



Sy Rosefelt

June 19, 1933 - January 22, 2012

Seymour 'Sy' Rosefelt passed away in Longwood Florida on January 22, 2012, surrounded by his loving family. Sy was born June 19, 1933, in Milwaukee WI, where he grew up and graduated from Washington High School. After serving his country in the Korean War, Sy married Shari Shapiro, the love of his life. Sy was a loving, generous husband to Shari and they shared 54 years together. Sy was also a giving father to his three children, Mitchell Rosefelt (Anne Eglash), Craig Rosefelt, and Cindy Rosefelt Brook (Saul Brook); and an entertaining grandfather to his two grandchildren, Becky Rosefelt and Maurice 'Mo' Rosefelt. Sy is survived by his sister, Gail Branovan as well as other wonderful friends and relatives. Sy is preceded in death by his mother, Florence Rosefelt; his father, Jack Rosefelt; and his grandson, Mo Rosefelt. Sy and Shari moved to Longwood, Florida in 1983. Sy had an inherent love for art, art history, and painting. He was self-educated in many techniques of painting and could serve as tour guide in any art museum. He was an avid photographer and water colorist. Sy operated a frame shop and art gallery in Altamonte Springs, Florida from 1984 to 1996. Sy was a prominent figure in the Orlando art community. He was an active member of the Central Florida Watercolor Society, and Central Florida Plein Air Artists. His artwork has been displayed in many prominent galleries including Orlando City Hall, University Club of Winter Park, and Steinway Piano Galleries. He taught painting at the Casselberry Art House for several years, where he inspired budding-artists with his humor, experience and expert-eye for color.

Because of his unique artist's eye, Sy developed a love of architecture and was often commissioned to paint house portraits around the greater Orlando area. He also enjoyed painting people involved in various activities as well as landscapes and other nature scenes. Sy will always be remembered for his quick, clever wit. He could make anyone smile and laugh within moments of meeting him. His kind spirit will be greatly missed by family and friends. A memorial service honoring Sy's life will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012, from 10 a.m. until noon at the DeGusipe Funeral Home located at 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751. The family would especially like to thank the physicians and nursing staff in the intensive care unit of South Seminole Hospital in Longwood, Florida. Their care and concern for Sy and his family's comfort was exceptional. And for that, we will be forever grateful. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Sy's memory to the Make A Wish Foundation or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Sy's favorite charities.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel
9001 N. Orlando Ave
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Reception

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Tribute Wall

CB

“ Thinking of you, Dad.
Cindy



Cindy Brook - July 23, 2012 at 07:12 PM

TJ

“ Good by my dear friend. I can think of no one who was loved more than you. I remember the wonderful time we spent together in Yellowstone and that one special day we hiked together in the Lamar Valley down through the buffalo grass to the Yellowstone River to get water for our fellow artist to paint with. Later that day sharing time and conversation over a glass of wine, those wonderful Roosevelt beans and Roosevelt ribs at the Roosevelt Lodge. I will cherish those memories forever and will visit that spot in Yellowstone next year and say a little pray and try to hold back the tears. You friend Tom Jones

Thomas Jones - February 26, 2012 at 02:54 PM

SM

“ I was a student of Sy,s at the art house . Sy was an amazingly talented teacher,He made each class a pure joy to attend . With Sy as the teacher and father the class became a family we learned ,we laughed and Sy even took us on field trips occasionaly to meet other artist . Sy became my friend and mentor ,I still practice water color becaue of his encouragmnt , and have a feeling Sy will still be standing over my shoulder critiquing me.
"Steve..... you gotta change your water or everything you paint will be green" Will miss you friend and thanks much ,I will continue paintng in your honor.

Steve McGinn

steve McGinn - February 24, 2012 at 07:41 AM



“ Sy was an encourager when I was a young artist. I loved his constant wit and keen eye for art. I will miss him. I always looked foreard to seeing him at art functions. Central Florida has lost not only a great artist but a great man.

jennifer kirton - February 10, 2012 at 06:28 PM

JK

We were running late and when we got to the service the lot was so full that we could not get in-we drove around looking for somewhere to park and walk--I kept thinking that this was a wonderful tribute to a man loved by many and could almost hear and "oh My" from Sy

jennifer myers kirton - February 11, 2012 at 07:49 PM

JE

“ Hello Shari,

I read in the paper that your dear Sy had passed on. You have the love of your family and friends, and especially your precious doggies. I had enjoyed my visit with you, and seeing Sy's paintings on your walls when I did the home visit for Coastal Poodle Rescue with my little dog. Please accept my condolences, and know you are in our thoughts.

*Judith Elliott (& my dog Chrystal)
Coastal Poodle Rescue Volunteer*

Judith E. Elliott - February 09, 2012 at 10:29 PM

LM

“ A big hug for you Shari, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sy was so supportive of the the arts community and all of the artists -always willing to help, always willing to encourage. Many will remember him and his great sense of humor - his jokes that he told were many and he laughed all of the time because he was happy.

He was a teacher who not only taught us how to paint but in his own "Sy" way, he taught us how easy it was to love life and how necessary it was to bring out the best in everyone.

We will all miss Sy- he was a great friend and a wonderful teacher.

Linda Moore

Casselberry Art House Students

Linda Moore - February 09, 2012 at 12:42 AM

FB

“ I have nothing but fond memories of Sy - my uncle. Especially when I was a much younger man growing up in Milwaukee, Wisc. He did have a unique sense of humor and a kind heart. The years seem to go by very quickly and we always seem to regret the time that we didn't spend together often after its too late. With sympathy for Sheri, Cindy, Craig and Mitch and their families.

Sincerely,

Fred Branovan



Fred Branovan - February 08, 2012 at 12:53 PM

RD

“ Oh how I will miss my painting buddy! It was always a hoot and a holler when we two got together. He was good man full of many great talents and I will greatly miss him. Dear Sy, you can share your infectious laughter throughout the whole universe now. Loved you, man, Rudy Drapiza, and I sure hope we can paint together throughout eternity.

Rudy D Drapiza - February 08, 2012 at 11:05 AM

BK

“ Shari, Mitch, Cindy & Craig - My deepest condolences on your loss of Sy. I have such great memories of him. How he made us laugh! And how he loved to get my goat and leave me flummoxed! And, Shari, I remember you once telling me, "You can take it all---just leave me Sy". Amazing man who will be missed by everyone.

Bonny Koven

Bonny Koven - February 06, 2012 at 10:58 PM



“ Andrea Stewart lit a candle in memory of Sy Rosefelt



Andrea Stewart - February 06, 2012 at 01:38 PM



I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I did not know Sy, however, I do know your daughter Cindy and she is a blessing to have in my life.

Andrea Stewart - February 06, 2012 at 01:42 PM

NG

“ *Shari and Sy have been friends for many years. How can you forget that smile, that laugh, and his sense of humor. Whenever we got together it was always so much fun. He could tell a great story and had a big heart.*

He loved his art, and was an incredible artist. We have many prints that Sy matted for us. There are three in the room I'm sitting in. He will always be with us.

My wife Norine and I will cherish the memories of Sy. Rest in Peace our friend, and know you made an impact on many lives.

Our Love to Shari.

Norine and Dennis Grace

Norine & Dennis Grace - February 04, 2012 at 07:12 AM

BW

“ *Sy made a very special 9/11 tribute watercolor that hangs above the fireplace in our living room - we look at it every day and are proud to own a piece of his art. When we worked together or saw each other socially, every greeting with Sy included a smile, a joke, a compliment, or just a word of encouragement.*

He will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know him. We send out our thoughts and love to Shari, family and friends. Sy was a very special person.

Beverly and Gary Willis

Beverly Willis - February 03, 2012 at 01:38 PM

DR

“ *Shari, we are so very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers.*

Dawn Rosendahl and Cheryl Turner

Dawn Rosendahl - February 03, 2012 at 08:16 AM

NB

“ *The few interactions I have had with Sy are all fond memories. I'm from Wisconsin as well and when I visited him in Florida with my parents as a youngster I ordered jimmy's on my sundae at a custard place in Orlando. He kindly advised me that "they are called sprinkles down here, kid." His huge grin immediately reassured me that it was the teenager behind the counter that was clueless and not me. If it hadn't been Sy, there's no way I'd remember that completely insignificant experience.*

Take care Shari.

*Love,
Nick*

Nick Blawat - February 01, 2012 at 07:48 PM

RE

“ *I don't much care for these sites, but guess that they serve a purpose in today's electronic world. I loved Sy and only can wish that I had more of him in my life. Shari and the kids will have many wonderful moments in which to reflect and even laugh at many of his retorts and expressions.*

Alan Lasnover - Yesterday at 01:11 AM

rebecca - February 01, 2012 at 12:05 PM



“ Gary and I have been out of the country and heard this sad news just a couple of days ago. Sy was my friend and I will miss him. Our thoughts and prayer go out to you and your family.

*Kathy and Gary Grimes
Steinway Piano Galleries*

Kathy Grimes - January 31, 2012 at 02:00 PM

BT

“ I met Sy through the Central FL Watercolor Society. He always made me laugh (sometimes when I shouldn't be laughing). He was quite talented as an artist and he brought happiness to so many. I'm glad I knew him & will think of him often - he will be missed by all who knew him. Shari and family, you have my deepest sympathy at this time.

Bonnie Tunney

Bonnie Tunney - January 31, 2012 at 12:34 PM

BI

“ Shari, We are deeply saddened to learn of Sy's passing. He was such a special man. So full of life and always full of laughter and jokes, His smile was contagious. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very hard time. RIP, Sy.

Brenda and Garry Ingle

Brenda and Garry Ingle - January 31, 2012 at 08:08 AM

VR

“ I am so sorry for your loss! Sy and my father were first cousins, but more like brothers. He will be missed. I will always remember his smile. My thoughts are with you, Shari, Mitch, Craig and Cindy. Also with Gail and her family.
All my love,
Val Rosenberg (Berg)



Valerie (Berg) Rosenberg - January 29, 2012 at 07:58 PM

LT

“ Shari, we are so very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers. We loved Sy and will miss him dearly. Sy, hug Joe for us.

Luis & Michelle Torres - January 27, 2012 at 08:53 PM

EP

“ My prayers would be for you, my deepest condolences!!!

Emilio Perez - January 26, 2012 at 10:20 PM

KB

“ I send my condolences to the family, Although I didnt know you, I do know your daughter Cindy, thank you for sharing her with me she is an amazing person. If she is anything like you, the world is a better place because you were in it. Peace Karen



Karen Barrett - January 26, 2012 at 06:11 PM

NJ

“ *My deepest condolences, Shari. Sy was a lovely person with a generous spirit! He will be missed.*

Nancy C. Jacobson - January 26, 2012 at 02:10 PM



“ *From the first day I met him you could tell he was a genuine soul. I grew to respect and admire the good man, husband, and friend he was. He enriched everyone's life who was lucky enough to know him. He will be missed.*

Edward Burns - January 26, 2012 at 11:41 AM

CC

“ *I had so much fun with Sy - from working at the conventions together to playing cards (he always beat me!). He will be greatly missed. I am so grateful to have know him and to have some of his artwork hanging on my walls.*



Carol Cox - January 26, 2012 at 11:35 AM

MR

“ *Please accept my sympathies Shari. I always will remember Sy. I loved his sense of humor. He always had that twinkle in his eyes. The world has lost a great man.*

Marcia Rogers - January 26, 2012 at 10:17 AM

KS

“ Sy and I used to laugh til we cried when we would get to together, we would become a spectacle. He created beauty and laughter around him. He loved his family enormously!
He will be remembered and missed greatly! We love you Shari.....Way and Kathy Stinbrink

Kathryn Stinbrink - January 26, 2012 at 08:00 AM

CB

“ I will miss my Uncle Sy--always kind, funny, generous, and a profoundly good listener. Sy's love of art inspired me. When he was being his artist self his eyes twinkled as if he was keeping a secret. I know how much he loved his family and Aunt Shari, and I know how much we will all miss him. I love the photo you chose to spark memories of him....it's a true portrait of him: authentically gentle and sweet. Love to all.
Uncle Sy RIP. I love you, Carrie



Carrie Branoavns - January 26, 2012 at 03:18 AM

SN

“ Your son, Mitch is our friend and music collaborator. While we didnt know you, your son's love is in itself a tribute. Heartfelt sympathy for your family's loss.

*Sandy Nowack and Dan Hildebrand
Madison, WI*

Sandy Nowack - January 25, 2012 at 06:50 PM

MF

“ Sy was a fierce competitor and hilarious comedian while playing cards or trivia games. He always had a ready comeback for any comment. A talented artist and a great friend...we will all miss him. Peace be with you Sy.
Marilyn Futrell

Marilyn Futrell - January 25, 2012 at 05:27 PM

MD

“ Sy was always so helpful and supportive of the Central Florida Watercolor Society. That is where I met him. His talent and good humor will long be remembered. Sincerely, Mary Dall

Mary Dall - January 24, 2012 at 11:01 PM



“ Sy was a great and funny man to know and work with. I am so sorry for the loss of this talented person. We love you Sy. RIP

Jason L Lee
The Arts Hub Florida

Jason L - January 24, 2012 at 02:56 PM

NH

“ Dean & I are so sorry for your loss. Sy was a wonderful person to know.
Nancy Hecht-Faracchio

nancy hecht-faracchio - January 24, 2012 at 10:18 AM

NG

Sherri and family...Chic and I are so saddened for your loss. Sy was a great and talented funny guy and will be missed very much. It was a sad time at the Tuesday morning painting group to day. The CFWS and other groups will miss his running around with his camera, snapping photos, and his humor.

Chic and Nancy Gonzalez

Nancy R. Gonzalez - January 24, 2012 at 05:08 PM

RK

The world is a sadder place without the "old tux fitter." I have nothing but fond memories of Sy, and am saddened to hear of his passing. Sy's endless and biting humor was one of the things that made our days at Sherkows bearable.

Ross Kestin - January 30, 2012 at 01:28 PM