

Donald D. Black

San Isidro, Costa Rica - Donald D. Black passed away on July 24, 2011 in San Isidro, Costa Rica, at the age of 70.

Don was born on February 11, 1941 to Paul V. and Thelma Black. He lived a life full of talent. Don graduated from Borah High School in 1959. He graduated from the University of Idaho in 1964 with a degree in architecture and later went on to work as architect in San Francisco, Calif.

In 1972, Don returned to Boise, Idaho, where he began pursuing his lifelong passion, art. From then until his death, Don created masterpieces from watercolor, winning Artist of the Year in Costa Rica two consecutive years. Those who had the experience and pleasure of viewing his work were left in amazement.

In 1974, Don purchased the old Hammett School House in Hammett, Idaho, near Glenns Ferry. He lived there until 1995. For over 20 years, the Old School was witness to ingenuity few have ever known. With each stroke of his brush, Dan transformed plain, white canvas into something magnificent.

In 1995, Dan moved to Costa Rica, where he enjoyed a life of peace and plenty of sunshine. Sometime before his death he told us, "You can't kill a bad seed." His humor will be sorely missed.

Dan leaves behind two sons, Zack, 36, of Boise, Idaho, and Jared (Kari), 28, of Chubbuck; daughter, Ashely, 12, and wife, Martha, both of San Isidro. Don also leaves behind a brother and four sisters and lifelong friend and benefactor, Steve Anderson III. Marta Green and Laurie Black, both sisters, cared for Don the week before his death and found him to be at peace, happy and content to be in his home, overlooking the river in his final hours.

We will miss you, Dad, and until we see you again, "Pura Vida." Pure life.