

DANTE H. BERTONI

November 13, 1926 - November 13, 1993.

Dante Bertoni was married to Mae H. Bertoni, an award winning watercolor artist, and the father of two children, Rachel and Irene. In 1951, Dante graduated from Parson's School of Design and afterwards attended the Art Student's League and NYU, subsequently leading to a fulfilling career in Fine Art and Graphic Design. He was a member of the American Watercolor Society and Salmagundi Club Vice Chairman and VFW Senior Vice Commander.

Dante began his art career in advertising and package design as a plate artist for Norcross Greeting Card Company. In 1951 he became the Assistant Art Director at J. Walter Thompson Advertising Company until 1957. He became a Freelance Cartoonist at The New Yorker, and many other creations for McCall's, Saturday Evening Post, Sports Afield, and Outdoor Life.

He worked as Assistant Art Director for Dale Associates, Art Director for Texaco Oil Corp. Thereafter, he became a Freelance painter for Chadds Ford Gallery. He did graphic designs and illustrations for Siegel Associates, Lippincott & Margulies, Jason Art Services, Lederle Laboratories, Proceedings Magazine, and finally a position of Senior Paper & Poly Bag Designer at Equitable Bag Company, Inc.

Dante was a WW11 Army Veteran and a US Navy Combat Artist 1970-1982. He completed numerous art assignments under order including being sent to Vietnam by the U.S. Navy to sketch the returning POWs. In 1980, one of Dante's paintings hung in the White House West Wing CIA office. He was also the COGAP's official Coast Guard Artist and was been commissioned to create new paintings documenting Cuba Sealift and USCG shipyard & Rescue Station among others during the years between 1982 through 1988.

In 1972, Dante Bertoni received the Louis E. Seley NACAL Gold Medal an award presented by the Salmagundi Sketch Club, the oldest professional art club in the United States, founded in 1871. In addition to his continued significant support and promotion of the U.S. Navy Art Program, this prestigious award was a reflection of his extraordinary achievement for his series of 10 artworks in the field of watercolor and acrylic paintings. He also worked on several black & white sketches with added color while on assignment to the Atomic Submarine Base in Groton.

Dante is a member of the American Watercolor society, NY Council Navy League, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Salmagundi Sketch Club NACAL Committee. He has exhibited with the National Academy of Design, National Arts Club, American Veterans Artists Association, Washington Square Outdoor Art Exhibit, American Watercolor Society, the Salmagundi Club, the Long Beach Art Association, and the Museum of Fine Arts in Springfield, MA.

Dante H. Bertoni is a noted artist and his full biographical directory of artwork and awards can be found in Who's Who In American Art, 12th Edition, 1976.

