



Cory Charles DeBrake

May 9, 1958 - January 17, 2025

Cory Charles DeBrake, aka, Cor Bassman passed away from pneumonia on January 17th at his home in Benicia. He was born in Vallejo, only child of Leslie and June Debrake, he grew up and went to school in Benicia, also lived in Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek and Dublin.

Cory studied robotics, computer science, and electronics at Heald Technical School and Machine Tool Technology from Solano Community College. Cory was an entrepreneur, started many businesses and was involved in start up companies. Cor Designs, website design and development company. AV images Inc, he developed next generation hardware and projection technologies for the trade show industry. Currently the owner of Bay Area Datacom, a design and installation of fiber networks company that he started in 2008 with co-founder Joe Smulan.

Cor Bassman was a composer, bassist, instrument luthier, engineer, producer, audio engineer of his company ON2R, he was a writing member of ASCAP since 1987. He created Cor Bassmans' custom and modified Basses that designed and customized string instruments and their electronics. He did voice over and audio production.

Cory's first paid musical gig was in 1974 he was 15, he went on to perform on and produced over 20 albums. He has shared the stage with various artists

such as Lou Rawls, Patti Labelle, Ronnie Montrose, Sammy Hagar, Todd Rundgren, Randy Hanson, Glass Tiger, Smothers Brothers, Neil Shone, and others.

Cor Bassman formed Cor and Company in the late 80's, a local Bay Area band composed of artists from bands like: Tower of Power, Robert Cray, Elvin Bishop, Karin White, Whispers, Pacific Brass and Electric to name a few.

Cor Bassman is currently in Groove Dragon, Greg Rahn Band, and Jeffrey James Trio, in past with Time Bandits and The Real Imposters to name of few.

Besides making music, playing music and making basses, his other passions were camping, boating, off- roading, and adventure motorcycling.

Cory is survived by his 95 year old Mother June DeBrake, cousins Stefani Rutledge, Roger Driver, Terry Driver, Shirley Swan and Dan Gonsalves. Cory was preceded by his father Leslie C. DeBrake who passed in 1986. Private services with family at St Dominic's Church.

Cory's Celebration of Life will be held at Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall at 1150 1st St from 4pm to 7pm on March 7th.

Cory's Musical Celebration of Life hosted by Lucca's Beer Garden at 116 West E St from 2pm to 9:30pm on March 8th.

In lieu of flowers, there is a GoFundMe page to raise money for Cory's mother June DeBrake, Cory was her sole caregiver. GoFundMe page is <https://gofund.me/50d4ebd9>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall
1150 1st St
Benicia, CA 94510-3221
(707) 745-1769

Celebration of Life

MAR 8. 2:00 PM - 9:30 PM (PT)

Lucca Bar & Grill
439 1st Street
Benicia, CA 94510

Tribute Wall

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“ Cory was brilliant in the music world, doing what he always loved. A good man to care for his mom as well. I have deep respect for him and send condolences to his mother and family .
RIP my friend, you will be missed.
Nancy

Nancy Lewis - February 22, 2025 at 11:45 PM

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“ Cor Debrake was a man of many talents and skills but It's not about his accomplishments, what business' he started, what he built or what band he played in, its not about what he did but who he was as a man. He was brilliant, talented, smart, witty, generous, sensitive, aware, loving, great friend, son, and partner. I will miss him but the memories will outlive the sorrow. RIP Boo, I will always love you. I will carry the love you gave me in my heart always.
Daneen Diaz

Daneen Diaz - February 09, 2025 at 04:53 AM

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“ La Cruz Avenue lost one of its faithful!! From the get go Cory loved his music as a youth one didn't think he'd reached musical fulfillment as an adult! Well I suppose he's up there playing his bass with all the greats! The great Cory Debrake it was a good one!!

Julian Valdez - February 04, 2025 at 02:34 PM