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Chris Kinney  
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Dear Chris and Bob,

I recently saw the Yale Alumni invitation for Ben to the annual 1965 Class Dinner. I was not sure if you had already received word, but sadly, Ben died the beginning of March after a prolonged struggle with recurrent rectal cancer. He was in hospice at the time and surrounded by loving family and friends, including our young (not quite a year at the time) grandson, Finn, whose bubbly presence was a poignant reminder of the inherent cycle of life. There was a brief obit published in the New York Times and also a short notice in the Washington Post acknowledging Ben's passing.

Ben loved his days at Yale and took pleasure in recounting tales of various wild adventures and occasional misadventures. He also spoke of his many good friends and valued friendships. Chris, one of his favorite stories was the one in which the police raided the wrong flat in a drug bust, breaking down the door to the apartment you and he and a couple of others (Craig Olson?) were sharing here in DC. He claims you came to the rescue, sorting out the cops while the sound of toilets rumbling could be heard in the adjoining apartment. Testament to Ben's affection for his *alma mater*, he left a modest bequest to Yale in his will that we were happy to be able to honor.

Please do let your other classmates know of this news.

Warmest best,

