



James "Jim" Robert Green

June 30, 1952 - July 13, 2021

Celebrate the life of Jim Green, artist and hairdresser, beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at Bone Springs Art Space, 212 East Walnut, Roswell, NM. Following a short memorial program there will be a tribute exhibition and sale of Jim's artwork as well as other artists he collected, with proceeds to benefit the Poor Clare Monastery and the arts in Roswell.

James "Jim" Green was born on June 30, 1952, and died on July 13, 2021. His adoptive parents, Summie "S.G." Green and Eufelia Romero Green, raised Jim in Roswell. As sometimes happens when a loving adoption relieves the tension to conceive, Jim's younger brother Charles (now of Las Cruces) was born - coincidentally on Jim's first birthday - and the brothers remained steadfastly close to one another.

Jim demonstrated artistic tendencies at an early age, and in high school he was nurtured under the creative arm of Lois Ward and participated in the Roswell High art club "Paletteers". His window paintings were featured in the Roswell Daily Record, wherein he became life-long friends with Beverly Ragland, the society-arts writer. Jim was also great friends with, and influenced by, Paul Zinc who owned a music store and travel company, and who collected art.

By the time the Green brothers graduated from Roswell High in 1971, each had distinct personalities – worker-bee Charles wearing his ties; arty Jim wearing the tie-dye. But their differences didn't keep them from being brothers and friends. Jim could always count on Charles to help him out of a bind, and

Charles could always count on Jim getting into a bind.

Needing a profession to support his creativity, Jim studied under Blanche Stephens and earned his certificate from the Continental Coiffure Academy of Beauty in Roswell in 1973, becoming a hairdresser skilled in all branches of cosmetology. Jim shared many booths in many buildings with many talented friends during his almost 50-year hairdressing career.

Possibly encouraged by artists he had met through the Roswell Artist-in-Residence Program, in the mid-late 80's Jim attended the Memphis Academy of Art in Tennessee and focused on fiber arts. He purchased his first loom and used unconventional materials with which to make his textiles.

Jim was a life-long learner in both the arts and hairdressing, enjoying not only the creative process in each but the life-long friends he made. He studied at Vidal Sassoon in New York, and took workshops from L.A. to Paris! He knew color well, and many clients sought him out for this skill. Getting a haircut from Jim was a time commitment, but one always left feeling energized (with possibly a list of movies to watch!). On the art front, he participated in innumerable workshops for over 30 years, including mosaics with Nancy Phillips, beading with Juanita Finger, clay with Aria Finch, and printmaking with Martie Zelt. For many years Jim sold his scarves and other products in a shared booth with jewelry artisan Beth Rusnell at the Pecos Valley Potters Guild, but he also loved to give his artwork to friends, including his yearly hand-made and sometimes risqué valentines.

Jim was also an avid collector of beautiful objects and loved a good estate sale! Many of his collections will be displayed and enjoyed in future exhibitions at Roswell's Miniatures and Curious Collections Museum.

Jim was a caregiver and took special care of his elderly friends Mrs. Stone and Beverly Ragland until their passings. He was also a very good friend and patron of the Poor Clares in Roswell. His giving and sincere nature was balanced with a sense of humor and wonder.

Jim loved kittens and cats. He loved classic movies. He wore out his vinyl Janis Joplin album. He loved Mary Poppins, Julie Andrews, and Bette Davis.

He will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Poor Clare Monastery, the Roswell arts organization of your choice, Community Kitchen, or give a big tip to your favorite hairdresser!

Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Jim's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

Jim's tribute was written in his honor by his family.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **23** (MT)

Bone Springs Art Space
212 East Walnut
Roswell, NM 88203

Tribute Wall



“ James "Jim" Robert Green

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ I remember Jimmy from school. Skinny as a rail, full head of black hair, pompadour Elvis style, and Beatle Boots. The impression I have of Jimmy that has lasted through the decades was the time we spent an evening together at the Eastern New Mexico State Fair one year. I did not know, and had not really known, Jimmy as a person until then - even though he was a school mate, Charlie's brother, Mike's friend, and part of the neighborhood. To be honest, I didn't know what to make of Jimmy because I was awfully naive, very square, and not too easy around people. That evening he impressed me very much! Smart, curious about everything - broadminded, with a sense of humor. I remember thinking, "Wow! He's a really nice guy." Life is crazy, and certainly I am, and we all get moved around in so many ways other than geographically. It goes by so fast. I regret not having known Jimmy in later years. I looks pretty obvious that he touched a lot of lives in a positive way, and isn't that about the best any of us ever do?

Steve Folkes - May 16, 2022 at 01:16 PM

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“ Jimmy was the first person I ever saw do the twist. I think it was Elvis singing "Nothing But a Hound Dog" and he just jumped up in the middle of my parents living room and gave us a performance that my 99 year old father remembers to this day. He never had a problem expressing himself. I think we were all of 7 or 8 years old. He was a good childhood friend. Charlie, I will always remember those little trips I got to take with you, Jimmy, and your Mom & Dad. Going along the irrigation canals at East Grand Plains and my first visit to Lincoln, NM. Those were simple, happy, and memorable times. As we got older our close friendship faded but whenever tragedy struck my family I would see Jimmy there to offer his condolences to me and our family. I am sorry I missed the celebration of his life and that I missed my chance to visit with you Charles. I offer my deepest sympathy and all the blessings and love that Jimmy so deserved.

Michael E. Martinez - October 31, 2021 at 09:51 AM

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My dear maternal uncle Larry Thomas just passed away in January 2023 in Fort Bragg CA. He knew Jim and Bill Hicks through the Memphis Art Academy. Larry stayed in a desert cabin connected with Jim and Mrs. Stone where he produced many drawings on paper. I am trying to track these down for the family legacy. Please contact me at 901-649-1858 or mrchildress@fieldcolumbia.com. Thank you and I loved reading Jim's obituary!

Mitchell Childress - March 18, 2023 at 10:22 AM

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“ He was a great hairdresser artist and friend. He loved his cats and talked about them often. He will be missed by many. May he be painting the views from heaven.

Lisa Winchester - October 12, 2021 at 12:57 PM

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“ JIMMY WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL PERSON. GREAT DESIGNER, ARTIST, COSMETOLOGIST, A MAN OF MANY TALENTS. HE WAS NEVER ANYTHING BUT NICE TO ME. WE SHARED OUR LOVE OF CATS, IN FACT WHEN JIMMY PASSED HE HAD TWO OF MY BROTHERS CATS THAT HE GOT AT OUR GARAGE SALE. JIMMY WILL BE SO MISSED BY SO MANY.

CINDY ARCHULETA - October 08, 2021 at 12:59 PM

EM

“ Elizabeth Moore lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Robert Green



elizabeth moore - October 07, 2021 at 07:27 PM