



Rodney P. Arbogast

July 22, 2024

Rodney P. Arbogast, 76, of Allentown, passed away Monday, July 22, 2024 at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Salisbury Twp. He was the husband of Carita M. “Cricket” Ahern-Arbogast, with whom he shared 37 years of marriage. Born in Allentown, he was the son of the late Paul F. and Julia (Rakochoy) Arbogast. Rod was a high school wrestler and later earned an art degree from Kutztown University. He was a navy veteran, serving on the carrier Kitty Hawk during the Vietnam War. He was a full time wildlife artist for over fifty years, and his paintings grace the walls of many art enthusiasts and collectors. They have also appeared on a number of magazine covers.

He enjoyed traveling to the Delaware shore and spending time in Chincoteague. Fishing was a favorite hobby of his. Rod was a true craftsman and could fix just about anything. He had a get-it-done attitude and was always willing to lend a hand to anyone. Rod also had a special connection with all animals, including wild ones, which may be why he was able to capture their essence so well in his paintings.

Survivors: wife Cricket; son Albert Thomas Herman and his wife Ann of Mohrsville, PA; daughter Cricket Traverson and her husband Craig of Glen Burnie, MD; brother Mark of Willow Street, PA; sister Jane Arbogast-Schappell and her husband David of Manheim; 7 grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial service: Will be held on Saturday, August 17 at Woodlawn Fire Company Social Hall, 2217 Belmont St, Allentown, PA at 2 PM

Contributions: In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to Tunnel To Towers – t2t.org

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

Woodlawn Fire Company
2217 Belmont St.
Allentown, PA 18104

Tribute Wall

GD

“ In 1978 my husband and I met Rod and asked him if he would do a special work for us. We met with him and asked him if he would stray away from his usual wildlife paintings and do a portrait of my very favorite animal , a panda. My collection of pandas never had an original commissioned piece and he graciously agreed wit one condition, he would paint it with his idea. We agreed and several months later we met him again at the ARK11 Gallery where my husband and I were good customers. When we saw the finished work we were so happy as his portrayal was not the typical sitting panda or in a nature setting. This was a portrait of a walking panda all by himself . It was beautiful and is still a part of my extensive panda collection. He was amazing.

Georgia Donovan - August 18, 2025 at 11:48 AM

RZ

“ I was a good customer of the ARK II Gallery in Flemington, NJ.in the early 1980's. That is where I was introduced to Rod Arbogast's beautifully done original wildlife art. I acquired a number of Rod's originals from that art gallery, as well as more recently on eBay. Rod's favorite art medium was watercolor, and his birds, and mammals literally came alive. A few of his originals I have sold, but the majority that I have purchased over the years remain in my wildlife art collection. He was an extremely talented artist with a friendly, and warm personality.I am very sorry to hear that he has passed away. He was really a wonderful man, and I am glad that I was able to get to know him.

Robert Zaentz - May 06, 2025 at 01:24 PM

RS

“ Mrs. Arbogast and family, my deepest condolences on Rod’s passing. I didn’t know him personally, but I enjoy his artistry everyday when I look at his sweet rendering of frolicking chipmunks.

Regina Sutton - October 06, 2024 at 11:26 AM

RW

“ Close to Rod love his work, in business I had many office rooms. Each room had at least four of his great paintings. To date own about 80 originals of his painting.

Ron Weaver - September 19, 2024 at 05:30 PM

LJ

“ My condolences to Rodney's family. I didn't know him but can tell by his picture he was a sweet man and I know how much his sister loved him (I work with her). May he rest in peace and fond memories of him carry the family through this time of grief. My heart and prayers go out for you. --Warm Christian Love, Lauren Jandroep

Lauren Jandroep - July 30, 2024 at 12:21 PM



“ Sending our condolences. Uncle Rod was a kind man and we loved to visit when we were at Nana and Pops house. He will be remembered by his amazing art! With love and prayers - The Schwindaman (Atkinson) family

Meghan Schwindaman - July 29, 2024 at 09:25 AM

JS

Thank you for the kind words Meghan. We appreciate it very much.

jane schappell - July 29, 2024 at 07:00 PM

KW

“ We are so very sad to hear of Rod’s passing. We were fortunate to have met Rod several times and to own several pieces of his original art work. He was a tremendous man and will be missed!

Karen Wagner - July 28, 2024 at 09:48 PM

JS

Thank you for your kind words. They mean a lot to us.

jane Schappell - July 29, 2024 at 08:45 AM

SH

“ To the family, please accept my condolences. I have tried numerous times locate Rod but had no luck. I even tried contacting the Art Museum for information to find him and researched his work. I had a story to share with him after I became the owner of this print that has a story behind it and I will treasure this.

Sherry Hanley - July 27, 2024 at 05:55 PM

JS

Thank you for your kind words. Sorry you were unable to reach Rod while he was still with us.

jane Schappell - July 29, 2024 at 08:46 AM

AH

“ Jane and family, please accept my deepest sympathies on your loss of Rod. I have his beautiful artwork displayed in my dining room where I can enjoy it every day and I often think of all of you. Rod was such a kind and wonderful person and always to happy to chit chat whenever we would stop to see him at fairs and festivals. May he rest in peace now.



Anita Hertzog - July 27, 2024 at 09:30 AM

JS

Thank you Anita - We appreciate your comments. I think of you often too - Jane

Jane Schappell - July 27, 2024 at 10:13 PM