

Obituaries

William Anthony (Andy) Jones

HAMPTON



Andy Jones, 61, of Hampton, peacefully passed away on January 25, 2020, with his family at his side, after a yearlong fight with colon cancer. He was born February 12, 1958, in Raleigh, NC, the only son of Betty and CW Jones. He was raised in Fayetteville, NC, and truly loved his home state. He was a starting point guard in high school and college and passed on his love of basketball to both his sons.

He received a BA in 1980 from St. Andrews College in Laurinburg, NC, and an MFA in 1982 from Louisiana Tech University in Ruston. He came to Connecticut in 1988. While he was primarily an oils and watercolors landscape painter (he never did own a shirt that didn't have paint on it), Andy could do anything. He was an illustrator, a printmaker, a designer, a builder. He fixed cars, stretched his own canvases, turned sap into liquid gold, and built his home painting

studio.

Since 1990, Andy was an art professor at ECSU in Willimantic, where he cultivated lasting relationships with many of his students. He designed the Connecticut state quarter, issued in 1999.

Andy is survived by his wife, Deborah Grant Jones, of Hampton; his three children, Lydia Jones Hall and her husband, Matthew, of Norwich, Sam Jones of Seattle, and Will Jones of Hampton; his parents, Betty and CW Jones, of Fayetteville, NC; his three sisters, Kristy Jones Overton and her husband, Teddy, of Aberdeen, NC, Melinda Jones Spell and her husband, Mike, of Fayetteville, NC, and Jeanne Jones Wright and her husband, Johnny, of Myrtle Beach, SC; his two nephews, Jonathan Overton and Johnny Clint Wright; his sister-in-law, Jude Grant, and her partner, Mark Wragg, of Grandville, MI; many close cousins throughout NC; and his faithful napping companion, B. Kitty. His family is grateful for the care, kindness, patience, and respect shown to him and family members by his care teams at Windham Hospital and Colonial Health and Rehab.

A memorial service will take place in North Carolina in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The ECSU Foundation, Inc. (note Andy Jones Scholarship in the memo line), 83 Windham St., Willimantic, CT 06226.