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Steven Howard Chestnut passed away on December 16th, 2013. Steve was born on January 17th, 1940 to Ruth and Leonard Chestnut, Jewish immigrants who met in New

York after leaving Eastern Europe in the 1920's. Steve was raised on Kings Highway in Brooklyn with his older brother and best friend Mike. After graduating from City College of New York and Columbia University with degrees in engineering, Steve moved to Seattle to take a position at Boeing where he met his future wife of 47 years, Evelyn Chestnut (Goldfine) from Fargo, North Dakota. In 1971, Steve earned his law degree from the University of Washington and became deeply involved in the field of Indian Law winning in front of the United States Supreme Court and writing federal and tribal legislation on behalf of numerous tribes. He practiced law without avarice and freely gave his time and expertise to a breadth of friends and acquaintances. Steve is survived by his wife, 4 children Brian, Sam (Jennifer), Rebecca Cohen (Arik), Dan (Danika), and 10 grandchildren Aidan, Josh, Seth, Martha, Lyla, Jason, Oz, Jacob, Evan, and Julia. His love, loyalty, wit, and generosity will be missed. ×

Funeral services will take place on Wednesday, December 18, 2013, 11:00 a.m. at Herzl Memorial Park, 16501 Dayton Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133. The family will receive visitors at The Chestnut Family home, 8612 NE 5th Medina, WA 98039, Wednesday and Thursday evenings 7:00 p.m. and Sunday 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, friends who wish may contribute to Chief Dull Knife College, Gifts and Donations, PO Box 98, Lame Deer, MT 59043, www.cdkc.edu.

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