



Stanley E. Lea

April 5, 1930 - June 7, 2017

Stanley E. Lea born April 5, 1930 in Joplin, Missouri to Everette G. and Edna F. Lea passed away peacefully on June 7, 2017 in Tyler, Texas. He is survived by his beloved wife Ruth L. Lea of Tyler, his daughter Kristy Christensen, son in law John Christensen, his son Kelly B. Lea and daughter in law Laura Lea, daughter in law Elizabeth Lea, granddaughters, Rachel Christensen, Audrey Christensen, Kelsey Lea and Karley Lea. He is preceded in death by his parents Everette and Edna Lea, in laws Jack and Pearl Lowe, and son S. Kraig Lea.

He graduated with a B.F.A. from Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas and received an M.F.A. from University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

He was a professor of art at Sam Houston State University for 33 years. He started the University's printmaking program. He was a well-known and respected artist best known for pioneering experimental print making techniques related to viscosity printing, also known as calligraphy prints.

Stanley once said, "I did teaching for a living. My true desire was to be an artist."

He exhibited his works in numerous galleries and museums, including Valley House Gallery in Dallas, Houston Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Sol Del Rio Gallery, San Antonio, and Laguna Gloria Museum, Austin. Several galleries in Houston, Dubose Gallery, Ars Longa Gallery, Moody Gallery and most recently in the William Reaves Sarah Foltz Fine Arts Gallery.

Stanley received numerous honors for his work. His work is displayed all over the world from Huntsville to the Louvre in Paris. His work can be found in museums across the United States and Internationally, including the Smithsonian Museum of America Art, Washington D. C., De Young Fine Arts Museum in San Francisco, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, Utah Museum of Fine Arts, Utah, British Museum, London and Instituto of Mexicoano Norteamericana de Relaciones, Mexico City.

Stanley will be remembered as a great man, loving and devoted husband to his wife of 66 years, extraordinary father to Kristy, Kraig and Kelly and caring grandfather to Rachel, Audrey, Kelsey and Karley. He had a tremendous love for animals, horses and dogs, especially English Sitters.

We will always love you, Stanley, and will miss you but we know you will always be with us. We know through your spiritual devotion you are now in God's loving hands.

The celebration of his life will be June 17, 2017 at 10:00 am at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. His burial will follow at the Mayes addition of Oakwood Cemetery in Huntsville.

In lieu of flowers, friends may make donations to the Stanley E. and Ruth Lea Endowment and Scholarship Fund at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, or HomePlace of The Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, Texas 75701.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at www.shmfh.com

Cemetery Details

Mayes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery

800 Martin Luther King BLVD.
Huntsville, TX 77320

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stanley E. Lea*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Stanley's passing. He was always helpful and generous to me when we taught together. The good thoughts flow. My best to Ruth, Kristi, Kraig, and their families.*

*Evelyn Anderson Hubbell
Peter Hubbell*

Evelyn Anderson Hubbell - July 09, 2017 at 06:42 PM



“ *We were so sorry to hear of Stanley's passing! We just found out or we would have come to funeral! He was the nicest, kindest man I think I ever met! He was always so encouraging to me and wanted to be sure I was still drawing! So talented too!! He will be missed by so many friends and students and we want to send our most sincere condolences to his family!!! It is always double sad to lose the really good ones!!*

Grace and Harry Bohan and children!!

grace Bohan - June 28, 2017 at 07:09 PM



“ *Dear Ruth, Kristy, Kelly, and family,
Sad to hear of Stanley's passing. Our thoughts are with you and yours.
Exceptional person and artist, may he Rest In Peace.*

Our love,

The Eastman Family

Susan Eastman - June 16, 2017 at 10:18 PM



We are so sorry for your loss. Love and hugs to all of you. Love Paul and Linda Bohn

Linda Bohn - June 17, 2017 at 12:18 PM

RF

“ *Russell Smith and Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Stanley E. Lea.*



Russell Smith and Family - June 16, 2017 at 02:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stanley E. Lea.*



June 16, 2017 at 12:25 PM

CL

“ *Mom, Dad, and I always thought of your family as a part of our family. We were so blessed to have had you as dear friends and neighbors when you first moved to Texas. We forever cherished the wonderful times and years we had together. I share your heavy heart at this time and am keeping you in my prayers. Phil. 1:3
Carolyn Laskie*

Carolyn Laskie - June 14, 2017 at 04:55 PM

BP

“ *Ruth, thinking of you doing this sad time. You are in my thoughts and prayers and know you have many wonderful memories of your dear husband.
Billie Peterson*

Billie Peterson - June 11, 2017 at 02:24 PM

MP

“ *Dear Ruth & family,
With heavy hearts, we are so saddened to hear of Stanley's passing. Such a talented, good & kind man. Praying God grant you peace , comfort & strength.
Love,
Vonce & Margaret Paulsel*

Margaret Paulsel - June 10, 2017 at 07:35 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stanley E. Lea.*



June 09, 2017 at 10:20 PM

MH

“ *Mark And Christian Hickcox lit a candle in memory of Stanley E. Lea*



Mark and Christian Hickcox - June 09, 2017 at 09:22 PM

DS

“ *My condolences and prayers are with the family .*

Deborah Sledge - June 09, 2017 at 07:16 PM

MW

“ *Ruth: I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking and praying for you and your family. It is so hard to lose a spouse. His artwork will live on for years and years.*



Mellicent (Sikes) Wiley - June 09, 2017 at 05:59 PM

LP

“ *To Ruth and all Stanley's family,*

Ralph and I mourn the death of a faithful friend and generous artist who will live on in our hearts. We loved our conversations and celebrations with Stanley and Ruth. The two of them are extraordinary persons have always been so very kind to the Wynne Home Arts Center and to Ralph and me personally. We had lots of fun together!!!!

Prayers for all of you.

Linda Pease

Linda Pease - June 09, 2017 at 05:46 PM

GL

“ Greg L. purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of Stanley E. Lea.



Greg L. - June 09, 2017 at 02:46 PM