



James Cordell Wheeler

February 10, 1929 - May 10, 2012

Jim was born in Rock Island, IL. His family was impoverished and his childhood was full of hardship and loss. He found salvation when he joined the Marine Corp. at the age of 16. Jim used the G.I. Bill to enroll at the Art Institute of Chicago where he met Patsy Yesmentes, his future wife and the love of his life.

Jim and Patsy raised four children in New England where Jim developed his career in the printed circuit industry. He was an innovator with several patents in his name. During his last working years Jim was the owner of a family operated screen printing business. Throughout his life he was a passionate and energetic painter, accomplished woodworker, enamel jewelry designer and a wonderful husband and father.

Pat and Jim retired to Minden in 1995 where they both enjoyed gardening and painting. They were active members of the Carson Valley Art Assoc. for many years, until their health began to fail them.

Jim is survived by his children, Marcie Liska from Gardnerville, NV., Suzanne Demeo from Williamsburg, VA., Matthew Wheeler from Minden, NV., and David Wheeler of Ivoryton, CT.. Also surviving him are his Grandchildren, Cora Demeo, Alyssa Wheeler, James Wheeler and Emily Demeo.

Honoring his wishes there will be no memorial service. He will be dearly missed, but our memories of him will live on in our hearts.

Tribute Wall



“ James Cordell Wheeler

November 04, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ James Cordell Wheeler

November 01, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ im very sad to see jim has passed. I am an artist as well and jim also had inspired me to continue my work. He was very generous offered me work and even a spot for a studio. He was a very very sweet man and helped me when i once locked my keys in my truck and drove me to get the spare key. He gave me his car and I felt the need to give my best wishes to the family. :) thank you and i hope his talents have carried on through out generations.

Thank you,
Ariel Rose
#xoarielox

Ariel Barr - May 22, 2020 at 06:51 AM



“ Ariel Barr lit a candle in memory of James Cordell Wheeler



Ariel Barr - May 22, 2020 at 06:46 AM

KJ

“ *Just learned of Jims passing. Made me very sad. Jim was a very important man in my young life during the Defiance Printed Circuit years....late 50s, 60s. I have nice memories of Jim, Patty and their young family. Anyone interested in hearing more please contact me.*

Kai Juel - December 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM