

Glenn Dodenhoff

BUXTON -- Glenn Dodenhoff, 76, died at his home on Nov. 8. The Covina, Calif., native was born Nov. 9, 1936 to Sarah Irene Glenn and Herbert C. Dodenhoff.

A lifelong artist, Dodenhoff studied at the Art Center School in Los Angeles. He worked in the commercial art departments of Northrop Grumman and McDonnell Douglas. An award-winning painter, Dodenhoff was showing in Los Angeles galleries in the late 1950s and early 1960s during the height of the Abstract Expressionism movement. While equally adept at realism, he painted a masterful abstract language of color and form until his death. His art has been shown in exhibitions nationwide and is in the government, private, and corporate collections worldwide, including the Dare County Municipal Center in Manteo and the private collection of Norway's royal family.

His art hung side-by-side with paintings by his wife of 39 years, Lisa Cooper, at the Tides Restaurant in Buxton. He opened the Catfish Gallery on Hatteras Island with Cooper and beloved friend, Edith Camp. The gallery displayed paintings and also clay caricature mugs created by the three artists.

Dodenhoff moved to Hatteras Island in 1974 where he fished, tended garden, played guitar and sang, and entertained and enlightened friends and family with his humor, keen intellect and thirst for truth.

Dodenhoff was preceded in death by his sister, Sharon Dodenhoff, and his daughter, Cindy Dodenhoff Houghton. He is survived by his wife Lisa Cooper of the home, brother Dennis Dodenhoff of California; daughter Kathy Barnett of Dent, Va.; sons Jeffrey Dodenhoff of El Segundo, Calif., and Timothy Dodenhoff of Concord, Calif.; 11 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

A memorial celebration for Glenn will be announced in the spring.