back in the day at Cummings Chocolate. It's been many years but she still remembers him fondly and talks of him often. She was terribly sorry that she was not able to attend his service today but she was not feeling well. She sends her deepest sympathies.

Susan Doi

**Susan Doi** - June 07, 2016 at 11:35 PM

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“ I met Ron when I was 13 years old in junior high school. We skied every weekend together in high school and we roomed together in college. I thought it was crazy, but he sold a \$1000 stereo system in our sophomore year to go helicopter skiing with rich captains of industry in B.C. His love of skiing was only surpassed by his love for family. Ron was a big shiny bright light in our crazy world. He was the most kind, generous, effervescent, positive, and loving guy I've ever known. He worked harder than anyone I know, and loved serving customers with handmade chocolates filled with love and care. He created joy and happiness around him constantly with his high energy, soaring spirit, and good cheer - always and forever. Encephalitis may have taken his body, but it could never take his huge soul. He built a beautiful family with Samye, then he finally met his true love, Vicki. She was there every minute, every second, of every day, and she is nothing short of a blessed saint. Blessings to the entire family. Rest in peace my old and dearest friend Ron.

**Bruce Allenbaugh** - June 07, 2016 at 06:26 PM

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“ We have missed Ron so much these last 2 1/2 years. I hope there is chocolate in heaven!

**Vicki Voros** - June 06, 2016 at 10:03 PM

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“ Ron was a man that couldn't help but leave a deep impression on your life and in your heart. He was our Home Teacher in the 7th Ward and he was always there for us and bringing us treats. But the one thing that I will never forget was when we moved a few blocks away almost 4 years ago. He of course gave us tons of boxes and bubble wrap. And on the day of the move, he of course lent us his V Chocolates truck too! As if he hadn't done enough already. We had hired a few guys to do some of the heavy lifting for a few hours, but Ron was right in there doing it all too. We thought he would just help us out for a couple of hours. And I of course was not as prepared as I should have been, but no, long after these hired movers had left, Ron was still there making trip after trip with us until everything was moved. He helped us move that entire Saturday, from morning until night. Not our family, just Ron. It still brings me to tears thinking about it. I know he never planned on giving up a whole Saturday to help us move. He had already given us so much to help with the move. But of course, that was just the kind of guy that he was. This is only one of many examples, but it is one that I have and will never forget and it is one in which he has continued to inspire me to be a better person. He was one of the great ones and he will be deeply missed!

Love,

Jamie & Dustin Tate

Jamie Tate - June 06, 2016 at 07:48 PM

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“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Ronald Best.



June 06, 2016 at 04:15 PM