



Ernest Benoit LeRoux

June 13, 1945 - May 14, 2022

Ernest "Ben" Benoit LeRoux, age 76, died Saturday, May 14, 2022 at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center. McHenry Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am saddened to hear that the world has lost Ben. He was a wise, gentle, funny and brilliant man. I wish we could have been closer friends. My deep condolences to his loved ones.

Linda Arata - August 18, 2023 at 11:42 AM

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“ I have been trying to track Ben down for years, but only now realized his given name was Ernest Benoit LeRoux and that he recently walked on. I knew him when I was married to Bill Frank in Corvallis. Part of that time he was with Kathy. He was gentle, caring, and funny. I hate to admit it but we closed down a few taverns in downtown Corvallis. Ben offered to give me a ride in his plane, but I was too chicken. I remember him flying above me and tipping a wing.

Would love to hear what he'd been doing all these years. I am certain he left many sad friends and family.

Margaret Fiorino

Margaret Fiorino - August 03, 2022 at 04:48 PM

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“ I'm very sad to learn that one of my best and truest friends has passed on. We met in Corvallis in 1966 when I was stationed at Adair Air Force Base. His mom, Elizabeth, was the librarian at that airbase, and introduced us. It wasn't long before we discovered that we had many things in common, including an interest in classical, folk, jazz and ethnic music. Ben was deeply into the Flamenco art form, and taught himself how to play the Flamenco guitar. It was a passion he pursued his entire life. We also liked nature, taking trips to the Oregon coast, and up to the Cascades. At OSU he was a member of the flying club. He was able to purchase a small plane and over the years I enjoyed many flights with him. He was also a gardener, a hunter and a pretty good cook. I returned from Michigan to visit him many times after those first years. I remember one meal he served in particular, with home grown vegetables, meat from an Elk he had shot, and water that he collected from a secret underground stream. He was deeply committed to social justice too, both politically and personally. As a counselor in the Corvallis school system, he helped many teenagers, some of whom came to him later in life to express their gratitude for his help and guidance. But the quality of Ben that I will miss most, and I believe the one that many of his friends found so endearing, was his ever present sense of humor. You could see that twinkle in his eye, and his quick wit as he pretended to be this or that character. I still have a vision of him playing the soulful Spanish classic Malaguena on his guitar while flirtatiously fluttering his eye lashes. I miss you Ben, and hope you are in a better place. I'll never forget you. Your loving friend, Dave Detlefs.



Dave Detlefs - June 24, 2022 at 10:19 PM

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David Detlefs - June 24, 2022 at 09:13 PM