



## Eric Edmond Royce Roy

August 21, 1964 - March 1, 2016

Eric Roy, age 51, passed away in Bellingham, Washington on March 1, 2016. He was born in Lompoc, California on August 21, 1964 to parents Sharon Ann (Gilfillan) Roy and Edmond William Roy.

Eric grew up in Seattle, WA and graduated from Inglemoor High School in 1982. After high school he attended Washington State University, intent on becoming a journalist, but luckily fate intervened when a professor informed him that, due to his lack of typing skills, he needed to change his major and so instead set his sights on studying law. He graduated from WSU in 1986 with a degree in Political Science. He then attended Willamette University law school where he graduated with honors in 1991. After his graduation from law school, Eric worked as a judicial clerk for Pierce County Superior Court Judge Robert Peterson. He was then hired as an associate attorney by Seattle law firm Julin Fosso. He moved to Bellingham in 1998 and the following year started his own successful law practice, now known as Roy, Simmons, Smith & Parsons. A brilliant lawyer, he was respected and admired by his peers and judges.

Eric was a lifelong sports enthusiast, both watching and participating. He seemed to be in motion at all times, whether jogging around Lake Padden, playing pickup basketball games, playing third base for many softball teams and regularly participating in Ski to Sea. He worked out at the YMCA almost every day for over 15 years. He was a lifelong fan of the Cougars, Mariners

and Seahawks.

Eric's favorite times, though, were spent with his two children, Andrew and Chloe, taking them on vacations, watching movies and sports and going on hikes and bike rides. He was a devoted and loving father. He was also a wonderful son, friend and co-worker and all around good man who could find the humor in most any situation. He will be greatly missed.

Eric is survived by his children Andrew and Chloe, Aunt Judy Trefren (Jim) and several cousins. He was predeceased by his parents and Aunt Maureen Gehl.

A gathering in memory will be held at the Squaticum Harbor Boathouse, 2600 N. Harbor Loop Drive in Bellingham on March 24th from 5-8 with a ceremony starting promptly at 6 p.m.

Memorial donations made to a charity of your choice would be appreciated.

You may share memories in the guestbook at [wordpress-271002-1416095.cloudwaysapps.com](http://wordpress-271002-1416095.cloudwaysapps.com)

# Tribute Wall

TA

“ was so sorry to hear about Eric’s passing – was a classmate from grade school to high school – may he rest in peace and may his family find peace – Tami (Packard)

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**Tami** - March 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Eric’s selflessness during my time of need was above and beyond the capacity of most people. Eric loved his children very much and would speak of them often. He left a positive impression and will be missed by many people in this community. Blessings to all of Eric’s family

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**Patrick Greenberg** - March 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Eric was a wonderful human being who had a gift for connecting with people. He had a ready smile and a quit wit. I knew him only briefly and in his professional capacity, but still think of him as a friend. He helped me and many others through a very difficult time in our lives. My condolences to his family and friends. His good deeds live on in the lives of those he touched.

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**Tiffany Coleman** - March 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ I had the great privilege to work with Eric in his early years in Bellingham. We were the only two in a small office. We had way too much work, responsibility and fun.....Oh, we had fun. He poured everything he had into his work and he did it with quiet determination and brilliance. He built me as a legal professional in ways I will never be able to repay. He was a wonderful friend. He was an incredible, gifted lawyer. But, there are few people in time who could ever aspire to be as kind, honorable and humble as he was. His loss is a profound wound and a challenge to me to live as well as he did.

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**Laurie Churchill** - March 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ My deepest sympathy to Eric's family, especially his children. Eric and I worked on a few cases together where our respective clients were being sued by the same plaintiff. He approached each case with professionalism and, when appropriate, a sense of humor. Eric brought a welcome levity to the practice of law. I will miss him. Peace to his memory.

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**Marilee Erickson** - March 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM