

Andy Poynor

March 3, 1948 - September 4, 2009

Charles Andy Poynor, age 61, of Joplin, gifted artist and beloved friend, died of cancer on Sept. 4, 2009. He was born March 3, 1948, in Joplin, to James Andy and Dale Bullock Poynor and lived here throughout his school years. His interest and talent in the graphic arts exhibited itself at an early age and, after graduation from the Joplin school system in 1966, he attended the Kansas City Art Institute. Andy lived and worked for many years in several places in the United States, and in parts of Europe. He later located in Cape Girardeau, Mo., to look after his mother in her final extended illness. Some of his finest and most popular work in oils and in sculpture dates from this period of his life. More recently, he had become interested in the possibilities of digital reproduction and enhancement and also in reproduction in ceramic and textile forms. He returned to Joplin, in October of 2008. Although his illness had already begun to debilitate him, he mounted a successful exhibit, "The Prodigal Returns," at the Spiva Center for the Arts and another at Crabby's Restaurant of his "Big Ink" series. His friends would like to offer special thanks for their help and support to the management and staff of Fox Farm, Ceramic Reflections, First State Bank of Joplin, the Joplin Health and Rehabilitation Center, Joplin Healthcare and most particularly to the directors and volunteers at Hospice Compassus for their constant efforts to make this difficult path a little easier.

A memorial reception in honor of Andy and his work will take place on Friday, Sept. 25, 2009, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Spiva Center for the Arts, 222 West 3rd Street, Joplin, Mo.

"Throughout the world sounds one long cry from the heart of the artist: Give me the chance to do my very best." ~ Isak Dinesen

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