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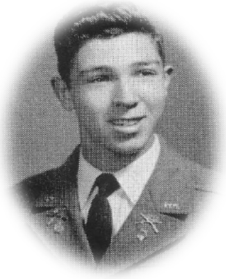
Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life.

Robert A. Abrams ‘48

January 22, 1931 – October 11, 2023



It is with extreme sadness that we announce the passing of Robert "Bob" Abrams. He was a bright spark in our world and will be deeply missed by many. Bob passed away Oct. 11, 2023, in his home in La Conner. He was 92 years old.

Bob was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Jan. 22, 1931. After being discharged from the Navy in 1953, he attended the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and upon completion was offered a position with Walt Disney Studios in Burbank, California. He attended the Art Center School in Los Angeles and several colleges and universities for cinematography and film editing. He obtained his teaching credentials from UCLA.

We all knew him as "The Disney Artist." He always said "I never worked a day in my life" because he loved going into the studio every day! He drew all our favorite cartoon characters: Mickey Mouse, Sleeping Beauty, Donald Duck, Bugs Bunny, Mr. Magoo to name only a few. He went on to become a freelance artist for TV and films. He was a member of the Academy of Motions Picture Arts and Sciences and the American Film Institute. From there, Bob became senior art director at ad agencies in the Los Angeles area, being honored by the advertising and printing industries.

Bob was a prolific artist in many genres. His work has been shown in galleries from California to Pennsylvania and is in collections all over the world. After his retirement,

he continued to create beautiful art while lecturing at colleges, schools, libraries and museums.

Bob will be remembered for his passion for life, his happy positive outlook, his kindness. He was a true friend to many.

He is survived by his sons: David Abrams (wife Katrien), Ed Moltz (wife Lori) and daughter Susan Abrams. His grandchildren: Jake Abrams (wife Tiffany), Daniel Abrams (wife Neary), James Abrams (wife Rita), Heather and Michael Abrams; Anna, Michael, Jean, Billy Jo, and Kristene Moltz. Sister Portia Jacobs (husband Mel) as well as numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Bob was a Corporal in “Band” Company at AMA. He was on the Recall Staff and was on the Varsity Rifle Team.

To see more of Bob’s cadet life go to:

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