

In Remembrance of Terry Ludwig

As many have already heard, Terry passed away on February 20 at the age of 82. Below you will find some heartfelt responses from many of our members and others. We wanted to share these with you and once again express our deep appreciation for knowing this wonderful gentleman.

PSC will be honoring Terry going forward in two ways: A “Terry Ludwig Memorial Education Fund”, the monies of which will go towards education, AND at every Mile High International Exhibit starting this year and for the future, a “Terry Ludwig Memorial Award” which will include a ribbon and a Terry Ludwig Pastels Gift Certificate. Here is a link to the donation page:

<https://www.pastelsocietyofcolorado.org/donate/>

Remembering Terry with Favorite Memories & Messages of Gratitude and Love



This was at Terry's 80th Birthday celebration, with a cake designed by Tracy Wilson.



Pictured: Geoff, Marie & Terry Ludwig

From Sabrina Stiles: It was both a joy and a blessing to have Terry as a friend. I treasure countless wonderful memories of our time together. Terry was truly one of the most generous, kind, and loving individuals I have ever had the privilege to know. We shared laughter and hugs, and every memory is bathed in happiness because that was the only way to be in his presence.

I first met Terry while attending workshops at Terry Ludwig Pastels years ago. It was there that I learned to make new pastels from broken pieces, and from then on, I eagerly collected any bits I could scrounge to craft my own. I loved the idea and the process of creating pastels from scraps. My obsession with scooping up every last crumb of fallen and shattered pastel seemed to amuse Terry and he always made sure there were pastels lying around for me to discover. It made me feel like a kid on Easter morning!



While we enjoyed plein air painting together, I often joked that I was there for the after-party. Those times spent painting together and the lively banter that followed hold a special place in my heart. Terry's encouragement during those early workshops, and later as I developed as an artist, meant the world to me. He welcomed me and made me feel like I belonged.

How does one adequately thank someone for such an incredible gift? I can only hope to honor Terry's memory by remembering all he did for me and the art community as a whole by paying it forward to others, just as he did for me



From Virginia Unsel: This group was known as the "The Painting Posse" (L-R: Mark Brockman, Terry Ludwig, Norbert Nagel, Sandy Marvin, Sabrina Stiles, ?, Mike Ray, Dennis Lamb)

From Norbert Nagel: Terry is a beautiful soul and a great friend to all of us. Terry brought light into the world. He was an inspiration for all us. There's a special place in heaven for these kinds of people.

From Mike Ray: Here are a couple of photos of Terry painting with the Posse near Boulder. It is not likely I will have a friend that good ever again.



From Nancy Wylie: Terry left a huge legacy with his pastels, but more importantly, his walk with God was what made him so special. He was such a giving man and delighted in giving away his special hand painted pastels. He was a dear friend and I will never forget going plein air painting with him when he first started making his pastels. I was his sounding board and tester for many of his colors and would whine about never having the correct colors. Gary said his green sets were because of me. Lol! I also remember helping him sell pastels at his early shows and at his first one I told people it was a "Candy Store" and that term just took off! I and many others will miss him dearly. He was a good man and loved by all. Rest in peace, "my big guy."

FROM Colleen, Vic, Colton, and Brooke Hoerner: Our condolences to the Terry Ludwig Family. Colleen used Terry's pastels for years. She was involved with the Boulder Art Association as a Pastel Artist. Terry's pastels were one of her favorite pastels. He will certainly be missed but figure he is imagining new colors in heaven. God Bless him and again our condolences to the family.

From Susan Mayfield: So sorry to hear this! I had a gallery in Salida, Colorado some years ago and saw a gentleman looking at my pastel painting very closely – usually only another artist gets that close – and I introduced myself. He said he was Terry Ludwig – I told him he was a rock star in my world! My deepest condolences to his family and many friends.

From Christine Debrosky: I know that so many of you were blessed by knowing Terry. He left us with many gifts.



Pictured: Christine Debrosky, Terry, Ivadell Marie



From Ivadell Marie: Love to Marie, Geoff and family. At my very first workshop, one by Albert Handell, the entire class was going to dinner, and Terry comes up to me, puts his arm around me and says, "So who the heck are you?" in his impish way. And then we proceeded to have a long and fun conversation the rest of the evening. Of course, I bought my first Terry Ludwig Pastels that week, too!

From Dennis John McCarthy: A very special day visiting Terry Ludwig's retail store. My sweet daughter, Taylor, gave me a gift card for Christmas. It was extra special and emotional, having had the privilege to paint outdoors and share a lunch with Terry and other artists several times. I know Terry had multitudes of friends, but he had a way of making everyone he met feel special, and a welcomed friend. Terry was so very kind, generous and genuine. He will be greatly missed by many. Thank you, Geoff and Dena, for your kindness and hard work carrying on with your family's legacy. You have Terry's gift in how you treat others and the skills to make it all happen! God bless you and your business in the years ahead, and I'm sure Terry was very proud of you both.

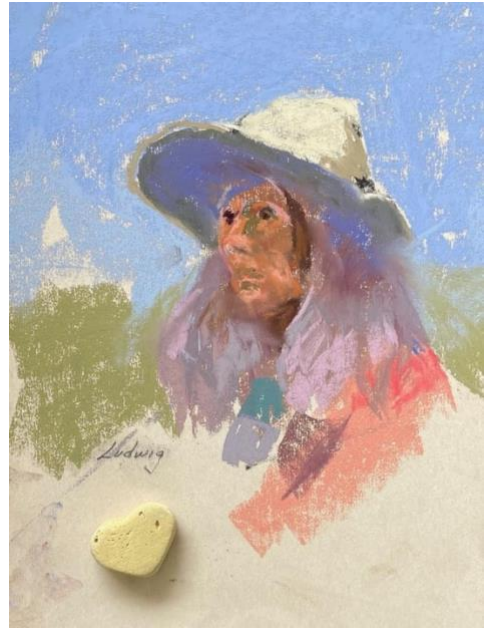
Today's hand-picked beautiful colors! I will cherish them for sure. Oh, I must add, Ludwig's are by far my favorites!!





From Dawn Buckingham:

Terry Ludwig was a generous friend, painting buddy, and a mentor. I hold dear the painting he surprised me with during one of our plein air mornings and the memory of the last time I was in CO to paint with the Posse at Domenico Farm. Thank you Terry for giving so much to so many people.



Love and healing to your family. Rest in peace with the knowledge that your legacy will continue to color our world. You will be missed.



From Bruce A Gomez: Thank you Terry for changing the most essential way I see the world – color. I'm standing on a stool next to this literal and metaphorical giant of a man. Peace



From Karen Spangrud: The world of pastels has lost a true inventor and innovator. Such a sweet and genuine man. Terry Ludwig will be missed by anybody who knew him I was blessed to get to meet him on a few occasions and even paint side by side-by-side plein air in Littleton. Rest in peace.

From Rebecca Dierickx: I found out today the world lost a great man, husband, father, artist, and creator of one of the best soft pastels, Terry Ludwig. He was very generous and supportive of pastel artists, especially through donations to the Pastel Society of Colorado. Visiting his store, aka “the Candy Store” in Littleton, CO or at IAPS was always dangerous on the wallet – so many AMAZING pastel



sticks to choose from. His legacy will live on through his family, especially his son Geoff and Terry Ludwig Pastels.

From Natasha Isenhour: Our pastel Community may seem huge, but its family is small and intimate in so many ways. I first met Terry at IAPS, even before I had really begun to paint in pastel. The second photo down on left will let you know how long ago that was, and I'm not even sure this was the first year I met him and got to know him there. Half those folks in the photo are gone now. He and Marie had occasion to visit my studio and my inseparable buddy, Margi Lucena's studio just south of me. He and my dog Sage were fast friends and the visit was warm and so wonderful. A bit over a year ago, I went to CO and stayed with him and Marie for a few days. The alchemist took me down to his lair and made hearts for my students, teaching me how to do it as I watched on. Many of you reading this will have been the recipients of those little hand shaped jewels. He had made a set of about 160 (I don't remember exactly) beautiful, one-off custom small sticks of color packed in a styrofoam box he had made (pictured top right). As we were about to go upstairs, he closed and taped the box and handed it to me. A gift I will cherish always. There was also the box of 52 handmade greens that showed up for my 52ed birthday. Always surprising me with his generosity. I saw him many times in between and since. We talked on the phone occasionally as well. I can honestly attest that he was one of the most kind and selfless human beings I've ever met.

We all lost a friend, an advocate, a cheerleader, an entrepreneur, a comedian, an artist, a blood family member, or extended "adopted" dad, brother...

The world was a better place with Terry in it, and his spirit will continue to make the colors a little brighter, and paintings a little more alive as his influence will live on through our hands as long as we continue to work. Thank you Terry for everything. Your friendship was a privilege.



From Lorenzo Chavez: For Terry Ludwig. Thank you for helping us see the beautiful colors. RIP.
Photo of the near sunset colors.



Heartfelt Memories

