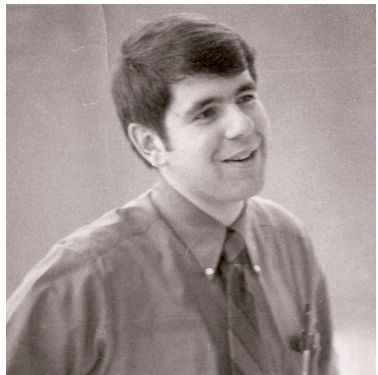


*"Joe-Joe" ...
"Mr. McKamey, my English
Teacher" ... Joe McKamey,
Attorney-at-Law*



*Joe's special song:
"Leader of the Band"
(By Dan Fogelberg)*

*I thank you for the music
And your stories of the road
I thank you for the freedom
When it came my time to go
I thank you for the kindness
And the times when you
got tough
And Papa I don't think I said
"I love you" near enough*

*The leader of the band is tired
And his eyes are growing old
But his blood runs thru my
instrument
And his song is in my soul
My life has been a poor attempt
To imitate the man*

*I'm just a living legacy
To the leader of the band ...
I am the living legacy
To the leader of the band*

On the cover: Joe's last gig, August, 2008

Joe
McKamey



*January 24, 1947 -
April 10, 2009*

*∞ ... Beloved
husband, father, &
'Jampa Joe' ... ∞*



A drum roll please ... the life of Joe McKamey

Joseph “Joe-Joe” Andrew McKamey was born in Tacoma on January 24, 1947. Joe grew up with two sisters and three brothers. Education and hard work were an important part of the McKamey household. A graduate of Bellarmine Prep High School, Joe was a good student and cheerleader for the Lions. He worked as a box boy at the local Lucky Grocery Store. A lover of music, Joe began to play the drums while in high school. In college, he was a drummer along with several of his brothers in the band “The Squires” performing at dances, weddings, parties, and anybody who would hire them. Joe graduated from Central Washington State University with a degree in Language Arts/Education. Soon after, he served four years in the Air Force Reserve becoming an aircraft mechanic. During this time, he began teaching English and Debate at Mt. Rainier High School. In 1977, Joe was admitted to law school at the University of Puget Sound and passed the Bar Exam in 1980. He soon became

General Counsel at Highline School District. In 1990, he accepted a partnership with Curran, Kleweno & Johnson specializing in school law. Joe worked closely with several districts including Northshore and in 1997 became their full-time General Counsel. During his tenure as an attorney, Joe loved to teach law classes for Seattle University and City University. In 2007, after 30 years in education, Joe retired. Joe always loved the outdoors and in 1983 climbed Mt. Rainier. He was an avid runner in the 1980’s and was proud of his completion of the Seattle Marathon and the Spokane Bloomsday runs. A huge music fan, Joe was always ready for a concert; you could count on finding him in front near the stage. He also dreamed of restarting ‘the band’. However, it was family that meant the most to Joe. He always had a story to tell about his four children and their many accomplishments. Joe will be remembered as a wonderful father, husband, grandfather, colleague and friend. Surrounded by many friends and family during his last days, Joe peacefully passed away on April 10, 2009.`