



Benjamin Hurst

June 29, 1944 - December 25, 2022

Benjamin Leonard Hurst, 78 passed away peacefully at home on December 25, 2022, after a long and brave battle with cancer.

He was born the first child of three in Wichita, Kansas on June 29, 1944. Ben was stationed at Mildenhall USAF base in England. While stationed in England he was introduced to his wife, Julie, the love of his life.

He attended the University of Missouri, City of Columbia graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Special Education and a Master of Education Degree. In 1974 Ben began his career in Oroville, WA. One year before moving to Wenatchee in 1975, Ben accepted employment with the Wenatchee School District. Ben continued with his education at Central Washington University and became certified as a Program Administrator and Principal. He became Assistant Director of Special Education in 1987 and Director in 1992 until retiring in 2007. Incorporating the one year in Oroville, Ben spent 33 years in Education.

Ben was a special person to all that knew him and will be greatly missed by all. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, wonderful smile and as an advocate for families and staff.

He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, playing dominoes, hiking with his wife and dogs and being on the dog show circuit.

Ben was a very devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, the best anyone could ask for.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Louise and sister, Judith. He is survived by his wife of 55 years Julie; children, Lila Carta, Leonard Hurst (Tane). Grandchildren, Brandi Hurst, Ryan Rediger (Ashlyn), Benjamin Carta. Great grandchildren, MaKenzee and Kennedy Rediger, Lennyn Hurst. His younger brother, Joe (Linda) of Missouri.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

The family would like to express special thanks to the doctors and nurses at Central Washington Hospital; Nurses and Physical Therapists at Home Health, the Knights of Columbus and the caring staff of Hospice.

Arrangements entrusted to Chapel of the Valley Funeral Home. To leave condolences and memories, please visit chapelofthevalleyncw.com

Tribute Wall

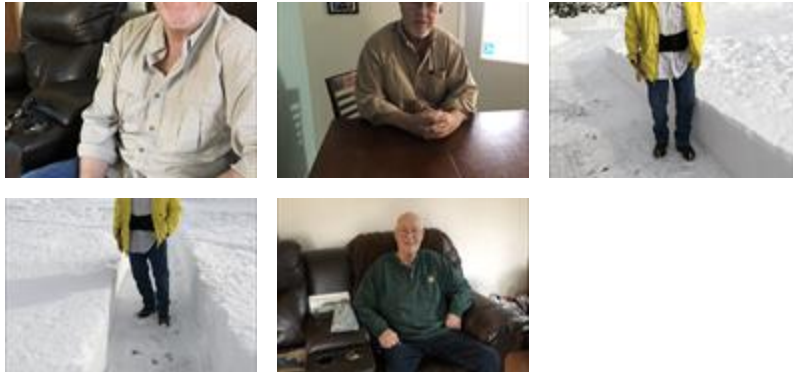
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“ I know that Ben is missed so much by his family!! He’s one of the most caring people I’ve known. It was a pleasure to work with Ben for many years at WSD. There were many challenges over the years and he always listened to parents and staff to make the best decisions for the students. Under his leadership the program offered opportunities to staff and students to improve over time. Many families will not forget him and his support. He left a void in many hearts. 😞💙💙

Crystal - June 12, 2023 at 12:41 PM

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“ A great man missed so much by all of his family ❤️



Ashlyn Rediger - June 06, 2023 at 06:33 PM

JF

“ Ben was my teacher in 1976 at Oroville WA. I was a triathlon and he always gave me advice on a lot of things, he would come over my mom and dad's house once in a while to play pool. He sure like his pip. I even got a couple hacks from him after I put chalk in his pipe tobacco, I got bullied a few times and he would not stand for that, such a kind man and always made me laugh. Thanks Ben for being there for me, I'm a retired US Army vet! Bless you all and God bless.

Jimmy Frank - April 18, 2023 at 02:53 PM

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“ I one of Ben students from junior high. He taught me math in which I failed but he taught me to however I learned it. So I I will sure miss him dearly. God Bless you and your family love ya
Signed , Debbie
(Tidwell)
Lowell

Debbie Lowell - January 24, 2023 at 01:02 PM

AS

“ He was an amazing grandpa and great grandpa (ggpa) who will forever be missed by all of us 💕



ashlyn - January 22, 2023 at 09:18 PM

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“ Julie, Lila and Family - sending you more love than a hug can ever hold! I will forever be grateful for not only the years I was blessed to work for Ben in the Special Ed Department, and Ben was always there for me. He fully supported and endorsed me when I moved up in Administration, but more than that, he was there for me, personally, when Darrell died, and I was widowed at 38. He never stopped caring about me and others in his life. My greatest joy was watching him light up every time we'd talk about Julie, Lila, "little" Ben and the rest of the family.... And of course, the dogs!! Thank you for sharing Ben with me and so many others!!

Terrie Cranwell - January 19, 2023 at 09:44 PM