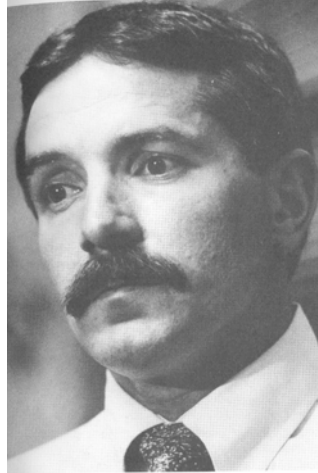


# Randy Roth



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Date	Age	Life Event
12-26-54	0	Born to Gordon Roth and Isabelle Messer. Oldest child (brother & 3 sisters born later)
1957	2	Younger brother David born (now serving life in prison for murder)
September, 1971	16	Parents Divorced
04-04-73	18	Randy joined Marine Corps Reserve
June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 1973		Graduated from Meadowdale High School
August, 1973		Girlfriend, Terri, pregnant & Randy had her get an abortion
08-25-73		Accused of armed robbery @ tire store in Lynwood & \$240 stolen
September, 1973		Basic Training in San Diego
December, 1973	19	Attended Camp Pendleton (clerk school) & studied typing
Early, 1974	19	Marine Private First Class
February, 1974	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Okinawa-assigned unit-headquarters platoon of M company, Third Battalion, Fourth Marine Regiment of the Third Marine Division</li> <li>○ Transferred to Camp Hanson on Okinawa-company clerks office</li> </ul>
Spring, 1974		Randy promoted to Lance Corporal by commanding officer
April, 1974		Hardship discharge request not approved
Late April, 1974		Japanese fight-pipe fractured cheekbone
Late July, 1974		Discharge approved
Mid-August,		Moved back to Lynwood & got job @ gas station

1974		
Fall, 1974		Committed burglaries
January, 1975		Robbed Mel & June Kirkbride (stole 2 sets of tools, 2 TV sets, turntable, stereo, and Kirkbride's Purple Heart)
February, 1975	20	Randy & Donna Sanchez arrested by Lynnwood Police → jailed for 1 week & ordered to stand trial on burglary & robbery charges (armed robbery @ tire store before went into Marines)
March, 1975		Plead guilty to burglary → probation
07-04-75		Married Donna Sanchez (job @ fiber glass factory-lamination department)
Early 1976	21	Moved to Portland, Oregon with Donna & her 4-year old daughter (got a job @ a steel manufacturing plant)
Early 1977		Moved back to Lynwood
08-11-77		Brother, Davy, murdered woman
08-30-77	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Son, Greg Roth, born</li> <li>○ Snohomish County Sheriff's Department searched house for brother, Davy, and his car</li> </ul>
Late 1977		Moved to Mountlake Terrace with Donna (job @ fiber glass factory-mold-making department)
Summer, 1979		Strike @ fiber glass factory
09-09-79		Assumed to have started truck fire @ plant
October, 1979	24	Truck mechanic job @ dairy distributor, Vitamilk, in Seattle
November, 1979		Brother, Davy's, trial
February, 1980	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Divorced 1<sup>st</sup> wife, Donna Sanchez</li> <li>○ Brother, Davy, sentenced to life term in state penitentiary</li> </ul>
Early winter, 1980		Attended a Parents without Partners social & met Janis Miranda
Late February, 1981		Janis & Jalina moved into Randy's Mountlake Terrace house
March, 1981		Married Janis Miranda Roth who had daughter, Jalina Miranda, from earlier marriage
03-24-81		Jan's green '76 Pinto "abducted" from house & collected insurance
September, 1981	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Randy &amp; Jan bought new house in Mountlake Terrace</li> <li>○ Randy &amp; Jan bought \$100,000 in whole life insurance (took effect on November 7<sup>th</sup>)</li> </ul>
11-27-81		2 <sup>nd</sup> wife, Janis Miranda, dies in fall off Beacon Rock
11-28-81		Randy calls Darrell Lundquist to make insurance claim
11-30-81		Randy meets with Lundquist
December 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1981		Joe Miranda, Jan's ex-husband, called Randy for custody of Jalina
12-05-81		Memorial service for Janis
Late January, 1982	27	Skamania County deputy sheriff, Mike Grossie, interviews Randy concerning Jan's death
April, 1982		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Randy collects \$100,000 life insurance proceeds</li> <li>○ Randy bought new home</li> </ul>
Mid-1984	29	Randy bought another new home in Misty Meadows & sold old one
January, 1985	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Randy &amp; Tim "planned" robbery of Tim's stuff for \$2,800 insurance claim</li> <li>○ Met Donna Clift in convenience store</li> </ul>

May 17 <sup>th</sup> , 1985		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Married Donna Clift who had daughter, Brittany, from earlier marriage</li> <li>○ Fired from Vitamilk</li> </ul>
July, 1985		Randy found work @ Cascade Ford
September, 1985		Divorced 3 <sup>rd</sup> wife, Donna Clift, who left Randy
Spring, 1986	31	Started relationship with Mary Jo Phillips
July, 1986		Randy asked Mary Jo to move in with him
Late, 1986 through 1987, into 1988	31-33	Randy had secret affair with Goodwin's daughter
September, 1988	33	Randy fired from job @ Cascade Ford
09-12-88		Randy reported claim for unemployment benefits
September 17 <sup>th</sup> , 1988		Randy called about burglary @ Randy's home (\$57,000 in losses)
December, 1988		Randy was a truck driver for a little time
Early, 1989	34	Insurance company suing Randy in federal court to have policy declared invalid because of fraud
March, 1989		Randy got new mechanics job @ Ford dealership in Seattle
Spring, 1990		Randy met Cynthia Baumgartner
August 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 1990	35	Married Cynthia Baumgartner, who had Tyson & Rylie Baumgartner, from earlier marriage, in the Chapel of the Bells in Reno, Nevada
August, 1990		Randy & Greg moved into Cindy's South Everett house
September, 1990		Randy & Cindy bought house in Woodinville
November, 1990		Insurance company settled dispute over "burglary" & paid just over \$28,500 to Randy
Early January, 1991	36	Randy & Cindy bought more life insurance
Late May, 1991		Randy got new job as a mechanic for Seattle area's mass transit utility: Metro
July 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 1991		4 <sup>th</sup> wife, Cynthia Baumgartner, dies by drowning @ Lake Sammamish
July 25 <sup>th</sup> , 1991		Randy went to bank & emptied out Cindy's safe deposit box containing her will & jewelry from ex-husband, Tom
August 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1991		Randy had 1 <sup>st</sup> interview with police regarding Cindy's drowning
August 9 <sup>th</sup> , 1991		At a press conference, Randy denied killing 2 of 4 wives
Late August, 1991		Kristina Baker informed police she saw Randy & Cindy in the raft & it never flipped over as Randy claimed
October, 1991		Detectives were ready & prepared for case against Randy
10-09-91		Randy was arrested for investigation of 1 <sup>st</sup> degree murder
12-19-91		Randy's lawyers, Cody & Muenster filed several motions in King County Superior Court
January, 1992	37	Randy's trial began
Early February, 1992		Pre-trial appeals
Mid-February, 1992		Appeals court rejected arguments
04-10-92		Opening statements in Randy's trial
04-21-92		Closing arguments in Randy's trial

04-22-92		Randy convicted Jury's verdict: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ On count 1: murder in the 1<sup>st</sup> degree → guilty as charged</li> <li>○ On count 2: theft from his homeowners insurance → guilty as charged</li> <li>○ On count 3: theft from Social Security → guilty as charged</li> </ul>
06-19-92		Randy brought before Judge Sullivan for his sentence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 year in prison for all lesser theft charges</li> <li>○ count 1 → 55 years (even with time off for good behavior, spend 37 years in prison)</li> </ul>
September, 1992		Randy was imprisoned @ Washington State Penitentiary & joined younger brother, Davy

### General Information

Sex	Male
Race	White
Number of victims	2
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	Washington
Type of killer	Blue Beard
Height	5'8''

### Childhood Information

Date of birth	December 26 <sup>th</sup> , 1954
Location	Bismarck, North Dakota
Birth order	1 <sup>st</sup> of 5
Number of siblings	4
XYX?	Unknown
Raised by	Both parents until the age of 16, then raised by mother
Birth category	Oldest
Parent's marital status	Divorced
Family event	Parents Divorced
Age of family event	16
Problems in school?	Became a juvenile delinquent-became increasingly incorrigible, resorting to vandalism of mailboxes and stop signs, hotwiring cars, committing petty thefts, unfunny pranks like squirting unsuspected people with stolen fire extinguishers filled with paint, and similar anti-social acts that served as an outlet for his aggressions and frustrations from his family life.
Teased while in school?	Yes
Physically attractive?	Yes
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	No
Head injury?	Said to have been in Japanese fight & fractured his cheekbone by a pipe
Physically abused?	Possibly by father at young age
Psychologically abused?	Unknown
Sexually abused?	Unknown
Father's occupation	Plumber
Age of first sexual experience	N/A
Age when first had intercourse	N/A
Mother's occupation	Unknown

Father abused drugs/alcohol	Unknown
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	Unknown
<b>Cognitive Ability</b>	
Highest grade in school	Completed high school (Meadowdale High School)
Highest degree	High school diploma
Grades in school	GPA accumulated average 2.583
IQ	N/A
<b>Work History</b>	
Served in the military?	Yes
Branch	Marines (Vietnam Veteran)
Type of discharge	Hardship
Saw combat duty	Claimed he did
Killed enemy during service?	No, but told people that he did
Applied for job as a cop?	No
Worked in law enforcement?	Police, prison guard, security guard, dispatcher?
Fired from jobs?	Yes, multiple times
Types of jobs worked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o High school-gas station pump jockey, helper at a market, nursery, etc...</li> <li>o Marines-clerk &amp; typist</li> <li>o Welder, truck mechanic @ Vitamilk, truck driver, mechanic for Seattle's Metro</li> <li>o Fiberglass factory-lamination department &amp; mold-making department</li> </ul>
Employment status during series	Employed @ car dealership as a salesman
<b>Relationships</b>	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Single, married (4x), divorced (2x), remarried (3x), and currently widowed (for 2 <sup>nd</sup> time)
Number of children	1 son (Greg) & several step children from wives' previous marriages
Lives with his children	Son (Greg) & 2 step sons (Tyson & Rylie)
Living with	Spouses & now Self
<b>Triad</b>	
Animal torture	Unknown
Fire setting	Assumed to have started truck fire @ plant & possibly torched Jan's Pinto to collect insurance
Bed wetting	Unknown
<b>Killer Psychological Information</b>	
Abused drugs?	No
Abused alcohol?	No
Been to a psychologist?	No
Time in forensic hospital?	No
Diagnosis	N/A
<b>Killer Criminal History</b>	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes; suspected of armed robbery @ tire store in Lynnwood & burglarizing Kirkbride's home
Spend time in jail?	Yes, only for 1 week
Spend time in prison?	No
Killed prior to series? Age?	Yes, suspected to have murdered 2 <sup>nd</sup> wife (Donna) but never convicted at age 26
<b>Serial Killing</b>	
Number of victims	2
Victim type	Family (Wives)
Killer age at start of series	26

Gender of victims	Female
Race of victims	Caucasian
Age of victims	2 <sup>nd</sup> wife, Janis-29 & 4 <sup>th</sup> wife Cynthia
Method of killing	“Accidental” deaths
Type of serial killer	Blue Beard
How close did killer live?	Drove to crime
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Weapon	No weapon
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	No
Tortured victims?	No
Stalked victims?	No
Overkill?	No
Quick & efficient?	Yes
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	No
After Death Behavior	
Sex with the body?	No
Mutilated body?	No
Ate part of the body?	No
Drank victim’s blood?	No
Posed the body?	No
Took totem – body part	No
Took totem – personal item	No
Robbed victim or location	No
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Yes, 2 <sup>nd</sup> wife-left body at scene @ Beacon Rock
Left at scene, hidden	No
Left at scene, buried	No
Moved, no attempt to hide	Yes, 4 <sup>th</sup> wife-brought body back on shore @ Lake Sammamish
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Moved, too home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	October 9 <sup>th</sup> , 1991
Date convicted	April 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 1992
Sentence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 1 year in prison for all lesser theft charges</li> <li>o count 1 → 55 years (even with time off for good behavior, spend 37 years in prison)</li> </ul>
Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	N/A
Name and state of prison	Washington State Penitentiary
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	---

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