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May 31, 1933 - May 27, 2019

Sadly, Arnold Saper, a remarkable artist, husband, father and friend, died following a lengthy struggle with IPF, a lung disease.

He leaves to mourn widow Satomi Pat, children, Zalman (Dana), Ronald (Celine), Michelle and James (Julie), grandchildren, Alec and Katelyn.

He lived a long and fulfilling life. A prominent artist and teacher he touched many lives in a meaningful way. Born May 31, 1933 to Cecilia (nee Toitz) and Charles Saper, he grew up in the North End of Winnipeg. He went to Luxton and St. Johns high schools. He earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts at the University of Manitoba and a Masters of Fine Arts under the tutelage of famed printmaker Mauricio Lazansky at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. Arnold taught in Winnipeg, Roblin, and Dominion City before a long teaching career at the Faculty of Fine Arts at the University of Manitoba. Other teachers found his lesson plans helpful and students found his projects challenging.

Arnold was a deep thinker and had natural talent as an artist, teacher, musician and builder. He challenged himself in many ways. As a youngster he hauled boulders around the back yard to build muscle and once, as an experiment, he blind folded himself for a week. He also built a cottage north of Gimli. As an artist he was not concerned about being "au courant". Instead he was true to himself and his work stands out for being strong and evocative. Canadian and international galleries hold several of his pieces.

Arnold was a supportive and thoughtful person. He was genuinely interested in people and concerned about them. He will be missed by all who appreciated the input he had in their lives. Married in 1960 to Satomi Pat (nee Hirayama) he was a dedicated family man and so proud of his family including children, Zalman, Ronald, Michelle and James, and grandchildren, Katelyn and Alec.

Thanks to Palliative Care Manitoba volunteer Irving Hildebrand, Palliative nurse Andre, respite worker Josephine, Dr. Martha Ainslie, Dr. Jonathan Werier and supportive friends and family. A celebration of his life will take place at Canad Inns, 1824 Pembina Highway on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 12:15 p.m.