



Reginald Manchester Rowe, Jr.

December 8, 1920 - June 15, 2007

Artist and teacher Reginald Manchester Rowe, Jr., passed away on June 15, 2007. Born in Brooklyn, NY, and educated at the Choate School and Princeton, he graduated early in 1943 to undertake a tour of duty in the Pacific with the Navy. Rowe quickly abandoned a New York stock broking career for the vocation of painting, which he pursued in New York, Cuba, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, and San Antonio. His neighbor in Cuba, Ernest Hemingway, quickly recognized Rowe's character and visual talent, and wrote: I like to watch the puzzled expression he has when he paints because as long as an artist is puzzled he has a chance. The children of the village all watch him paint with great respect and many of them see their houses and the white dust of the road for the first time when he paints them. The cats and the dogs watch him with respect too. They do not understand what he is doing. But they can tell it is important. When children, cats and dogs respect a painter you may be sure he is doing something serious.

Wherever he was, Rowe led a simple life consciously designed to allow the greatest possible time for painting, teaching, reading, and the companionship of animals and friends. His work as a teacher and mentor for over 22 years combined rigorous attention to form married with passion, intellectual honesty, and wit. Major exhibitions of his work have been mounted in galleries and museums in New York City, Washington D.C., Mexico, Houston, and San Antonio, among others.

Rowe died on Friday, June 15, 2007, after a fall while walking his dog Sam at

his small Hill Country ranch. Missing for more than 30 hours, he was recovered alive, with Sam by his side, through the extraordinary search efforts of friends, family, local canine and horseback units, and volunteer firemen, among others, but passed away a few hours later at the Brooke Army Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, artist Jan Tips Rowe, and daughters Michele Rowe-Shields and Betsy Beckmann.

Services will be held at Christ Episcopal Church on Wednesday, June 20, at 2:00 pm, with a reception to follow at the church and a private burial thereafter at Mission Park North. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to any of the volunteer rescuers listed at www.missionparks.com or to organizations for alzheimer's research such as www.alz.org.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to one of the many volunteer and non-profit agencies below who were vital to his search and recovery.

The Travis County Search & Rescue Dog Teams TCSAR
8760 A Research Blvd, # 277
Austin Texas 78758

South Texas K-9 Search & Rescue Dog Teams,
420 Workman Road
Somerset, TX 78069
830 429 1726; allen@SouthTexasK9ar.com

The Fredericksburg Volunteer Fire Department
124 W. Main Street
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
830 997 8080

The Willow City Volunteer Fire Department

2553 Ranch Road
Willow City, TX 78675

The Stonewall Volunteer Fire Department
General Delivery
Stonewall, TX 78671

The Doss Volunteer Fire Department
14174 N. Ranch Road 783
Doss, TX 78618
830 669 2220

The Tierra Linda Volunteer Fire Department
406 Oak Alley Dept, Inc.
Kerrville, TX 78028
830 792 3533

The Blanco Volunteer Fire Department
Blanco, TX 78606
830 833 5009

Heidi Search Center
San Antonio, TX
210 724 9301

The American Red Cross,
333 Earl Garrett Street,
Kerrville Texas 78028-4529
830 2574677

We also extend grateful acknowledgement to the public service departments, individuals, and businesses below, and to our tireless friends, neighbors, and family.

Scott Krueger & Buddy Miller
The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

Mr. Glen Grote & Ms. Jessica Grote, Horseback Division
Lyndon B. Johnson National Historic Park

Milton E. Jung Sheriff
Lt. Jim Judd Search Coordinator
The Gillespie County Sheriff's Office

Warren Ottmers
Gillespie County Constable Precinct # 2

The Gillespie County Attorney's Office Personnel

Dept. of Public Safety Helicopters
Austin and San Antonio

Pilots Tim Mott and Lyndon B. Nugent
Mission Air Capital Service

Super S
Blanco

Las Palapas
San Antonio

Tribute Wall

CW

“ Dear Jan,

We feel so blessed to have had you and Reggie as our wonderful neighbors. We recently saw an email that reminded us of Reggie-a man woke up outside the Pearly Gates and realized he had died. He looked around and his favorite dog came running

Craig and Carol White - June 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MU

“ *It was a privilege to be a friend of Reggie's during the '60's when art was so exciting and Reggie was a catalyst for bringing that excitement to San Antonio. I remember with such pleasure our conversations about art and all things related to it, and I s*

Martha Utterback - June 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Dear Jan and Family---*
Please accept my condolences for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Sincerely,
Blanca
Yoga Teacher at Camia's House

Blanca Bolner Bird - June 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Dear Jan,
How very sorry I am to hear of your loss. I wish I could be there with you and the family. It is more than painful to lose a friend like Reggie. He lives on in the lives of many of us whom he touched with gentle love and affirmation. Our fa

Alice Holden - June 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ So very sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you.

Mary, from the Heidi Search Center

Mary Dry - June 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ I attended the SA Art Institute 77-78. He was one of my teachers and taught me to really appreciate line drawing/abstract. I still have his poster he designed for the art institute hanging in my living room. I also have the matching t-shirt even though it

Pam Tobias - June 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Our prayers were with you during this long 30 hrs. We wish it had had a happier ending.

Shirley Nielsen - June 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dear Jan:
We're full of wonderful memories of all those good times we shared with you and Reggie.
Of course, the most recent highlight was the two of you dancing to the big band at Blue Star.

Shirley & Nat Mushkin - June 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ I valued the opportunities to share Reggie's art work when working as a docent or curator.

Nancy Fullerton - June 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Jan, I was so sorry to hear about Reggie. You know I was one of the few people that Sam responded to when I would see Reggie walking him every day on Belknap Street-a wag of the tail or a lick on the leg. Bless Sam for staying with Reggie all those hours.

Pat Schulz - June 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Dear Jan,
What a priviledge to have known your sweet husband. I count him as one of the most influencial men in my life. The years we shared our critique class in Barbara Chittim's back house are some of my fondest memories. He challenged me as a pain

Amy Stieren - June 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ We would like to send our condolences to Jan and family. Reggie will be missed especially by Larry at the Ranch

Larry & Paulette Wallendorf - June 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ We wish to express our deepy felt condolences for every family member of Reggy Rowe, especially to his wife and companion artist Jan Tips. Reggy was very dear to both of us, as an artist that I exhibited at the Jansen-Perez Galleries, as well as a friend.

Angelika Jansen and Bob Brown - June 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ In my family i am the last of the Rowe's. May the Lord bless you for honoring the name of Rowe.

Jerry D.Rowe - June 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Dear Jan,
You are in my thoughts and prayers today. After reading about Reggie's death I was taken back to the wonderful dinners Kent and I shared with the two of you, talking about art and literature and life. He was such a vibrant, enthusiastic man a

kathy couser - June 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ Dear Jan, Reggie was much loved not only for his art, but also for his willingness to share his ideas with so many. I felt he was my friend and I was always so happy to see you both. Know that you have my deepest sympathy, my love and the hope that you

Nancy Pawel - June 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Reggie was my teacher at SA Art Institute. I loved his work, his mind, his example. I remember the smell of oils, the peace of quiet concentration and the delicious feeling of being steeped in a world of rich color and pure design. I was blessed to hav

Sue deCordova - June 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ My sweet Jan: Reggie was so very sweet, kind and gentle. I will miss chatting with him in our backyards. He was always a burst of sunshine every time I had the pleasure of seeing him. My prayers and with you.

Lynda DePanicis - June 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dear sweet Jan,
I just heard about Reggie thru the Austin Tv station this evening watching the news. I am so sorry!!!!
You two were always the sweetest to me of the whole family.
I have missed both of you very much. I will try to call you if I sti

Julie Tips Logan - June 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM