



## Richard Louis Knadle

September 20, 1942 - July 23, 2016

A longtime resident of Roswell, New Mexico, Richard Louis Knadle, passed away at home on July 23, 2016. Born on September 28, 1942, in Roswell, Richard graduated from Roswell High School and then attended the University of Colorado at Boulder, receiving a business degree in marketing with a minor in art. After college, he served in the army reserves. When he finished active duty, he went to work as an assistant film editor, writer and graphic artist, for the CBS news affiliate KNX in Los Angeles. After seven years with CBS, Richard returned to his hometown to work at the family's retail clothing store, Knadle's, as Vice President in charge of Advertising and Marketing. When the store closed, he pursued his desire to teach art. In 1989, Richard enrolled in graduate school at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. There he received a certification to teach K-12 art in public schools. He began by teaching at the Indian Reservation at Laguna Pueblo near Grants, NM. Then he relocated to the art department at his alma mater, Roswell High School, from where he subsequently retired after 11 years of employment. During that time, he also taught art as an adjunct teacher at Eastern New Mexico University in Roswell.

Richard was involved in many activities at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, where in his youth he was an acolyte, president of the Youth League and the choir. He was also active with the Roswell Fine Arts League where he displayed and sold many paintings, and the Roswell Museum and Art Center where he taught classes. He was known up until his retirement years never to

say no to a community art project as anything art was his passion and love of his life. He was constantly working on painting projects both for adding to his personal collection and for creating works of art for friends and family that will forever be cherished.

Richard is survived by his brothers: Larry and David Knadle; his sister, Carol Sue (Knadle) Glass; nephews: Brian, Greg and Steven Knadle, Jarrett Glass; and nieces: Amy (Knadle) Howell, DeAndra (Glass) Mulligan, and Julie Knadle. The family respectfully thanks his longtime neighbor and dear friend, Ron Duane Smith, Sr. for his endless support and assistance. Richard did not want to have a memorial service, so we honor his wishes. May his memory live on in those of us who loved him and his artistic talents.

Obituary was lovingly written for Richard by his family.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories of Richard with his family in the online register at [andersonbethany.com](http://andersonbethany.com).

Anderson Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory is honored to be chosen to serve the Knadle family in their time of need.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Louis Knadle*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *I somehow met Richard online thru my genealogy research. He is related to my mother-in-law and he helped me with some Knadle research. I am sad to find this news here, as we shared some fun emails and I had hoped to meet him one day. I could tell he was a neat guy, as I'm reading about in these other tributes. I am glad to continue that work with anyone interested. I will accept, sort, and share any family photos and/or records. Please email me at "tombrown" at yahoo dot com. Thank you.*

Tom Brown - November 29, 2018 at 11:38 AM



“ *We were so very sorry to hear of Richard's passing. He was a dear friend to us when we lived in Roswell and through the years after we moved away. He became Uncle Richard to our two daughters. He sent beautiful paintings to them as wedding gifts. We treasure the memory of his attendance at our youngest daughter's wedding and are so happy he got a chance to see the Chicago Museum of Art. I will never forget Waltzing Across Texas with him at the East Grand Plains bar-b-que. We are blessed to have several of his beautiful paintings and will treasure them always. Good-night, sweet prince; And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest. ”*

*Mike and Jan Jumper*

Mike and Jan Jumper - August 27, 2016 at 04:52 PM

SC

“ *Richard was a treasure. We had great conversations on the phone over the years - and shared many laughs and good stories. I enjoyed visiting with him through our emails. Richard was so talented and especially through his art - I know he will be missed by many. He was an important member of the Roswell community. My condolences to his loved ones and family. Sue Ann Carpenter*

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**sue ann carpenter** - August 15, 2016 at 12:26 AM

JD

“ *So very sorry for the loss of such a great talent, wonderful personality, wonderful, genuine person! I loved Richard, as I do all the Knadles...one thing you could always count on with Richard, is that he would tell you exactly what he thought, but do it with kindness! He was fun, he was funny, and being around him always brought me a sense of comfort. Although he was a bit of an eccentric, and somewhat of a loner, you never knew it when you were around him. Loved taking his art classes, because anything you were doing wrong, he would take the brush from you hand and show you how to do it better! The BEST kind of teacher! Prayers, for all! With Love, Janice Dunnahoo*

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**janice dunnahoo** - August 07, 2016 at 02:53 PM

GM

“ *To review Richard's art, please go to Google and type in Richard L Knadle, then click on the one with Gallery following his name. Thank you, Gene Munsey*

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**Gene Munsey** - August 07, 2016 at 02:39 PM

SS

“ I am so sad to hear of Richard's passing.

*I first met Richard when we were sophomores at Roswell High School and were both in the chorus. We had such good times singing under the direction of Mr Umberson, and then Mr Carroll.*

*Richard had a wonderful tenor voice, was a great dancer, and a very talented, creative man.*

*He was the chief organizer and communications liaison for all our class reunions. Due to his efforts, we were able to stay in touch with our classmates through the years.*

*Well done, Richard! I'm sure the Angels were singing the "Hallelujah Chorus" to welcome you!*

*We will miss you!*

*Sally Garrett Shackelford  
RHS class of 1960*

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**Sally Shackelford** - August 05, 2016 at 12:04 AM

GM

*I am sorry about Richard's passing. We shared emails recently about his art. He was truly gifted.*

*Gene Munsey*

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**Gene Munsey** - August 07, 2016 at 01:37 PM

SC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dickies passing. He has always been a special friend to me. I am especially distressed that he requested no memorial service. You are all in my prayers.

Sally Goodart Chambers

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**Sally Goodart Chambers** - August 04, 2016 at 11:43 PM

TM

“ To the family of Mr..Knadle, we wish to send our deepest sympathy and condolences on your loss. He was our sons art teacher at Roswell High School. We truly appreciated his dedication he would put forth helping our sons in teaching them and helping them perfect their art. He truly showed interest in his students and knew how to build their confidence in their abilities. One of my sons was awarded a scholarship to attend a college course out of our area, Mr Knadle tried his very best to get the scholarship transferred for the college here in Roswell. We appreciated his efforts. He was a very special man. We have you all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult period.

Benjamin and Terry Martinez and sons, Benjamin Jr. Michael, & Brandon

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**Terry Martinez** - August 04, 2016 at 05:09 PM

TJ

“ *Knadel Family  
Roswell*

*It was a sad day to learn of Richard's passing. During this time of bereavement Richard, his family and friends are in my thoughts.*

*Having known Richard since first meeting as members of the Roswell JayCees and then a lifetime of friendship, fun and art. Richard's smile, unique laugh, voice, ever enduring wit and his good natured ways will be missed. Simply, it was always a pleasure to see and visit with your brother and enjoy a lifetime of friendship.*

*I vividly remember working on a western art set at the Zoo that was utilized by the JayCee's at the ENM State Fair for the "band burger booth".*

*Richard was fortunate to have had a long and healthy life with family, many friends and the art he made and shared generously. In fact, I have a painting of the Cahoon Park flower garden in my office. It is beautiful and provides great joy and memories when viewing it.*

*Please know just as your family, this friend has many fond memories to cherish and provide comfort during this time of bereavement.*

*With kind thoughts and regards, I remain,*

*Respectfully,*

*Tom Jennings*

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**Tom Jennings** - August 04, 2016 at 12:22 PM

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*Our hearts/thoughts/prayers to the Knadle family. Richard will be missed and in our hearts always. He made sure that the class of '60 was informed about everyone....especially those who live sooo far away from home (Roswell). Rest In Peace my friend.*

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**Helen Yeargain (Argenbright)** - August 05, 2016 at 07:45 AM

JA

*We have lost a good friend in Richard. Never did I visit Roswell that I did not contact Richard for lunch or a visit. I expect many others did the same. Richard was a man of many talents. As mentioned by others, not only was he an artist, he had a wonderful voice and was a terrific dancer. He had a hard time saying "No" to any request. I know that he did many things for the promotion of Roswell and I am glad he was able to inspire young artists at Roswell High School. To our class of 1960, he was the hub. He organized reunions for us, but also kept in touch with many friends on either side of our class – friends from elementary school through high school and all the other opportunities he had to interact with people. He was FaceBook before its time, keeping us informed of each other's achievements and sorrows. We appreciated that. My mother had a special regard and admiration for Richard as he did her. They were both creative extroverts.*

*Thank you, Ronald D. Smith, for your caring friendship, which was mentioned to me more than once by Richard. It eased my mind knowing you would be there for him.*

*Rest in Peace, dear Richard, you will be remembered with love.*

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**Jeanie Gratton Adams** - August 07, 2016 at 03:05 PM

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**Jeanie Gratton Adams** - August 07, 2016 at 03:06 PM

PP

*I am so sorry to hear of Richard's passing. He has been a dear friend for many years. We first met when we were working at KNXT, the local CBS television station in Los Angeles. It's hard to believe it was over 50 years ago, when we were all young and just starting our careers. I feel so blessed to have several of Richard's paintings, and they are even more special now that he has passed. It is always so sad when a very special person passes; but we are fortunate he has left so many wonderful memories. Patricia Perry*

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**Patricia Perry** - December 21, 2016 at 01:13 PM

LS

*My condolences go out to Richard Knadle's family. Mr. Knadle was my art teacher at Laguna Middle School, and he taught me how to appreciate the process of creating art-- feeling, rather than doing projects for a grade. I appreciated his patience and talent as a teacher, and by reading this thread, he was so much more than an artist. I'm happy we crossed paths, and I know his creations will continue make people happy.*

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**Leroy Silva** - December 16, 2021 at 01:23 PM