



Russell A. Hamilton

June 2, 1932 - January 27, 2010

Russell Hamilton peacefully left this life January 27, 2010. Russ was born in Covington, Kentucky on June 2, 1932 to the late Mildred and Jesse Hamilton. He was educated and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. He enlisted in the Army and served as a medic in the Korean War. He began his art studies at Midland College and Bellevue College in Nebraska. He graduated from the Minneapolis Art Instruction School in 1966, and since that time he has devoted his full time to a career in Fine Art. His love of the mountains led him to the Rocky Mountain region, living in both Wyoming and Colorado. Russ Hamilton was a dedicated artist whose love for his chosen profession is apparent in his paintings. Russ' paintings are brilliantly colored and beautifully composed. His work encompasses miniature paintings to life-size murals. His paintings are represented in private collections world wide and in galleries across the country. He has also participated in Art Festivals and private showings throughout the Midwest and Rocky Mountain region. Russ was a charter member of the American First Day Cover Society with collectors all across the United States of his hand-drawn, hand-painted cachets. He married Wilma Goering in San Francisco, California and raised their family in Fremont, Nebraska. Wilma preceded him in death. Russ is survived by his loving companion of 22 years Barbara Anderson; his 3 sons, Mark wife, Ginger, Brad wife, Liz, and Brian wife, Amy all of Nebraska; brothers, Larry Hamilton and David Hamilton both of Cincinnati, Ohio; 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. The family wishes to thank the staff at Poudre Valley

Hospital for their loving care and support. A Funeral Service for Russ will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Interment will be held at Grandview Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Russell A. Hamilton Art Scholarship in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

Tribute Wall

DG

“ Barb, Mark, Brad, Brian and family, so sorry to hear about the passing of Russ. He will surely be missed, and was blessed with a great family and a multitude of friends. His legacy will live forever in his Art. Dale & Pam

Dale Gregory - February 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ All of us at Fine Print Imaging are saddened by Russ' passing. We have enjoyed him as a gentle man, a wonderful artist and a valued customer. Mark and I are happy to have one of Russ' paintings to remind us of him. Peace.

Linda L. Helm - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Barb, I am so sorry for your loss. I will miss Russ so much. I've spent almost every Thursday of the last year taking art lessons from him which was a joy for me. He was such a wonderful man and teacher. I'm glad that our paths crossed. He enriched my life. Every painting that we did together will always remind me of him.

Joyce Maguire - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I met Russ about 10 years ago while in high school when I stayed at his house with his son Brad, and his grandchildren Joe and Julie. Right away Russ and Barb made me feel right at home, and after seeing his plethora of artwork throughout the house I could immediately relate. When I think back one of the highlights of the trip was watching the movie "Bubble Boy," and laughing so hard at how ridiculous the movie is. Of course, before we left Russ wouldn't let me leave without having a few paintings to take with. The paintings have always reminded me of the impression he left me with of being such a great person, and I feel very lucky to have them with such a great story to tell. His paintings definitely represent the celebration of a man who lived a great life. My condolences to the family.

Matt Rief - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ It is with great sadness to hear of Russ's passing. I have many of his prints all over my house. Just today I looked up at one of them wondering about him. I remember meeting with Russ and Barbara in Ft. Collins to discuss and order an original painting to be created with moose in it. I was delighted and thrilled with the end result. Russ made an impact on my life with his art and gentle nature. Thank you Russ for sharing with us. Sincerely, Kathy Backus

Kathy Backus - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Our sincere sympathy for your loss. Russ lives on through his wonderful paintings. We really love the ones we have. May your memories of Russ comfort you during this difficult time.

Bud & Robyn Phillips - January 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Please accept our condolences. We came to know Russ through Julie and Barb and enjoyed his company during family visits to the Luckasens. Russ was a wonderful artist and interesting to talk to, especially regarding his passion for art. Our daughter still treasures one of his paintings. Please extend our deepest sympathy to Barb and his extended family. Russ is painting with the angels now.
Sincerely, Tom, Lisa, Kate and Laura

Lisa and Tom Hacker - January 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Barbara, I was so sorry to hear of Russ's passing-he is now at rest and can be pain free. We will always enjoy his remembrance in his "wolf" picture that he painted for us years ago! What a fabulous gift he had!! Sincerely, Barbara Williams Ron Fredgren

Barbara Williams - January 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Please accept our condolences to the Hamilton family. My introduction to Russ's work was just happen stance a few years ago. I was looking for some frames at the local Salvation Army store, when I noticed this unusual winter painting of birds Cardinals in the snow and the margin was connected to the painting. I purchased it immediately. From that point we continued to research Russ's website and began to purchase many of his unique paintings. My brother and I were fortunate enough to meet Russ and he graciously invited us to his studio in Cheyenne after we had called him from Wyoming Home gallery in downtown Cheyenne. What a thrill to meet him and discuss his work and visit with him. Our home is blessed with his work on almost every wall. Thank you Russ for sharing your passion and life with us. Your Seascape painting allows me to witness you and what joy it brings everyday. Jim & Becky and Lynn

Jim Haddix - January 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM