



## Isaac Kline Hay,

February 16, 2014

Ike Hay, 69, of Lancaster, PA, died on February 14, 2014 at home, of ILD. He was born to the late Isaac K. Hay, Sr. and Florice Caldwell Hay, April 28, 1944, in Atlanta, GA.

He grew up in Bethesda, MD and graduated from Walter Johnson High School. He had been a member of the Chevy Chase Baptist Church, Washington DC. He completed two years at Montgomery College, MD and graduated from University of Georgia, BFA and MFA, Sculpture. He served six years in the Army Reserves during Vietnam. After teaching for five years at Perdue University, Ike served in the Artist-in-the-Schools program in Birmingham, AL for a year. Ike made Lancaster home when he joined the art department at Millersville University in 1975, teaching there for 30 years. At MU he refined the bronze foundry to industry standards, and led a student group of artists to replicate a life-size triceratops skull for Smithsonian's Natural History Museum. Ike created site-specific architectural sculpture and his pieces are in Alaska, Alabama, Florida, and Oklahoma. In Pennsylvania, his art is in Philadelphia, Reading, Harrisburg, York, and Lancaster.

He was a student and scholar of Napoleonic military history and decorative arts. He presented papers across the country on his studies. He was an avid collector and guided restoration of many pieces of furniture of the classical period, in addition to Regency lighting and French Napoleonic edged

weapons.

He was married to and is survived by Teri Hay (Theresa Bisker). They would have been married for 35 years in May. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mariah Ruth Hay, 31, of Dallas, TX and Mistral Gale Hay, 27, of Brooklyn, NY, and three cousins who live in Georgia, Sam Hay III, Libby Hay Davis, and Judson Caldwell.

Ike had the gentility of a Southerner, his roots, and the frankness of a Northerner, where he chose to make his home. He was the epitome of a true teacher, always generously sharing and disseminating information with anyone who expressed an interest and thirst for knowledge. He had a quick wit and great sense of humor. His influence was like a gentle breeze to all who knew him. He took great pleasure in being a small part of student's progress and success. He allowed his students to be organically changed by his influence or mere presence in their lives. Ike has said, "Great art springs from great ideas and is refined with impeccable design and technique. To dismiss work with a glance is inherently unfair. The relativity of art makes it difficult to qualify. I look deeper. All art is created to communicate an idea, a feeling, a theory, or possibly a perspective to honor." He will be greatly missed by his circle of family and friends.

Ike's Celebration of Life Service will be held at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 West Orange St, (corner of Pine and Orange) Lancaster, PA on Thursday February 20, 2014, at 4 pm. The family will greet friends from 3pm until the time of the service and would be honored if you would share a brief story of Ike's influence in your life. Memorial Contributions may be made payable to Johns Hopkins University, Fund for Johns Hopkins Medicine, 5200 Eastern Ave., MFL Center Tower, Suite 356, Baltimore, MD 21224 or Millersville University Art Department, Juried Student Show, Sculpture Award, at <http://www.millersville.edu/give/online-forms/gift.php>



# Tribute Wall



“ *Isaac Kline Hay,*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *7. Dear Teri, Mariah, and Mistral, I am so very grateful to have known Ike. He was such a positive influence on my life and having attended the Service I am struck with the fact that he influenced so many people and made life such a richer experience for so many. He truly made a difference in this world. Our heartfelt condolences, The Sweeneys*

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**Jim Sweeney** - March 08, 2014 at 11:40 AM



“ *Dear Theresa, Miriah, and Mistral:*

*I attended Ikes Celebration of Life Memorial service and as I listened intently to friends and all of your recollections regarding him, I kept thinking to myself~oh what a life he had. Living life to its fullest, doing what you love, and having the love family and friends, that indeed IS celebrating life!  
Love Always,  
Beth Clark*

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**Beth Clark** - March 01, 2014 at 07:15 PM



“ *Dear Theresa,  
I was so sorry to hear about your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Our friendship will always remain strong.  
Tina (Cross) Sadler*

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**Tina (Cross) Sadler** - February 25, 2014 at 12:02 PM

CB

“ Theresa and family,, I am so sorry upon learning of your husbands' passing. My thoughts are with you.

*Connie Boyer*

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**Connie Boyer** - February 25, 2014 at 11:44 AM

GH

“ Our sympathies to the family of Ike Hay. Our son, Kirk, who is currently an art/sculpture student at MU, had the privilege of working with Ike on the triceratops project for the Smithsonian Institution. Ike Hay was our son's teacher, mentor, friend and, upon learning of Ike's passing said: "He gave my life a new direction. The world would be a gentler place if more were like him."

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**Gail & Ron Hawthorne** - February 18, 2014 at 08:51 PM

JM

“ I had the great pleasure of meeting Mr. Hay some years ago. I have never forgotten the wonderful conversations I had with him. I am a better person for it. *Ars longa vita brevis.*

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**Jim Moriarty** - February 18, 2014 at 02:00 PM

JM

“ Ike was one of the finest men I have ever known. He enriched the lives of all who knew him. The world was a better place for many because he was here. All of us whose lives he touched will hold his memory gently and miss him greatly.

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**Jim Morrison** - February 17, 2014 at 11:24 AM

PB

“ *Ike Hay was a indeed a special scholar/gentleman in the very best sense. His obit alludes to that and it was a true mark of Ike's character. Ike and I have been out of contact for the past twenty-two years except for an occasional chance meeting with him and Teri on the sidewalks of Lancaster usually doing a First Friday or artist event. I was very saddened to see his photo in today's Sunday paper and both Susann and I offer our sincere and heart-felt condolences to his wife Teri and their two children, Mariah and Mistral. His legacy will live on in his family and friends, his artistic works, his scholarship, in his inspiration and mentoring of many students over the years, his contributions to Millersville University where I first met Ike, and with his Napoleonic history and collecting colleagues stateside and abroad. I know my own life was enriched by once having Ike as a friend.*

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**Philip R. Bishop** - February 16, 2014 at 07:45 PM