



## Chester Alan Ben

November 19, 1953 - June 15, 2026

Chester Alan Ben, age 72, passed away peacefully at his home in Siletz, Oregon, on June 15, 2026, following a courageous battle with liver cancer.

Chester was born on November 19, 1953, in Toledo, Oregon. He was a lifelong resident of Oregon and spent most of his life in the Siletz community he loved so dearly. Chester completed his education through the 8th grade and went on to work for Pacific Seafood Fish Plant and Siletz Tribal Forestry, where he dedicated many years of hard work and service.

Chester found joy in the simple things in life. He loved hunting, fishing, whale watching, tending to his garden, and, above all, spending time with his family. He was known for his strength, humor, and deep love for those around him. His presence will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Chester was preceded in death by his parents, Victoria Nelson, Pete Nelson,

and Manuel

Rilatos; his brothers, Archie Nelson, Frankie Rilatos Sr., Davey Rilatos, Phil Rilatos, and Ricky

Rilatos; his sisters, Darlene Rilatos and Jessie Davis; and his wife, Barbara Ben.

He is survived by his wife, Midge Ben; his children, Chet Ben Jr. and Ayla Ben; his brothers,

Richard Betts, Arthur Betts, Park Nelson, Kent Rilatos, and Darin Rilatos; and his beloved

grandchildren, Jj Gower, Akalyhona Ben, Nahmiya Ben, and Chief Ben, along with numerous

extended family members and friends who will cherish his memory.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, June 26, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the Siletz Tribal

Community Center, 402 NE Government Hill, Siletz, Oregon, with Ayla Ben officiating.

Pallbearers will include, James Nelson, Tyson Rilatos, Jesse Cordova, Ryan Rilatos

Chet Ben Jr., Kent Rilatos, Travis Betts, Talon Grant, Chief Ben and Darin Rilatos

Honorary Pallbearers will be Richard Betts and Shine Rilato

# Upcoming Events

## Wake

JUN **25**. 5:00 PM (PT)

Siletz Tribal Hall  
402 NE Government Hill Dr.  
Siletz, OR 97380

## Funeral Service

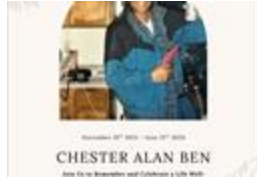
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