



Bob Pettes

May 16, 1922 - February 27, 2015

Our loving husband, father, friend and neighbor, Robert Pettes died February 27, 2015. We will miss his smiles and humor and his kind and uplifting words. Born in Minneapolis MN on May 16, 1922, it was soon evident that his talent was art. Starting out in a print shop he could get to on his bicycle, he delivered stats to customers in the area. He had his own studio in downtown Minneapolis, then went in with a couple of other artists. They did illustrations for General Mills and 3M, as the word got out about their talents. The war came and he enlisted in the Coast Guard and served as ship's cook on the USS Serpens after he was sent to cook and bakers school in New York. He also assumed the role of chaplain with the permission of his captain. After the war he worked for Brown & Bigelow in Minneapolis, traveled to Europe, and used some of his observations to build a French house for sale and later an English house. He later moved to Kansas City went to work for Hallmark cards where he met his wife Gwen. They were married in 1976. He began painting in his home studio in Prairie Village in a style he called Nostalgic Impressions, using his memories from childhood visits to southern Minnesota. In later years his style included scenes and landscapes from trips to Europe with Gwen. He will be especially missed by his daughter Joanne Brown and her husband Bob Brown, his son Douglas Pettes and his family, and Gwen's daughters Cynthia and Elizabeth McNichols and their families. Also many grandchildren great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, many friends and fellow artists from the area. Funeral services will be at Redeemer Episcopal Church at

72nd and Highway 9 in Parkville MO, on March 6th 2015 at 10 A.M. Flowers or donations to the church will be accepted. Fond memories of Bob and words of comfort may be shared at: www.CashattFamilyFunerals.com.

Tribute Wall



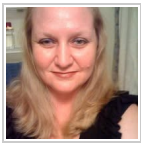
“ *Bob Pettes*

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“ *As a young man - unsure of the exact year, but I was in Jr. High - my mom arranged for me to have some art lessons from Bob. Many years later I realize the value I took for granted at the time. I would very much enjoy one last conversation with Bob. At this point it will have to wait for eternity. My memories of Bob are that he was a gentleman - in every sense of the word. Kind and generous. I miss him.*

Tim Gallagher - October 27, 2017 at 12:31 PM



“ *My papa was the most awesome papa in the world we so much in my life he was not only my grandpa but my best best buddy I remember running home when he was in town when I s very little from elem school and he would have chocolate milk and we would chat and laugh all afternoon and when me and my sister s came for a visit one winter having hot chocolate with him omg he is so very very missed and loved by me forever rip my buddy papa*

Tina Brown - March 10, 2015 at 09:03 PM



“ *I am grateful for the life of Mr. Pettes. Thanks to his service and to the service of others in our armed forces, my family and I have been able to lead our lives in freedom and peace.*

Bob in Grandview, Missouri - March 04, 2015 at 09:47 AM

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“ *You have my sympathy for your loss, Gwen.-Pat Houston*

Pat Houston - March 01, 2015 at 08:54 AM

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“ *I used to walk past his Prairie Village home on my way home from high school in the early 80's. Many times I would stop by just to see what he was currently working on. He and Gwen were so welcoming to me. He had a wonderful gift and tender spirit.*

Monica (Sommerville) Jones

Monica Jones - March 01, 2015 at 08:36 AM