



George King Bishop

July 17, 1930 - March 3, 2014

Ferndale, WA

George King Bishop died unexpectedly on March 3, 2014. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Donna Illman Bishop of Ferndale, sister Barbara Bullock of Rochester, NY, son Bill Bishop of Ferndale, daughter Cheryl Bishop of Tuscon, AZ, daughter Calista Berwick of Bellingham, and six grandchildren Aiden, Gavin, Orrin, Maya, Zoen, and Amara.

George retired from FASOTRAGRUPAC at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station where he was a graphic illustrator, which he loved because he got to draw planes all day. Prior to that he and his business partner, Larry Illman owned and operated Northwest Bronze Foundry, a lost wax bronze casting service for artists. He had learned bronze casting at Wayne State University where he earned a MFA in 1968. In 1970 he came to Bellingham to work as an assistant professor in the Art Department at Western Washington College.

George was a corporal in the US Army Military Police in Korea and Japan. He worked at Chrysler as an Automotive Designer. George was a very talented man who loved to paint or draw everyday. His life lives on in his art.

Tribute Wall

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“ I have very fond memories of running around George and Donna’s property when I was a child. I’m sorry I didn’t get a chance to know George as an adult, as he was obviously a wonderful artist, husband and father. My heart goes out to Donna and Calista during this time.

Kristina Sinclair - March 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ My brother, George, or King, as he used to be called, took after our Mother, who also was an excellent artist. We have their paintings hanging in many rooms of our house. When he was six years old he won a scholarship at the Rochester Art Museum to be in a painting class. He was also a good athlete. In high school he played football and was a track star (high hurdles). Our family was always proud of him. We have been exchanging letters for many years. He always had a drawing in his, and even on the envelope. Jed and I sre really going to miss those! Barbara Bishop Bullock

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