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Robert "Bob" Burnham, 65, a lifelong Wenatchee valley resident, passed away on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, WA, following a sudden illness.

He was born on December 29, 1952, in Wenatchee, WA, son of the late Orville and Roberta (Gilbert) Burnham. He was raised in East Wenatchee, WA, and graduated from Eastmont High School. He continued his education at Multnomah Bible college in Portland, OR. He returned to make his home in Wenatchee and soon thereafter went to work in Housekeeping, Shipping & Receiving, PC Education, and lastly the Engineering department of Central Washington Hospital. He retired in June of 2012 after having worked at the hospital for over 38 years. He married Kathy Hyatt on May 9, 1987, in East Wenatchee on their 10th-week anniversary of dating. They made their home together in Wenatchee along with his two boys, Bailey and Riley.

Bob was an accomplished musician and songwriter. He played piano from age 7, and later guitar and bass. "Bad Bob Burnham" played and sang in many local bands, including Oaxaca, Toons, and Switch. He enjoyed riding his

Harley with friends, doing woodworking in his shop, watching sports, and spending time with visitors on his back porch.

He is survived by his wife: Kathy; children: Bailey and Riley; stepson: Jeff Hughes; sister: Janet Rumford; brother: Levoy; grandchildren: Jerrod, Jaxson, Sonya, Cody, and Matthew. He was preceded in death by his parents: Orville and Roberta; sister: Donna, and stepson: Andy.

A Memorial Service, officiated by Chaplain Scott Langager, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 4, 2019, at Heritage Memorial Chapel, 19 Rock Island Road, East Wenatchee, WA. You are invited to view Bob's 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

KA

“ I came to know Bob through Kathy, he was an extra treat for my visits of dropping off gowns to Kathy. What talent he had. He crafted a beautiful desk and so many hand made wooden bowls (I was so excited to have received one too!) He had fun creating, I could tell. Whether it was his new equipment he got for sharpening knives and scissors or his new riding lawnmower, I enjoyed talking about it all. It was always great to hear about some of his motorcycle trips too! Bob was a great photographer and captured beautiful images. I know he is in awe of the amazing landscapes in heaven right now. I am looking forward one day to see him in heaven and Bob can show me what he is designing next!
Kathy, Bailey, Riley and family my thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Katrina

Katrina and David Anderson - January 04, 2019 at 10:06 AM

LB

“ After graduating in "71" Bob and I became good friends. Playin guitar and singing and being in the rock band. We drove sports cars, backpacked and hung out alot. I will miss my good friend.

Lynne Barsten - January 04, 2019 at 12:23 AM

TH

“ I was fortunate to have worked with Bob at Central Washington Hospital engineering dept. Bobs skills , smile and calm manner was so valuable to our entire dept operation .. I truly missed him when he retired ... we will remember him fondly ...

Tim Heidlebaugh - January 03, 2019 at 01:09 PM

FP

“ Bob and I were both Eastmont High Graduates, Class of 1971. We both shared his love for music, even playing in a Rock Band together. It is my regret that we never got to ride Harleys together, or play music together again. May you rest in peace Bob.

Frank Prentice - January 02, 2019 at 05:32 PM

PH

“ Bob was my cousin. We grew up together in East Wenatchee. Bob was more like a brother to my sisters and I than a cousin. He'd like to put on a rough exterior sometimes but inside he was a caring, kind man that loved his friends and family deeply. I still can't comprehend that he is gone.
My frequent thoughts and prayers are with you Kathy, Riley, Baily, Janet & Levoy. May God grant you comfort in your grief.
Pam❤️

Pam Sutherland Havens - January 01, 2019 at 01:51 AM

CL

“ I returned to Wenatchee in 2000 and began working at CWH. I was sent to Bob for a much needed technology update and a new email address. He saw "clau" and immediately renamed me "The Claw!" That was my greeting from that time on. Such a sense of fun and I really felt welcomed back to Wenatchee.

Cathie Lau - December 31, 2018 at 01:54 PM

CO

“ So many wonderful memories of Bob...such a kind gentle and caring soul. I met him in the mid 70s when we both began working at Deaconess Hospital and eventually Central Washington Hospital. Bob was truly "one of the good ones" and I could always count on him to take care of my IT and Purchasing problems -- with a smile. Sending prayers and peace to Kathy and the boys.

Chris Olson - December 30, 2018 at 07:25 PM

LG

“ The Bobbb was truly one of our best! I first met Bob in 1977 at Deaconess Hospital, I workings in peds and Bob in housekeeping. He was a kind soul from the beginning! He built many of the CWH databases due to his computer savvy and helped the Family Health Services pediatric clinic out numerous times! Donated a large fish tank for the lobby! I could go on and on and on.... Bob will be missed forever by me!
My love to Kathy and family. ❤️

Laura Gaukroger-Holland - December 29, 2018 at 12:08 PM

PH

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I've worked for CWH almost as long as he did. Bob was always quick with a smile and gave me a lot of help whether it be in Engineering or IT.
He will be missed.

Paula Holt - December 28, 2018 at 09:03 PM