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Bill Charney RIP

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Bill Charney

1946 - 2012 SEATTLE, WA Bill Charney, born 1946, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Dec. 2, at Kline Galland in Seattle after a two-month illness.



He is survived by his children, Guillaume Aubin and Leah Freeman of Montreal, PQ, Canada, and his sister, Ruth Charney of Greenfield, MA. Bill was predeceased by his mother, Hattie Charney, and father, George Charney.

Born in 1946 in New York City, Bill came to Seattle in 1998, via Montreal, San Francisco, and Vermont. Bill lived a large life as a musician, poet, writer, and political organizer in his profession.

Bill worked tirelessly for protections for health care workers, advocated for asbestos abatement in the US and Canada, and published books on health and safety issues for all workers; he fought for his beliefs in rights for all people and humanity.

A self-taught musician, Bill produced several CDs of his own works in blues and jazz. He was a leader in his work and in his music. A devoted boater and sailor, often tangling the lines, Bill loved the water and the powerful beauty of nature.

Bill is remembered with deep love by his family and friends for his wit, humor, insight into people, his ability to care for so many, his unique way of robustly enjoying life, and his courage. We love you, Billy.

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