



Dr. Walter Kelly Hood

August 19, 1928 - August 6, 2013

Dr. Walter K. Hood was taken Home by his beloved Master, Jesus on August 6, 2013. He was born in Plateau, NC on August 19, 1928. He was the son of the late Maude Rebecca Clay and Charles Arthur Hood, Sr. He was the fifth boy in the family, the 4 full brothers were each Valedictorian of their class! He was preceded in death by his half brother, C. A. Hood, Jr., full brothers, Richard and Herbert.

Walter served in the Army as an MP at Sugamo Prison in Tokyo, Japan from 1946 to 1948. That was where the war criminals were held during the war crimes trial. The most famous was Hideki Tojo, the prime minister of Japan who Walter guarded several times. While in Japan, Walter came to love the beauty and technique of Oriental art at which he became very adept over the years. When he was studying at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, he didn't have time to work on a large painting every day so he started painting in the style of the ancient Chinese masters.

Walter taught at Converse College where he met his wife, Liz Welch who was a student there. They were married on July 29, 1967. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Liz and their son David who lives in Honolulu, Hawaii. Walter taught and was chairman of the art department of Catawba College from 1971—1990. During his time at Catawba, he completed the 6 panel historical mural for the Salisbury Mall. Shortly after retiring, he completed a 30 year project called the Way of the Cross—a 14 panel mural series that is the Protestant version of the Stations of the Cross. Throughout his career as an artist, he did

several other series of murals that are in Glenside, PA and Honolulu, Hawaii. He worked in a great variety of mediums—fresco, water colour, oil, mosaics, egg tempera, and pen and ink. The paintings range in size from miniatures of several inches to 6 foot tall panels. He has many paintings in private collections in the United States and Europe.

While at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia, he was awarded the Cecilia Beaux Portrait prize, the Cresson European Traveling Scholarship, the J. Henry Scheidt Foreign Traveling Scholarship, and the most prestigious of all, the Abbey Fellowship in Mural Painting (Rome Prize) to the American Academy in Rome for 2 years.

Visitation & Service: The family will receive friends Tuesday August 13, 2013 at 1st Baptist Church from 11—12 and the funeral will be at 12 with Dr.

Kenneth Lance officiating. Interment will be at the VA National Cemetery with military honors conducted by the Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard.

Special thanks to his caregivers: Latishea MacClean & Ruby Walter and to his long time friend and doctor, Dr. Demming Ward.

Memorials: Donations may be made to AMG International, 6815 Shallowford Road,

Chattanooga, TN 37421; or North Hills Christian School, 2970 W. Innes St, Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Hood family. Online condolences may be made to www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **13**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Salisbury
223 N. Fulton St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Service

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Tribute Wall

JO

“ *Dr. Hood taught art and religion at Cranmer Theological Seminary many years ago while Bishop James Parker Dees was Presiding Bishop. He was well loved, and we are sorry to learn that such a fine Christian scholar is no longer among us. Our condolences to his beloved family.*

*Jerry L. Ogles
Presiding Bishop
Anglican Orthodox Communion Worldwide &
Chancellor, Faith theological Seminary, Gujranwalla, Pakistan*

Jerry Ogles - May 05, 2015 at 03:35 PM

BH

“ *Dr. Hood was a dedicated servant of Jesus and helped many young people know of art.
He is with his Lord now.
Betty Hoffman
The Anglican Orthodox Church*

Betty Hoffman - May 05, 2015 at 02:58 PM

PC

“ *I'll never forget my favorite professor at Catawba trying to teach me the fine arts! I know what flying buttresses are still today because of Dr. Hood. and ionic columns and Corinthian columns and the famous artists such as Degas, Monet, Picasso, Seurat, Munch and so many more. He made learning fun and I just loved every minute of his class. And we shared the same birthday!! August 19!*

pam hylton coffield - August 17, 2013 at 08:56 PM

MB

“ Dear Liz, David, and Family,

Our sincere sympathy and prayers are with you. We really enjoyed knowing Walter and his gentle ways. Truly, he was a Christian gentleman, and that is quite notable and admirable in his professional circles and accomplishments during his career. We are thinking of you and be assured of our prayers.

In Christian Love,

*Bobby and Judy Briggs
Lexington, NC*

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Briggs - August 11, 2013 at 01:00 PM

GC

“ Liz:

My sincere condolences to you and your son at this time of grief. I remember Dr. Hood as a Christian gentleman, a fine artist and teacher. You and Dr. Hood will always be happy memories of our lives in Salisbury and on the Catawba College campus.

*Grace Cooper
Lawrence, KS*

Grace Cooper - August 11, 2013 at 09:00 AM

TN

“ Theresa Kellum once told me "a good woman can make a man"! Liz you are so much more, my prayers remain with you, David and Walter. He was a remarkable man! At least his suffering is over and he is with our Lord!

Terry Noble - August 11, 2013 at 08:03 AM

MK

“ I was so saddened to read about the loss of Walter. I am thankful he is with our Lord!

Marcia Kirtley - August 10, 2013 at 09:57 AM

ED

“ I visited Mr. Hood a couple years ago while staying with my friends, the Hartley family and I had the chance to admire his paintings.

I like pass on my condolences to his family and wishing you all lots of strength for the coming weeks / months.

*Best regards,
Ellen Danen - The Netherlands*

Ellen Danen - August 09, 2013 at 03:07 PM

DW

“ Liz, I remember the many things you told me about your husband. My prayer go out for you. May God continue to Bless you. Doc Warner

Doc Warner - August 09, 2013 at 08:42 AM

SS

“ I just read the article in the Salisbury Post by D. Parker-Smith and the obituary for Dr. Hood. This is a wonderful article about Dr. Hood and comments from former colleagues were so true. Dr. Hood always treated me with so much respect while attending Catawba College and working there. He was one of the kindest people I met in a lifetime. I will always remember how he made me feel. He reminded me of a quote Dr. Joseph McCann from the schools used once, "It is nice to be important, but it is more important to be nice." I am glad he is resting in peace now. I wish there were more Dr. Walter Hood's in the world today Special prayers for the Catawba community, Mrs. Hood and their son, David.

Sandy Shepherd-Pardue - August 09, 2013 at 05:26 AM