

Obituary

John David Hartman

November 17, 1944 – March 28, 2017

John David Hartman, 72, of Sisters, passed away on March 28, 2017. He was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania on November 17, 1944. Jack served in the Air Force from 1964 to 1967.

Jack went out of this life just as he lived it: on his own terms. Jack took each day for exactly what it was worth. He did what he wanted for as long as he wanted, and taught many of us how to let go of the little things and embrace the joy of living true to yourself.

A buyer and seller of "junk," he had a keen eye for the unique and valuable, and loved a good yard sale or fleamarket. Though he thrived on buying and selling, he was not attached to material possessions and would easily give something away. Jack's generosity was unmatched, as was shown in his years of giving to Sisters Folk Festival, with both time and art.

He had extraordinary artistic talent, seen in his original paintings and sculptures, and in his imaginatively designed (and constantly changing) living spaces. Most who knew him have some favorite painting or unique object that Jack gave to them.

Jack loved the sun, and spent years living in the Florida Keys as a campground manager, where he met the friends who would connect him to Oregon. For the past 12 years, Jack found happiness and home living in Sisters in the company of his adopted family.

Jack always said he was immune to rules because he wasn't playing anyone else's game. His charm, warmth, zest for life, and unique sense of practicality



provided him with the means for all manner of adventures. From Pennsylvania to the Florida Keys, from Oregon to Mexico he meandered, staying just as long as it was interesting to him, but always returning to Oregon.

Jack goes on to join his brothers Don and Robert, mother Iona Belle, and father Edward David Hartman. He leaves behind his brother Red, and a tribe of treasured friends. All who knew him will miss his laughter and the twinkle in his blue eyes.

There will be a celebration of life at the Adair Clubhouse in Adair Village, Corvallis on Sunday, May 7, 2017, from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 541-745-7455.

Donations in Jack's memory can be made to Sisters Folk Festival, earmarked for the Americana Project Arts Outreach Scholarship. For more information, please visit <https://sistersfolk.org/apaos/>.

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Artist's works added to museum collection

Visions Art Museum in San Diego will feature the work of Sisters quilt and fiber artist Jean Wells.

Wells' collection of quilts will appear in an exhibit, "Anatomy of Nature," April 21-July 2, before the quilts are added to the museum's permanent collection.

Visions Art Museum: Contemporary Quilts + Textiles is celebrating 10 years at Liberty Station and marking the occasion with six new additions to the museum's permanent collection.

"I'm honored to have my quilts at Visions. These quilts represent so much of life in Central Oregon and what inspires me through geography, color and nature," said Wells. "At this time in my career, I am deeply moved to have my work recognized in such a manner."

Jean Wells is an artist, author, instructor, and owner of *Stitchin' Post* in Sisters. She is the founder of the landmark Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show.

Her quilt work has been juried into the International Quilt Festival in Houston, the Pacific West Quilt Fest, Mancuso shows in San Francisco and reside in private collections. Her commissioned quilts live at FivePine Conference Center,



PHOTO PROVIDED

Jean Wells.

Sisters Shibui Spa, Sisters City Hall, and Gateway Canyons, Colorado. She has taught color theory and quilting around the world, sharing her books and lectures with thousands of people.

Wells founded the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show in 1975. The show grew to become the largest outdoor quilt show in the world, held on the second Saturday of July. The 42nd annual event is set for July 8, and SOQS Sunday on July 9.

Local schools fall below special ed goal

BEND (AP) — State officials say less than 75 percent of special education students at the five largest central Oregon school districts are graduating within four years.

The Bulletin reports data from the 2014-15 school year shows Sisters School District has a 64 percent graduation rate for its special education programs, followed by Bend-La Pine school at 63 percent and Redmond School District at 48 percent. Crook County and Jefferson County had the lowest rates, with 35 percent and 29 percent.

The Oregon Department of Education released the numbers last week. Special education students are defined as students with an individualized education plan.

Executive Director of special programs for Bend-La Pine Schools Sean Rinehart say the state's report cards do not factor in students who earn GEDs or alternative certificates.

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