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Bennet Wong Obituary

Wong, Bennet Randall. July 16, 1930-September 25, 2013.

Ben passed away peacefully at the Nanaimo Palliative Care Unit from the complications of a hip fracture and Parkinson's disease. Ben had a remarkable career as an adolescent psychiatrist in Vancouver, BC during the 1960s and 1970s before establishing himself as a leader in the human potential movement; initially at The Cold Mountain Institute, Cortes Island, BC and then, along with his partner Jock McKeen, co-founded The Haven, Gabriola Island, BC in 1983. He is survived by his life partner Jock and sons Kevin, Randy (Lisa), and Justin (Renee) and granddaughter Katrina. He is also survived by siblings Pat, Albert (Darlene), Joyce, (Charles), and Allan (Deanna) and many nephews and nieces. Ben touched the lives of thousands of people over the years. There will be no funeral but a Celebration of Life will be planned at The Haven in the near future. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Haven Foundation, Gabriola Island, BC, or the Nanaimo Hospital Palliative Care Unit. As a long-time friend said: "It was a dark and stormy night. It is better now".

Since 1983, The Haven has offered experiential programs for personal and professional growth and development, emphasizing self-responsibility, effective communication, healthy relationships, creative expression and integration of body-mind-spirit. Haven programs help people live their lives more fully and with deeper awareness of themselves and others. A not for profit charitable organization, The Haven is located on Gabriola Island, BC, Canada.

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