



Ted Lawrence Kerzie Jr.

May 10, 1943 - January 9, 2018

Ted Kerzie, beloved professor and respected artist, passed away on January 9, 2018 of heart failure in Bakersfield, California.

Ted was born and raised in Tacoma, Washington, graduating from Lincoln High School and then Washington State University. After serving in the Airforce during the Vietnam war he attended Claremont Graduate School. With a lifelong love and appreciation for art, he served as professor of art and chair of the art department at California State University Bakersfield while simultaneously honing his craft on canvas. His art work consisted of large scale paintings, prints and whimsical sculptures. His work is displayed in museums, galleries, hotels and in private collections across the country. He taught for several years as a course coordinator and guest artist for CSU Summer Arts of the California State University system. Mr. Kerzie's other passion was flying. He was an avid pilot, member of flying clubs and was in the process of completing an RV-12 at the time of his death. In his spare time, he enjoyed restoring and showing old and classic cars from the 50's and 60's as well as acting as an extra in movies, TV shows and commercials.

He is survived by his three children, Michael Kerzie, Jennifer Kerzie, and Kristin Kerzie Patterson, his brother Ken Kerzie and 7 grandchildren.

The memorial service will be held on Friday, January 26th at 10:30am at the Bakersfield Municipal Airport (Airpark). The address is 2000 S. Union Ave in hangar 52. Please proceed through the Rocket Shop Café to reach Hangar 52.

Cemetery Details

Bakersfield National Cemetery

30338 E Bear Mountain Blvd
Arvin, CA 93203
(661) 867-2250

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 26. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

Bakersfield Municipal Airport
2000 S. Union Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93307

Military Honors

JAN 26. 1:15 PM - 1:45 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Just the other day he had a birthday, his 81st. I was a friend, student, and part time employee at CSUB. I haven't talk to him in years. It just that knowing he's gone hurts.
Robert Benkelman

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