

Benjamin (Ben) Andrew Stevens

In loving memory of Ben, a beloved husband, son, brother, uncle/fun-cle, and friend, who left this world on September 23, 2023, following a prolonged and arduous battle with scleroderma. Ben fought so hard and met each new challenge with grace. He wasn't ready to leave and we weren't ready to say goodbye. His absence has left a profound void in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Ben moved through life with an insatiable curiosity. He was a seeker of knowledge, a guy who knew a lot about a lot of things. A true renaissance man, he had an artistic side too, he wrote, drew, carved, and played instruments including bongos and harmonica. Ben also had an incredible gift for storytelling— usually delivered with a mischievous grin and razor-sharp wit. A true conversationalist, he could, and would, talk to anyone about anything, yet he didn't suffer fools. He wouldn't shy away from expressing his disagreement, yet he remained open to all points of view, and loved a spirited and civil debate.

Ben was an avid outdoorsman and his love of nature, and fishing in particular, took him on many adventures. He travelled the globe, often by boat, in a variety of fascinating jobs, collecting friends and just a “few” fishing mementos wherever he went. His marinated barbequed salmon was legendary, as was the infectious laughter and joy he brought to every gathering.

Ben's love of the outdoors was only surpassed by the love he had for his wife Barb, parents Timothy and Cherilyn, siblings Deborah, Joel and Nathan and his large extended family.

Preserving connections was important to Ben, and he never hesitated to reach out and check in often with everyone. His warmth and genuine care for those around him not only strengthened his bonds with family and friends but also left a

lasting impact on the lives he touched, creating treasured memories for all who knew him.

Ben and his wife Barb cherished the life they built together, filled with love and laughter. They delighted in being at home, traveling, embarking on RV road trips, and spending time with friends and family. Other than suffering from 'man-vision' (the inability to find the most commonplace object in the most obvious place), he was an extraordinary husband—a skilled cook, thoughtful, wise, hilarious, handy and handsome.

Ben and Barb were each other's co-pilot in life, bonded and devoted to each other's happiness.

A few paragraphs will never be sufficient to describe the richness of Ben's life, so we ask you to please join us in paying tribute to him, laughing and remembering all that he was to each of us. Family and friends are invited to gather and reminisce at a Celebration of Life to be held in the Sequoia Centre at McCall Gardens, 4665 Falaise Drive, Victoria, on Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 2:00-4:00 pm.

For those unable to attend in person, you are invited to attend virtually via zoom, by clicking the following link.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82134849797?pwd=NbaKMUKSMNpPI0U3MduvBlzf0TotCF.1>

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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