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Benjamin Neil Richardson, 56, of Wenatchee, passed away peacefully in his sleep early in the morning of February 27th, 2018, at his house.

Ben and his sister Ellen were born October 7, 1961 to Gail and Catherine (McGee) Richardson. He attended school in Wenatchee, Chelan, Manson, and finally Cashmere High School, graduating in 1980.

Ben had a lifelong love of music. He played bass and sang in a few cover bands in the Wenatchee area, including the Lazy Boys and Second Nature. He loved to participate in the local jams. He made many friends throughout this area, and will be missed very much. Ben also enjoyed snowmobiling, jet skiing and hunting.

Ben is survived by his brother, Brad (Maija) Richardson, of East Wenatchee, his sister, Ellen Massey, of Wenatchee, a niece, Shellana Richardson, of Costa Mesa, California, and his nephews, Rick Snell, of Seattle, and Gabe Massey of East Wenatchee. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, and a brother.

The family would like to thank Central Washington Hospital and Harborview Medical Center for the care that they gave Ben for the past three months. A special "Thank You" to his lifelong friend and roommate, Tim (Buckwheat) Kirk, for putting up with Ben and helping him for the last decade, and for

selflessly seeing to Ben's round the clock needs the last few days of his life. Also, special thanks to Marilyn Martinson for help with Ben, and consolation for Tim.

A Remembrance Jam is being planned for Ben at Columbia River Brewery. It will be announced soon. Please continue to check his webpage for updates.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Hey Benny,

*I wanted share some stories about us and just let others know how special you were. I remember when we would go visit aunt Sis and Barney, and they had that sandy rock in back of the house. We were left to our own devices (!), and quite little. There was that enormous rock that we were attempting to move, and this huge spider the size of New York barreled out of the side of the rock toward my hand. I was completely spellbound and unable to move; I was so shocked! But you shoved that rock and it rolled upright and squished the monster. Thank you!*

*Do you remember when we took that disco dancing class back in our teen years? We were partners, and I guess I didn't take that class as seriously as you did. You told me later that you wanted to be a hit on the dance floor with the ladies. You took the ladies very seriously! You always did; in fact, I remember when we were in kindergarten you kissed Lori Burns while we were lined up to go inside after lunch!*

*I remember you playing your bass in your bedroom, playing along with Journey, Rush, Sticks, Boston, and the like. I can still hear you playing "I'm Just a Singer (in a Rock in Roll Band)".*

*But I will always remember when you hugged me to your chest and said you were sorry for some of the things you said that you didn't mean. I will always remember when you said that you loved me too. I will always remember when I whispered that I was glad you were my brother and you whispered back that you were glad I was your sister. It was there, at the end. I don't like that you are gone from our world. I'm going to miss you. But I thank god that we were able to mend the tears in our family fabric, and that was in the short time you had left while in the hospital and at home where you came to die. It was a blessing that you were able to come home to die and to have wonderful friends, musicians and others, who came to say goodbye. I know you had a terrific send off; you could hear us*

*nearby sharing and talking about you. Again, I say I love you and am glad you were my brother. Where there's a band playing rock up there in the By and By, I know you're jamming away on your bass.*

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**Ellen Massey** - March 22, 2018 at 06:13 PM

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“ *Ben, it is so hard to say goodbye to you. You were my little brother, and I cherish all of the fun times we had. I am missing you. And I know that someday, we will all be together again. Tell Mom, Dad, and all of our aunts, uncles, and grandparents that I love them. And I love you. Brad*

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**Brad Richardson** - March 02, 2018 at 09:57 AM

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“ *Best wishes for the family. May god be with you all*

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**Rich Mcveigh** - March 01, 2018 at 08:08 PM

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“ *Sorry for the loss of your brother.*

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**Kathy Ohler** - March 01, 2018 at 04:51 PM

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“ *Rest In Peace Benny!  
I love you.*

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**Charlotte** - March 01, 2018 at 09:40 AM