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Robbie Joe Bowling, 61, a long time Wenatchee Valley resident and local musician died on Thursday, January 10, 2019 in East Wenatchee.

He was born on April 9, 1957, in Monroe, Washington, to Sammy Joe and Carol June (Ritchal) Bowling. As a youngster he moved with his family to East Wenatchee and attended Grant and Kenroy Elementary, Sterling middle school and Eastmont high school. While in junior high and high school, Robbie played drums and played in the marching band performing in many parades.

Following high school Robbie proudly served in the US Army and was based in Germany. He received an honorable discharge and returned to Wenatchee where he focused on his career as a musician and played drums for a number of local bands. He worked as a sales representative for Consolidated Electrical Distributors (CED) and furthered his education at Wenatchee Valley College. Robbie received his degree as a Certified Drug and Alcohol counselor and was a Substance Abuse counselor until health concerns steered him in a new direction. Robbie was employed at Mission Vista group

home, where he gladly engaged his clients with various fun activities.

Robbie loved music and especially enjoyed his family and all events that came with being a, "Bowling," such as camping, plunking and gaming with his son, Sammy, movie marathons with his brother, Steve, wagering bets with his nephew, Cole, and of course the family fishing tournaments. He loved all the time he spent with Sammy and cherished them more than anything. Robbie enjoyed taking his mother on trips to the casino (bring em' on down Frankie!) He shared daily, his love with his sister, and best friend, Tami, by calling and asking, "what's for dinner?"

Robbie will continue to be loved and deeply missed by his son, Sammy Bowling II; mom, Carol Bowling (CJ); brother, Steve Bowling; sister and brother-in-law, Tami and Kevin "Bubba" Lexa, all of Wenatchee; beloved stepdaughters: Hailey Kalahar, Whitney Holland and Courtney Holland, as well as his nieces and nephews: Amanda and Matt Coplin, Cole (Becca) Groche and Cassidy Coates. Robbie was preceded in death or lead on that stairway to heaven by his father Sammy Joe Bowling.

A Celebration of Life for Robbie will be held at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at Eastmont Community Church, located at 783 4th Street NE, East Wenatchee, WA, 98802. You are invited to view his online tribute at www.heritagememorialchapel.com to leave a condolence or share a memory. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

BO

“ *Tami, so sorry to hear about your brother. I did not know him but if he was anything like his sister, he was a great guy and fun to be around and to know. Sorry again Bonna*

Bonna Otto - January 26, 2019 at 12:37 PM

JC

“ *I had the best time with Robbie, softball, being with your family and working with him at Mission Vista. I loved that man!!! My heart and prayers are with all of you.*

Judy Campbell - January 26, 2019 at 12:20 PM

DB

“ *So sorry for your loss. He was a sweet guy enjoyed his company*

Donna bowling - January 25, 2019 at 09:53 PM

CS

“ *I will miss Robbie's big hearty laugh and his unique sense of humor. Always made me laugh. Always remember: Everyone follows the drummer.*

Cheryl Stuart - January 24, 2019 at 03:06 PM

DB

“ *My condolences to the Bowling family. You will b greatly missed Robbie. My memories of time spent with you over the years will never be forgotten. God bless you and your family. Rest In Peace my friend.*


Dave Bonwell - January 24, 2019 at 08:13 AM

CD

“ Robbie we were so blessed to have went to school with you and then be part of your life when playing with River City... Last time we saw you we laughed about The Halloween @ the old Columbia Hotel there you were in just a diaper, Then going to breakfast you yelled out to us only saying Hey Tay and Clarry ha ha... You are amazing and now you are in heaven with my Brother Brad playing music with my Dad joining in... We watch the Halloween video from that night we Laughed so hard and Cried so hard... We miss you so much but, we will see you again someday... God Bless you...

Clay and Terri Durham - January 24, 2019 at 01:00 AM

SG

“ We are so grateful to have been a part of Robbie's Life. Some for many more years than others. Yet, we all have journeyed some distance with him. My thoughts and prayers are meant for this Family and that they lift their Son, Brother, Nephew, Father, Beloved to The Heavens. Our Beautiful, Beautiful Bowling Boy. God's Peace.


Sandy Gellatly - January 23, 2019 at 01:32 PM

SL

“ Carol, Steve, and Tami,
My heart goes out to all of you for your loss. I didn't know Robbie personally but I have experienced the loss of a child and I know the pain it brings. There are no words that can adequately express my sympathy.

*Sincere condolences,
Shannon*

Shannon (Hill) Lanning - January 22, 2019 at 11:28 PM

GH

“ Spent many hours playing music and laughing with Robbie. What a loss. He will be missed!

Gregg Harnish - January 22, 2019 at 10:37 AM

GH

“ Carol and family,
So very sorry for the loss of my second cousin and your son. He was just a little guy when I left Washington and moved out of state after college graduation. I wish I had lived closer so I could have known both Robbie and Steve. Having known you and husband Sammy, two very special people who I really enjoyed and now that I am well into my senior years, I realize how much I have missed. Wish I could be there to celebrate Robbie's life. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Glenn, McKinney, TX.

Glenn and Sue Harrison - January 19, 2019 at 08:21 PM

DH

“ I will miss hearing Robbie Jo's infectious laugh! He spent a lot of time at our home as a youngster, being one of my brother's good friends and he was always a joy to be around. RIP Robbie! Party on with your comrades in Heaven.

Debbie Flowers Harkness - January 18, 2019 at 05:35 PM

LE

“ I will miss your smile and your laughter my friend. The pain and struggling is behind you now and you can play your music and relax with those who were waiting for you to join them. You will never realized how much you brought to those at Mission Vista. Thank you for being you Robbie.

Lisa Earhart - January 17, 2019 at 06:50 PM

DM

“ My deep sympathies to your family - I pray that Robbie is at peace and safe in the arms of our Father. His old body was just plain worn out - now he is free and I can just imagine the smile on his face. God bless you all. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Ya-Ya

Denise Foubert Mays - January 15, 2019 at 02:45 PM

HN

“ Dearest Sammy, Carole, Steve, Tami & Kevin, and Cole,

Plus his sweet hearts Diane and Michelle ~ countless family members and those who were blessed to have Robbie as a FRIEND!

"The only way to have a friend is to be one." "It's not that diamonds are a girl's best friend, but it's your best friends who are your diamonds." "One of the most beautiful qualities of true friendship is to understand and be understood." "A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out."

Thank you Robbie for Being Our True Friend & Brother!

Hugs & Love to All, Heidi

Heidi Hall Neal - January 15, 2019 at 10:20 AM