



## Ralph Joseph Groom Jr.

August 13, 1961 - August 31, 2016

Ralph J. Groom Jr., 55 of Winter Park, formerly of Wilmington, Ma. and Charlestown, Ma., entered into eternal life on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 surrounded by his loving family at the Winter Park Memorial Hospital after an extended illness.

Ralph was born in Boston, Massachusetts the son of the late Ralph J. Groom Sr. and Philomena "Headle" Groom. He grew up in Charlestown where he graduated from St. Catherine's School. He graduated from Middlesex Community College earning an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts. He was a former police officer for the Boston Municipal Police Department. Mr. Groom coached the Wilmington Middle School Girls field Hockey for seven years prior to moving to Florida.

Ralph is the beloved husband of Mary Jo Pigott Groom and devoted father to his three children Nicole "Groom" Rodriguez, Jillian Groom and Joshua Groom. Ralph is the loving father in law to Eduardo Rodriguez Jr. of Winter Park. He is the beloved brother to Michael Groom and his wife Christine of Peabody, Ma., David Groom and his wife Noreen of Burlington, Ma. and Paul Groom and his wife Bobbi. He is the beloved brother in law to Kathy Pigott Brodeur and her husband Andy of Melrose, Ma. and Jack and Elizabeth Mahoney of Worcester, Ma. Mr. Groom is the loving Uncle of Patrick, Brenden, Connor, Meaghan, Brian, Mark, Kaycie Shane, Zachery, and Tyler Groom, Lia

and Bobby Brodeur and Great Uncle to Taylor Groom.

Visiting hours will be on Sunday, September 11, 2016 from 4-8 P.M. at DeGusipe Funeral Home 9001 N. Orlando Ave, Maitland, FL 32751. A funeral mass for Ralph will be Monday, September 12, 2016 at 10:30 am at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Winter Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Ralph's memory to Toys for Tots.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

SEP **12.** 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church  
526 N. Park Ave  
Winter Park, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Ralph Joseph Groom Jr.*



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September 10, 2016 at 11:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Ralph Joseph Groom Jr.*



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September 09, 2016 at 04:48 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Ralph Joseph Groom Jr.*

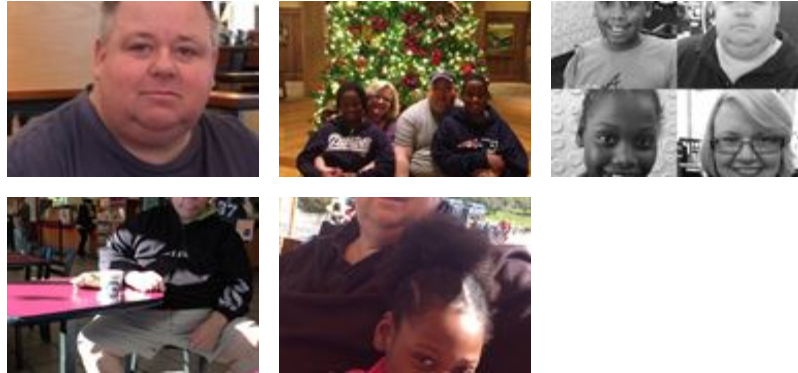


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September 09, 2016 at 04:14 PM



“ 57 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - September 09, 2016 at 03:54 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of *Ralph Joseph Groom Jr.*



September 09, 2016 at 12:15 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity* was purchased for the family of *Ralph Joseph Groom Jr.*



September 09, 2016 at 09:42 AM

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“ Hugs and prayers. Sorry for your loss.

*Colleen Henley*

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**Colleen Henley** - September 08, 2016 at 02:00 PM

LN

“ I wish I had pictures of the summer visits, as my brother Rob put it the " Groom Clan" would come to Pepperell. As we get older Any time Ralphie was around he always greeted me with a bear hug and some words of wisdom in my ear. I think back when Ralphie and Mary Jo ask me to help them in the wedding. "I became chathlic for a day". I was so honored to participate in their special day. Love you Ralph give your Mom and Dad "my god parents" a big huge and kiss for me.

*Love to Mary Jo and the kids  
Lorri Newell*

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**Lorri Newell** - September 07, 2016 at 11:01 PM

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“ As Labor Day just passed, I had many memories of Ralphie. He and his family spending almost every Labor Day weekend at our house as kids. His mom Aunt DeeDee, Uncle Ralph and the 4 boys. As I got older and the Labor Day invasion by the Charlestown Mafia to our little house in the country (Pepperell) became less frequent. The boys came fewer in number as they got older and had jobs. It was always a special moment to see any of the Groom clan for any reason. I will miss Ralphie. Love and hugs to Mary Jo and the family. And the rest of the Grooms my heart is with you at this time.

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**Rob Newell** - September 07, 2016 at 06:46 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Patti DeGraff - September 06, 2016 at 12:13 PM

PD

Mary Jo, Nicole & Ralph July 2003 at my mom's (MJ's Aunt Mary) 70th birthday bash

Patti DeGraff - September 08, 2016 at 08:04 AM

TK

“ The Kents purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ralph Joseph Groom Jr..



The Kents - September 03, 2016 at 07:35 PM



“ I'm so sorry my deepest of sympathy and pray got out to the Groom family so sorry to hear about your loose



Sarah Orizal-Luce - September 03, 2016 at 04:10 PM

MK

“ *Mary Jo and family- So sorry for the loss of your beloved husband and father. Know Ralph will always be with you. Hope you can feel us hugging you and know we are thinking of you! Love, Mary Beth and Chris Klotz*

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**Mary Beth Klotz** - September 03, 2016 at 01:56 PM