



Lawrence "Skip" Hawkins

January 4, 1932 - October 14, 2012

Lawrence "Skip" Hawkins was born in Oakdale, CA. on Jan 4, 1932. He grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area, attended Berkeley High School and the University of California, Berkeley, where he studied Art and Speech. After serving in Korea, he moved to Santa Cruz, California where he taught Art, Drama, and English in the Santa Cruz City Schools. Committed to Continuation Education for at-risk youth, Skip was instrumental in starting the Ham Radio Project at Loma Prieta Continuation High School (Santa Cruz) and in instituting Peace Studies as a part of the curriculum. He worked with local poet Sharman Murphy to bring the Poets-in-the Schools program to Loma and was active for many years in the Greater Santa Cruz Federation of Teachers (the local affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers). After his retirement in 1993, he moved to Bloomington, Indiana with his wife, Joan where he continued making ceramics and working for Peace and Justice. Skip was a devoted teacher, a committed Humanist, and a dedicated artist. He died peacefully, at home, on October 14, 2012 surrounded by his family; the cause of death was lung cancer. He is survived by his wife Joan Hawkins (Bloomington, IN), five children by his first marriage to Marian (Kat) Turner: Jennifer Hawkins (Seattle, WA and Hudiksvall, Sweden), Laurie Hawkins

(Missoula, Montana), Julianne Pepetone (Janesville, CA), Christopher Kat Hawkins (Austin, TX), and Kathryn Turner (Seattle, WA); 17 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society and to funding Art and Drama programs in the public schools.

A memorial service will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church. For more information, contact Joan Hawkins jchawkin@indiana.edu.

Allen Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Friends may send condolences to www.allenfuneralhome.org

Tribute Wall



“ *I wish to express my sincere condolences for your loss. May the God of all comfort be with your families during this time of sorrow. Ij Watsonville, CA*

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“ *Dear family of Mr. Hawkins,*

I remember with great fondness the two years I spent in his art classes in 1970/71 at B-40 Jr.High... and to this day I recall his quick smile, open mindedness, great sense of humor, and humanitarian ways...sooo good to have had him as an art teacher during those years... and I am sure he had MANY students who felt the same.

*My thoughts are with you,
Stacey Naman Grant*

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