



Jack Ray Hughes

January 19, 1947 - August 25, 2015

Jack Ray Hughes, 68, of Placida, Florida, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at his Summer home in Newland.

Jack has been a painter for well over fifty years; but beyond that he has worked, and excelled, in many mediums.

In 1988 Jack's work caught the eye of, then, White House Curator Rex Scouten, who brought Jack to the attention of President and Mrs. Reagan: the Hughes family was invited to visit the Reagans at the White House. Jack eventually carved a pair of life-sized swans for them. Under the Reagans, his work was installed in the White House. His carvings are also included in many important American, European, and Asian private collections.

Shortly after President and Mrs. G.H.W. Bush entered the White House, in 1989, Mrs. Bush organized the Faberge egg exhibition. She invited 100 of the very best American artists to participate and Jack was among them. His two 'eggs' toured with the Smithsonian exhibit and are in the permanent collection.

From 1990 until 2001, Jack fabricated award-winning jewelry. In 2001 he and his family moved from Maryland to Florida and opened an art gallery (Hughes Gallery) in Boca Grande (FL), where Jack currently paints and sculpts his 'dreamscapes.'

His works have been the subject of several magazine articles, including Country Home and Early American Life and have been featured in several books.

Jack had a one-man show at the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art in Kansas City, Missouri, which opened December 5, 2009 and hung for two months. The works for The Kemper Museum had been created over the past three years (2005-2008), and were specifically for his show; these are the works he will exhibit at Hughes Gallery, beginning Thursday & Friday, March 5-6, 2009.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Florida.

Comments



“ Jack was my big brother. We grew up together. Throughout the years we remained very close. We learned to ride bikes together, danced together to American Bandstand, sang together while he played the guitar. In the summer we would go to Ocean City and Jack would play the guitar while we sang together on the boardwalk. We often went out to party and just had a ball. All our lives we took care of each other. I'm so very proud of Jack. He was so talented and intelligent. I could never ask for a more loving brother!!! I know one day we will be together again but until that time comes I will miss him and carry his loving memories with me wherever I go... Rest in peace Jack and never forget how much I love you!!!

Diana Hughes - September 16, 2015 at 04:08 AM



“ Diana Hughes sent a virtual gift in memory of Jack Ray Hughes



Diana Hughes - September 16, 2015 at 03:35 AM



“ Ken Ball lit a candle in memory of Jack Ray Hughes



Ken ball - August 29, 2015 at 12:10 PM



“ Jack was a friend from the time we were kids growing up in College Park, Maryland. Jack loved to fish and he would go by my house with his fishing pole to go to the lake to fish often. Jack's sister Diana was my best friend growing up so Jack was a part of my everyday life since we lived three houses apart. Jack loved the music Bob Dylan when he was young. Jack was very creative and had a very kind heart and I could talk to him about anything. Childhood memories are carried with us forever. The fond memories we shared will be with me until we meet again. Rest in Peace Jack you can be proud of yourself!

Fondly, Dolores Ruleman Comploier



Dolores Ruleman Comploier - August 28, 2015 at 10:46 AM



“ So sorry for your loss, I loved to talk to Jack. Going to miss him. Roy Dellinger, MHS Technologies

Roy Dellinger - August 26, 2015 at 05:57 PM