



Harry F. Nasse

May 3, 1934 - October 26, 2018

Sussex - Harry Nasse, age 84, a long-time resident of Sussex, New Jersey, died at his home on Friday, October 26, 2018 while in the care of his daughter. He served in the United States Army from 1956 to 1961. Mr. Nasse received his Bachelor of Art degree from MassArt in Boston, MA and earned his Masters Degree in Fine Arts from Syracuse University. Mr. Nasse purchased the building at 35 Main Street in Sussex in 1987. There he established Matte Frames (a picture-framing business), a storefront art gallery, and his residence on the second floor. Mr. Nasse was a well-established art gallerist and founded the artist-run cooperative Ward-Nasse Gallery after years of directing galleries at various locations in Boston, MA. He brought the Ward-Nasse Gallery to the SoHo district of New York City in 1969 and was dedicated to serving artists, collectors and anyone interested in contemporary art. The gallery was a fixture in SoHo until 2017 when the gallery moved to its current location in Sussex. He was an avid runner, was a member of the New York City Central Park Running Club, ran 17 marathons and countless shorter races.

Mr. Nasse is survived by his wife, Leda M. Nasse; his daughters, Gale E. Hawkins of Pensacola, Florida, Brenda Nasse of Sussex, Candace Special of Wantage, and Juliana Lagin-Nasse of Halifax, Canada; his brothers, John Nasse, Jr. of California and Peter Nasse of Maine; his sister, Judith Nasse of Woburn, MA; and nine grandchildren.

A memorial gathering for Harry Nasse will be held in the Ward-Nasse Gallery,

35 Main Street, Sussex on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 4 to 9 pm. All those who knew Mr. Nasse are welcome to come to this event to celebrate his life.

As Harry was a great lover of all kinds of pets, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to your local animal shelter.

Private cremation services have been entrusted to the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Private Cremation Services

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

NOV 3. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)


Ward-Nasse Gallery
35 Main Street
Sussex, NJ 07461

Tribute Wall

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“ *Harry was a kind, generous, intelligent and loving person. We visited both his galleries many times and purchased many works from him. We were honored to know him. Lynn and Steven Leider.*

lynn seiden - February 25, 2021 at 07:25 PM

 Edwin
Marchan

“ *The artist of artists, generous and kind, always smiling, always giving you a ray of light to keep on following your dream, love you man, God bless!*

Edwin Marchan - May 06, 2020 at 06:51 PM

LP

“ Oh my Harry Nasse, what a wonderful man and a very important person in my life. Although I have been out of touch with Harry for many years, he forever changed my life for the better. After I graduated college and moved to Boston at the end of the 1960s, about a year or two before Harry moved the gallery to NYC, I went to the Ward-Nasse Gallery on Newbury Street with my portfolio of silkscreen prints that I had done in college. Harry liked them and said he was going to give me fine paper so that I could create a print edition for him to sell at the gallery. Well I created two print editions which Harry sold out...and that was the beginning of my career as a professional artist. Harry gave me entre into the artworld which led to museum and gallery exhibitions. He was the dream gallerist that every artist wishes they would meet early in their careers....and even later. Harry so boosted the confidence of an insecure, very young artist and I will always remember him with GREAT FONDNESS and APPRECIATION.

My thoughts and prayers go to Harry's family!!

Warmest regards,

E. Linda Poras

or E. Linda Karp...as I was first known at the gallery

linda poras - September 05, 2019 at 10:37 PM

MK

“ Meredith Kent-Berman lit a candle in memory of Harry F. Nasse



Meredith Kent-Berman - January 07, 2019 at 10:33 AM

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“ On April 1998 I stopped by the gallery with my slides and Harry said I could join. The first gallery to give me a break as a visual artist. Never had the chance to say goodbye!

Meredith Kent-Berman - January 07, 2019 at 10:32 AM



“ I interned for the gallery in SOHO, years, 1998-2001, I was so impressed with Harry Nasse patience sense of humour and fairness... It was so good of him to help me with the practical chores and also I had the good fortune to curate two shows, Landscape Escape and Life After Death... There was no shortage of volunteers and they were advanced and some also novices. This was not a "snob" gallery. It's a shame there aren't more like him. and more co-op galleries in Manhattan... if any. My first show was in Brooklyn on Atlantic Ave... 1972 a co-op also... Now so much talent left to further reaches... I am fortunate to have SCRIE and can afford Manhattan, however where I am is the Upper East Side and I am not a "Corporate type... Oh Harry I miss you sooo much...

Penny Josephides - November 03, 2018 at 07:43 PM



“ Penny Josephides sent a virtual gift in memory of Harry F. Nasse



Penny Josephides - November 03, 2018 at 06:46 PM



“ *Penny Josephides lit a candle in memory of Harry F. Nasse*



Penny Josephides - November 03, 2018 at 06:36 PM