



Mary Eiland

December 6, 1920 - July 2, 2012

MARY KAY EILAND Passed away on Monday, July 2, 2012 at age 91. She had just celebrated her 73rd wedding anniversary with her husband, J. D. Eiland. Mary Kay was born in Sioux City, Iowa, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo E. Thiele. She lived in New York and Cleveland before moving to California at age 12. Leo Thiele was a syndicated editorial cartoonist and one of the early artists at Walt Disney Studios. Art was very much a part of her life from as long as she could remember. She studied at Pasadena City College, Citrus College, and Chouinard Art Institute in California, in addition to workshops and tutelage by distinguished artists. Before moving to Albuquerque in 1985, she exhibited in many juried shows in Southern California, and won several awards. She was a Signature Member of the New Mexico Watercolor Society and exhibited in several juried shows of the NMWCS and in National Small Paintings shows. She traveled and painted in the US, Bermuda, Europe, and various Asian countries. Her paintings hang in many private collections, including in Virginia, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, and California. In New Mexico, she was represented by Coriell Gallery of Albuquerque. In Mary Kay's own words, Wherever I go, I look at the world through a painter's eye, seeing design, paintings, and drawings everywhere. I want to paint everything! I enjoy sharing my outlook, and no matter what, will continue to try to capture it all. Mary Kay was also a founding member of the Sandia Presbyterian Church. She is survived by her husband, J.D. Eiland of Albuquerque, and her son Michael Eiland of Arlington, Virginia. She was

preceded in death by two daughters, Julia Kay and Mary Cecile. She is also survived by four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Mary Kay's work and her spirit live on through her art, her church, and the undying love of her family and friends. Her life will be celebrated at a memorial service at Sandia Presbyterian Church, 10704 Paseo Del Norte NE, on Sunday, July 8, at 5:00 p.m. For friends who wish, flowers may be sent to French ~ Wyoming Chapel. A private interment service will be held at El Camino Memorial Park in San Diego, California.

Tribute Wall

LG

“ *What a wonderful inspiration Mary Kay has always been to me. I've loved her and her family ever since we met in 1952, when my father was transferred to San Diego and we moved in across the street. I'll never forget the beautiful rendition of West Point she painted on the wall of Mike's bedroom when Mike was in Jr. High, somehow knowing that one day Mike would attend West Point -- and he did! Her strength after the death of each of her daughters was amazing. I've always admired Mary Kay, a true lady she was. Behind a great lady is always a great man -- and Dent is that man. Love him. What a special couple they made for more than 73 years. A testament of their love is their son, Mike, and Mike is a son to be proud of -- and they were proud of him. I feel blessed to have been a part of Mary Kay's and her of family's lives and will forever be grateful that they consider me to be their friend. Blessings, LuAnn*

LuAnn Giegler - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *I was deeply sadden when I heard of your great loss..My best memory of Mrs.Eiland is when she shared scrape books of her family, friends & vacations...Deepest Sympathies during this time...you are in my thoughts and prayers..*

Roseann Padilla - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Mary Kay was my Aunt and I will miss her very much. She will carry her spirit forward and we were all blessed to know her. The artist in her could not be contained and her caring demeanor will always be remembered. It's been "Dent and Mary Kay" for many, many years-- my whole life. But they are two wonderful individuals first.*

Jim Bunker - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Dear Mom. I will miss you dearly. Thank you for giving me your unconditional love during the past 39 years. Please don't worry about dad and Mike. I promise that I will love and take good care of them. Your loving daughter-in-law Chan

Chan Eiland - July 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ I know we had all hoped to see her at our upcoming family reunion in Albuquerque, but we will certainly be remembering her and missing her. I will miss a great sister-in-law - I have many wonderful memories of her from the time she married Dent and became a part of our family. My thoughts are with Dent, Mike, Chan and all their family.

Phyllis - July 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ JD and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you right now. May God be with your family at this time.

Jessica Obryen - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

Kristian Schmidt and Staff - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM