



Gary Lee Pruner

January 9, 1940 - August 9, 2017

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Tribute Wall

ES

“ *A candle was lit in remembrance*

Edward McMahon, former student - October 21, 2025 at 10:03 AM

JA

“ *I have wondered about Gary and just found this notice online. We were good friends in high school, from meeting in art class. I always chose to sit next to him so I could watch him work. I was friends also with his partner at the time, and very pleased when he was able to attend the California College of Arts and Crafts. I lost contact with him after a few years of being away at Stanford, but always valued knowing him and his dedication to his partner at the time as well as to his painting. I feel very privileged to have been his friend.*

Judith Van Allen - May 31, 2025 at 06:55 PM

MM

“ *Gary was my favorite teacher, bar none. I took his classes from '88-'91, and they were life-changing for me. He was a great painter, and teacher, but moreover he was a good man. Tough but fair, he was the sensei none of of deserved, hahaHe is missed, greatly. Thank you Gary, for sharing your love with us.*

Matt Mullin - April 20, 2025 at 07:45 PM

RR

“ I saw his paintings at the Golds Gallery. I loved his large kio fish on watercolor paper and his mixed subjects of wild big cats with cherries and ice cream etc. I rode with him on a bus with the American Bonsai society there the nurseries in the bay area. I thought at the time his name being Pruner was great for working with small trees in pots. I followed his painting, all of them outstanding. Sorry to hear that he passed away. We akso lost sone other teacher lately like Gregory Kondos (Sacto. City College) and Wayne T from UCD.

Ron Ridley - September 25, 2024 at 12:10 PM

FS

“ My condolences to Gary Pruner family for your loss I knew Gary when he was my art instructor at ARC College from 1972 - 1975 I really didn't know him until I broke the ice and started to chat with and saw his paintings at an art show he did the Cherry series back then he showed me how to focus my attention towards realism even though I was into cubism and primitive paintings but he realized that I was a different student so I learned the fundamentals from his class lectures and study plates then he told me to continue with my style but while I was his student he wanted me to develop the techniques he mastered after that it was smooth sailing and I received an A + and B towards painting in art A & B classes I wish I could have further collaborated with him but we were very busy with working RIP Gary it was nice having you as my art instructor.

Fermin Correa Sr - June 22, 2023 at 01:11 PM

JS

“ I'm so sorry to hear about his passing away I took two of his classes.

Jeremy Stark - September 11, 2020 at 07:25 PM

WM

“ Gary Pruner, Joe Patitucci, Mr. Chambers. They all taught us so much more than art. They helped us grow philosophically and so often their doors were open early in the morning. Their doors were open early to help kids deal with life. I wonder if such exceptional people are around helping high schoolers today like those guys? Tough act to follow. So full of life and intelligence. Huge loss when they were gone off to Rio for us kids at Encina. I think the greatest thing a person could say is we still remember and thank them for how they helped us beyond the art classroom.

Wes Greydanud, MD - February 09, 2018 at 02:36 PM