

Richard Helliwell Snow



Richard Snow died unexpectedly of a heart attack, July 5, at a Potter Valley meditation retreat. Richard was a long time practitioner of Sant Mat, or Surat Shabd Yoga and had had the blessing of departing from this world while his mind was focused on The Higher Power.

Richard was a community activist who devoted his time to many causes and organizations including the Community Housing Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, Inc. where he was a board member and treasurer.

He was a member of The Buddhist Peace Fellowship and a student of Non-violent Communication

A frequent visitor and volunteer at the Loudon Nelson Senior Center in Santa Cruz, Richard used the Computers there to research his many interests. Born October 13, 1940, Richard grew up in Melrose, Mass., attended Colby College. He was a Veteran, and while in the Army studied Russian at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey. Here in Santa Cruz he was an active member of the United Veterans Council of Santa Cruz and was allied with the groups who are active in getting the Vets Hall re-opened and accessible for the local Veterans.

Professionally, after training, Richard had been a local Waldorf teacher and occasionally substituted at the school.

Richard is survived by many friends, his brother Edward Snow of Bellingham Washington; sister Leslie Snow of Davis, California and five nieces and nephews.

Truly a Kind and Gentle Soul.

A memorial service will be held July 24th, 2011, 3 pm at
Ocean View Park, Santa Cruz.