



Harry E. Krug Jr.

August 20, 1930 - November 27, 2019

Harry E. Krug, Jr., 89, of Pittsburg, KS, passed away Wednesday, November 27, 2019, at Ascension Via Christi Hospital.

Harry was born on August 20, 1930 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, to Rev. Harry Krug and Mabel (Cutler) Krug.

On June 6, 1953 he was united in marriage to Patricia Alarupi. Harry served in the United States Army from 1956 to 1958 in the 11th Armored Cavalry in Germany.

Harry received his BFA from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee and Master of Science Degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1956. Harry was a Professor Emeritus at Pittsburg State University, where he taught art for 37 years and was chairperson of the Department of Art. Harry was known for printmaking and his artwork has been shown at major galleries and juried exhibitions throughout the United States and Europe. His work is part of the permanent collection of the Wichita Art Museum, the Museum of Fine Art in Boston, The New York City Public Library, and the Library of Congress. In 1997, PSU honored his contribution to the Art Department by naming the gallery in Porter Hall "The Harry Krug Art Gallery". During his retirement, Harry served on the Kansas Arts Commission.

Harry was an avid outdoorsman who loved hiking, camping and canoeing. Throughout his life and into retirement, he spent many days planting trees on his property to build a wildlife refuge. He was also a lifelong learner, who always had a book in his hand or coat pocket. Harry enjoyed telling stories and loved a good philosophical debate.

He is survived by his daughter, Kim Meyer and her husband, Ed of Pittsburg, KS; two sons, Craig Krug of Mulberry, KS, Mark Krug of Joplin, MO; four grandchildren, Kayla Meyer, Jadyn Meyer, Erin Hutchison, and Chris Hutchison; and two great-grandchildren, Julian and Camden Lett.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and two sisters, Harriet Franzke and Rosalind Fenz. A private family celebration of life will be held this summer at his wildlife refuge.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Harry Krug Art Gallery at Pittsburg State University. These may be left at or mailed to the Bath Naylor Funeral Home, 522 S. Broadway, Pittsburg, KS 66762. Friends may also leave condolences online at <http://www.bathnaylor.com>

Comments



“ The last time I visited with Harry was pure Harry krug. I saw him outside the cinema at the mall, my Dad and I were waiting for movie time. I introduced them and we chatted for a short while. After drinking huge Cokes with our hotdogs and popcorn we decided to visit the men's room. We discussed the movie while taking care of business when we were startled by a booming voice. "Alright you two, hands in the air!". I looked back to see who was there and what the hell was going on. Of course it was the great man himself, grinning from ear to ear. We finished up and headed to the lavatory. To make a long story short, the three of us got to talking. Harry told me about his trip to Europe which had inspired his photographic work I had just seen hanging in the library. I told him how the painting I had on loan to said library was hung in the spot where one of his seriphgraphc prints had been for months. I told him I could never come close to filling such a space but I was amused by the coincidence. He smiled and said, if you believe in circumstances. He told me maybe it would best be seen as a critical juncture. A term I had first heard him use back when I a student of his. That phrase struck me as curious and I called the next exhibit of my artwork Just Another Critical Juncture. Conversation drifted to his story of being stationed in Germany and putting his marksmanship to use and how he had grown up hunting in Wisconsin.. We compared our stories of our times up there. He told one story, I think it was the one about being caught on a mesa in a huge thunderstorm. By the time he had finished we all three were laughing till our eyes watered. After about forty-five minutes we parted company. As we crossed the parking lot to the truck my Dad said, " i wish I had a teacher like him when I was in school." I told him about how the last time I had coffee with Harry I had told him that I felt that I had learned more from him about art and why we do it than all the other professors rolled into one. And after I had begun teaching others about the subject I realized I had learned even more about teaching from him than I had art. Harry just said that is how things work out sometimes. Harry ranks up there with my heroes, Kurt Vonnegut Jr, Ian Anderson, Willie, to name s few. To listen to him was always a learning session to anyone that paid him heed. And more often than not he taught wearing the smile of reason.

Mick Lindsay - January 24, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ Harry was a wonderful man, as anyone who knew him knows. I LOVED listening to his stories and visiting with him during our time together at Oak View Estates. My condolences to his family. He will be missed. God bless!

Kim - December 05, 2019 at 11:52 AM



“ Thank you Kim. He loved living at Oak View Estates.

Kim Meyer - December 11, 2019 at 08:34 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Harry's passing. Please know that the Department of Art is thinking of you as you grieve the loss of your father. He was a special person, dear to the department and all of the lives that he touched, having shared his experiences through both his teaching and his art. His support of the Arts and the Department of Art will be missed in the community. I never had the chance to work with him directly, but enjoyed the many conversations and great amount of support that he gave to me as a new faculty member, and then as a recent chair. With our deepest sympathies the Pittsburg State University, Department of Art.

James Oliver - December 03, 2019 at 05:38 PM



“ We appreciate your expression of sympathy and the kind words about our father. Thank you.

Kim Meyer - December 11, 2019 at 08:33 PM



“ Harry Krug was the most impactful educator I've ever had the privilege to have been 'lifted up' by... His art spoke to me because it mattered to him. His art truly was his essence, distilled. It's production wasn't spontaneous... it was more often than not the result of deliberate methodical process, which he innovated to make his own. He was curious, introspective, observant... as curious about the inward-facing world as about the 'external' world. He afforded to me indispensable tools for crating art and living life that will stay with me the extent of my own life, and which I have made my own attempts to share with others. I am so grateful to have crossed paths with this good man.

Jeff Olsen - December 01, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ Thank you for sharing how my father influenced you, both as an artist and person. He loved teaching and it brings me great happiness in knowing what he taught you has stayed with you and you have shared with others. What a great way to honor a teacher. Thank you.

Kim Meyer - December 11, 2019 at 08:09 PM



“ I only ever met Harry once, and it was recently, at the library . He was having a good day and as we chatted, I could feel the huge brightness of his personality. When Kim mentioned his art was there, I immediately knew which pieces were his. They matched, if you know what I mean. I'm so sorry your family is hurting. But the thing you should know is that people like me will still pass his art for years to come, and they will remember him, and they will smile.

Marcy Newswander - December 01, 2019 at 08:40 AM



“ As I walked this morning under the pines on a sunny early winter day, I reflected on your love of nature and the respect you had for our family, your friends, and professional colleagues. You are already missed. Love Mark

Mark C Krug - November 30, 2019 at 12:54 PM