



Geoffrey Ethan Berne

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Geoffrey Ethan Berne, Age 73, of Hamilton died Tuesday, Sept 18, 2012. He was born in New York City on July 9, 1939, the son of Rose (Halpern) Berne and Lewis Alan Berne who both preceded him in death. He graduated from UC Berkeley with a Masters Degree in English in 1965. He married Barbara (Baldwin) in 1977 in Englishtown, NJ. He was self-employed for many years as a promoter, producer and presenter of nationally renowned bluegrass, country and jazz entertainers at many venues, including Lincoln Center, NYC, and concert halls across the United States and Italy. In the 1970's he was proprietor of the acclaimed family-run Englishtown Music Hall where many legendary bluegrass bands and clog dance troupes performed. He devoted his later years to investigative writing projects for articles, books and newspaper commentaries. His latest enjoyment came from playing music with his family. He is survived by his wife Barbara, their children Ethan (Lori) and Jessie and his brother Eric (Emilie) in Seattle. A child, Emma Jean preceded him in death. A celebration of his life will be held with a gathering of his family and friends at their convenience.