



## Everett Charles Ginther

February 22, 1946 - August 22, 2012

Everett C. "Butch" Ginther, 66, a 40-year Wenatchee resident and longtime Blue Cross-Blue Shield Representative, passed away at his home in Wenatchee on Wednesday evening, August 22, 2012, following an extended illness.

He was born on February 22, 1946, at Baker City, Oregon, to Everett A. and Vivian P. (Hulse) Ginther. He was raised on the family farm in Halfway, Oregon. When he was 12, the family moved to Moses Lake, where they had a ranch, raising Black Angus cattle just north of town on Stratford Road.

Everett graduated from Moses Lake High School in 1964 and continued his education at Big Bend Community College. While in high school, he met Nancy Kathleen Hopkins and they were married on February 4, 1967, in Moses Lake. They made their home together in Cheney while Everett completed his Bachelor's degree in Business at Eastern Washington State College. He was a member with the United States Army ROTC Program while in college, and upon graduation he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. His first duty station was in El Paso, Texas, where he was trained in Air Defense Artillery. Upon completion, he was transferred to Budinggen, Germany, where he served until receiving his Honorable Discharge and entered the Active Reserves in March of 1972. That same year, he went to work at Chelan County Medical as the Assistant Manager. He worked with them through their move from Mission Street to the new facility on Emerson Street. He represented Blue Cross-Blue Shield Medical and following the

closure of the Chelan County Medical offices, he became a General Agent and represented Blue Cross-Blue Shield for several years, prior to retiring. He was a longtime member and Past President of the Wenatchee Chamber of Commerce, a longtime member and Past President of the Wenatchee Central Lions Club, longtime member of the Wenatchee Valley Corvette Club, and was a former member of the Applarians. He enjoyed camping and took great pride in his classic Corvettes.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Nancy Ginther, Wenatchee; one daughter and son-in-law, Nadine & Walt Harris, Richmond, VA; one son and daughter-in-law, Michael & Mary Ginther, Wenatchee; seven grandchildren, Luke and Katharine "Katie" Harris, both of Richmond, VA; Jolene Ginther, Enterprise, OR; Brett Ginther, Wenatchee; Christopher (Laura) Irish, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA; Zachary (Rachel) King, and Caitlin King, of Port Orchard, WA; two great-grandchildren, Vincent King, Port Orchard, WA, and Patrick Irish, JBLM, WA. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Commemoration service will be held on Thursday, August 30th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 625 S. Elliott, Wenatchee, with the Rev. Fr. Tom Kuykendall officiating. A concluding service with Military Honors will be held at the Mausoleum in Evergreen Memorial Park at 2:00 p.m.

Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

LF

“ Dear Nancy and family, I was so shocked to hear about Everett's passing. He was way too young to leave us. I worked with Everett for 11 years at Chelan Co Medical. He was the life of the party and kept things from becoming too boring working with insurance. I'm sure you and the family have a deep hole in your hearts from the loss. I will always have fond memories of my time working with Everett. May God comfort your hearts.

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**Linda Foster** - September 30, 2012 at 02:37 AM

RP

“ Everett was my next door neighbor, when we were looking to buy a house there were lots of them to choose from in Wenatchee, 3 or 4 on Ramona Ave and we looked at them all and couldn't decide, untill we ran into Everett. He could have been working for the realtor because he pointed out all the qualities and seemed to know the house like it was his own and My wife and I made up our minds before we even seen the inside. Not because of the house as much as we wanted everett for our neighbor. 13 years have gone by and Everett never let us down. We will miss him very much. As we left the service today and headed for the parking lot and passed where Evrett lay, I thought this was my last good-by and was sad to feel that, then a little voice in my mind said, Don't be surprised when You yourself get to Heaven and find Everett there steering you in the right direction just like a good neighbor would do.

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**Ron Putman** - August 30, 2012 at 06:39 PM

CH

“ Dear Nancy, Nadine, Mike & family  
I wanted to let you know that even though I'm not with you today,  
my heart and thoughts are. We all loved "Butch" very much and  
enjoyed the times spent in his company. The photos remind one of  
happier times nad memories. Love Aunt Corene

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**Corene Hulse** - August 30, 2012 at 02:28 PM

IM

“ Good Bye to my best friend in the 7th Grade, Halfway, Oregon. My  
condolences to the family.

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**Ike Makinson** - August 30, 2012 at 01:03 PM

JS

“ Nancy and family we are so sorry for your loss, Everett will be in our  
prayers as will you and your family.

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**Jack & Jan Snyder** - August 29, 2012 at 06:45 PM

SK

“ I am shocked and saddened to hear of Everett's passing. Gone too  
soon, he will join many other loved ones who have left us. Sending  
you and your family our deepest sympathy.

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**Steve and Cheri Kelly** - August 28, 2012 at 06:02 PM

DF

“ Dear Nancy and family, I am so sorry to hear about Butch. Words aren't enough to make it better, but please know how much he will be missed. One of my favorite childhood memories was how we went to visit and Butch "let" us go out to the corrals where the Black Angus were kept. He failed to mention to us that we shouldn't climb the fence! Many laughs from that summer are still repeated! Take special care of each other and God bless you.

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**Debby Alexander Flores** - August 28, 2012 at 04:46 PM

KV

“ Nancy and family,  
I am at a complete loss for words about this news. I have so many wonderful memories from when we would go to Moses Lake to visit. Also when Uncle Everett would call me and Butch would get on the phone and we would have some great laughs together.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Kristie Hulse Vaughn** - August 28, 2012 at 02:46 PM

BJ

“ Nancy & Family, So sorry to hear about Everett and so sorry for your loss. I will always remember his great sense of humor. Sending a big hug your way...Matt & Buffi Jones

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**Buffi Jones** - August 27, 2012 at 12:50 PM

SE

“ Nancy, I am so sorry to hear that Everett has passed away. I hope you, Mike and Nadine and families will find comfort in the wonderful memories he created throughout his life. I know I feel privileged to have worked with him and to have called him friend. Please accept my condolences and know that my thoughts and love for you and Everett are with you now and always. Stan

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**Stan Erickson** - August 26, 2012 at 08:23 PM



MI

“ Dad

*Dad...so many images come to mind  
whenever I speak your name;  
It seems without you in my life  
things will never be the same.*

*What happened to those lazy days  
when I was just a child;  
When my life was consumed in you  
in your love, and in your smile.*

*What happened to all those times  
when I always looked to you;  
No matter what happened in my life  
you could make my gray skies blue.*

*Dad, some days I hear your voice  
and turn to see your face;  
Yet in my turning...it seems  
the sound has been erased.*

*Dad, who will I turn to for answers  
when life does not make sense;  
Who will be there to hold me close  
when the pieces just don't fit.*

*Oh, Dad, if I could turn back time  
and once more hear your voice;  
I'd tell you that out of all the dads  
you would still be my choice.*

*Please always know I love you  
and no one can take your place;  
Years may come and go*

*but your memory will never be erased.*

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**Michael** - August 25, 2012 at 01:30 AM

MG

“ *My Father-in-Law:*

*"I have passed a mountain peak and my soul is soaring in the firmament of complete and unbound freedom;  
I am far, far away, my companions, and the clouds are hiding the hills from my eyes.*

*The valleys are becoming flooded with an ocean of silence, and the hands of oblivion are engulfing the roads and the houses;  
The prairies and fields are disappearing behind a white specter that looks like the spring cloud, yellow as the candlelight and red as the twilight.*

*The songs of the waves and the humans of the streams are scattered, and the voices of the throngs reduced to silence.  
And I can hear naught but the music of eternity in exact harmony with the spirit's desires.*

*I am cloaked in full whiteness;  
I am in comfort;  
I am at peace."*

*For Nancy, Nadine, and Michael, and the rest of our family, I share your grief and hope this brings some comfort. I love you all. Rest in peace, Everett.*

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**Mary Ginther** - August 24, 2012 at 06:26 PM