



Jaye Bumbaugh

July 30, 1937 - July 25, 2020

Artist, Teacher, Professor, Coach, Family man, Jaye Bumbaugh, a Lima resident, who sold work as far away as Australia and Britain, will be remembered for his whimsical and thoughtful works, many of which were centered around nature and animals, died Friday, July 25 at The Kobacker House in Columbus, Ohio.

Jaye was born July 30, 1937 to Glenn and Grace (Thorpe) Bumbaugh in Lorain, Ohio. He graduated from Ohio Northern University(59) where he met his wife of 61 years, Susan Moritz Bumbaugh(59).

Jaye taught Jr. and Sr. High school classes at Midview Schools in Grafton and then in the Bluffton Schools. After completing his Master of Fine Arts at Bowling Green State University(67), he joined the faculty of Bluffton University teaching art courses and served as department chair for many of the 37 years he was there.

Jaye coached little league baseball and Boys and Girls Tennis at Bath High School for many years. Students of all ages benefitted from his patience, encouragement and mentoring through the years. Especially admired by family and friends were his sense of humor, Pink Girl tomatoes and all of his interesting flowers. Jaye will be terribly missed by his wife and his extended family.

Jaye dearly loved his wife, Susan, and his children Michael Bumbaugh, Lisa (David) Vottero, Kathryn (Nate Ebling) Bumbaugh and five grandchildren: Chloe, Jacob and Eli Vottero, and Lucas and Finnian Ebling. He is survived by his brother Jon (Mickie) Bumbaugh and sister Sharon Bumbaugh.as well as brothers in law Donald and Larry(Suzann) Moritz, sister in law, Mary Moritz, and sister in law Deborah(Paul) Riepenhoff, as well as many nieces and nephews. Jaye was preceded in death by his parents Glenn and Grace Bumbaugh, his parents-in-law Kathryn and Fay Moritz, Brothers-in-law Myron and Ramon Moritz, sisters in law Jean Moritz, Janice Moritz and infant son Robert.

Arrangements are with the Day Funeral Home in Gahanna. There will be no formal service presently, due to the Covid-19 Virus. A memorial will be scheduled sometime in the future.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Tatia Langston lit a candle in memory of Jaye Bumbaugh*



Tatia Langston - February 26, 2024 at 03:03 PM

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“ *My sympathies to you Susan and the whole family. So sorry for your loss. Relish all those great memories you have of Jaye. He was a very talented man. Dale Schmidt*

Dale Schmidt - August 03, 2020 at 09:20 PM

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“ *I was one of Jaye's students at Bluffton College (University) . We meet during a summer enrichment program for high school students and he is one of the reasons I decided to go to Bluffton. I loved the ceramic birds he did at the time. Wish I could have seen him one more time! Cyndy Weist Blough*

Cynthia Weist Blough - August 03, 2020 at 06:16 PM

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“ *Michael, I remember your family from the Spring of 1970. You and I appeared in the Encore Theater Production of "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof. Sorry for your loss. You may remember that my father Joe, was also in the play. Lost him over 21 years ago. Rejoice in your happy memories of your time together. All my best to your family. Jim Smith Wapakoneta, Ohio*

Jim Smith - July 31, 2020 at 07:24 PM