



Grant Howard Chapman

October 26, 1965 - August 2, 2017

Howard was born in Kailua, Oahu, Hawaii. He attended schools in Benicia and Vallejo, California.

He later lived in Eugene, Or, Seattle, Wa, and Cambria, Ca. He worked at Cookie Crock Super Market in Cambria, had his own gardening and landscape business, and played guitar and sang in many venues. He made CDs and videos, composed music, and was a poet and an artist. He was often seen busking in front of Charlie's Attic on Main Street in Benicia. Howard was a lover of peace and deeply spiritual. He is survived by his mother Shirley Chapman, his aunt Cynthia Strobele, his brother John Chapman, and several cousins. Memorial service will be private.

Tribute Wall

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“ Just a few weeks ago I was walking up the driveway when Howard was coming home from a gig. He was thrilled that he got to work with someone he really liked and he was looking forward to playing more music with this person again. He was so happy that his whole body was just beaming and he turned to me and with a super-big smile on his face said "I love you! I love everyone right now!" And then he turned and with a wave of his hand, disappeared into the house. My last memory of Howard is of him sitting upright on the gurney, being loaded into the ambulance. In spite of whatever pain he was feeling, he had that same huge and lopsided grin on his face and waved his hand saying, "bye! see you later!"

Indeed we will Howard. We will definitely see you later...no doubt you will still have that big grin on your face and love in your heart.

*Simone St.Clare
Next door neighbor and friend*

Simone St Clare - August 21, 2017 at 10:21 PM

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“ Although I did not get to play music with Howard personally I was delighted to lay down a bass line on one of his songs called "The Sun." Howard was like the sun. He was lively, thoughtful and soulful. I found his music to be very spiritual and inspirational. My sincere condolences to my friend John and the rest of the Chapman family. Alvin Joseph -

Alvin - August 16, 2017 at 12:45 AM

“ Kathy and I truly enjoyed knowing Howard, and we will miss him very much. He was our next door neighbor and our friend. On warm summer days, he'd be in the back yard playing his guitar and practicing his songs. I'd chat with him over the fence, and one day he mentioned an album of songs he had recorded at a studio. A few weeks later he showed me the CD and I bought a copy from him. He was thrilled, and told me all about the songs and what they meant to him. He was very animated as he talked about the album, his smile was big and his face was very happy.

There was another time when Howard told me he was going to play a few of his songs live during "open mike" at The Rellik Lounge in Benicia. When the day came, Kathy and I went over and saw Howard play 3 or 4 of his songs. He was so nervous before he played, but he got up there and did a fabulous job. When he was finished, everyone clapped and cheered, and Howard's face was just beaming with joy and happiness.

Howard was a very sweet, kindhearted man, and a gentle soul. Kathy and I have great memories of Howard, and we miss him very much. I'm sure he's up there now playin' his guitar and singing his songs. Our prayers and thoughts go to his Mom Shirley, his Brother John, and his Aunt Cindy and the entire family.

Kathy & Barry Ronan
Benicia

Barry Ronan - August 15, 2017 at 12:17 PM