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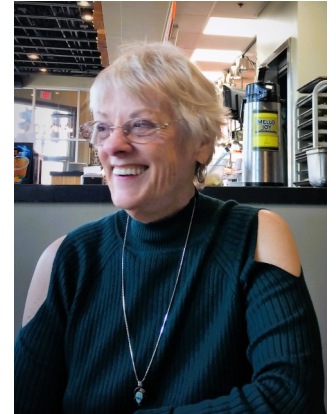
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Special LWS Memorial Tribute Newsletter 2022

## Louise Hansen Memoriam



It is with great sadness that we commemorate the passing of **Louise Hansen**, a beloved artist, a friend and the **President of Louisiana Watercolor Society (LWS)**. Louise suffered a devastating stroke following an LWS Board Meeting on February 4th and succumbed two weeks later on February 18, 2022. She is remembered fondly by the art community who knew her far and wide. LWS welcomes this honor to memorialize and celebrate her life through this tribute with some of her artwork and comments from LWS Board Members. **May Louise Rest In Peace!**



### Memorial Celebrating the Life of Louise Hansen - May 26, 1942 - Feb 18, 2022

Louise is survived by her son Carsten Hansen, her daughter Tasha Kelley and granddaughter Samantha Kelley. Louise loved painting, traveling, and socializing over a game of billiards-pool. Her warm smile and contagious laughter will be missed by all. Join her family on **March 12, 2022 at 1:00 pm at Riverbend Baptist Church, 25837 Kendalwood Rd, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70817.**

## LWS "Louise Hansen Tribute"





# Tribute Comments from LWS to our President



I was impressed the first time she became President. She changed the venue for the Board meetings considering the travel distance for all the members. Always thinking of others, Annadele's was a beautiful place to meet. Her Pen & Ink and Journaling workshops pieces are remarkable and should be published. **Joette LeBlanc**



I feel privileged to have called Louise a friend. Her love for painting, her love for and dedication to LWS and her absolute love for life were truly inspiring. I will miss her. **Rita Congemi**



Louise loved to journal and sketch. Years ago she talked me into going to a plein air sketching class when Don Getz came to town. That was how I got hooked on sketchbooks, bringing so much joy into my life. After Don's wife passed, he sold everything, bought a van, persuaded Cheap Joe's to sponsor him and set off traveling and teaching his Sketchbook Tour of America. He was in his late 70's at the time. No dust on him! Louise had the same can-do spirit and was one of those people that you will always remember. I miss my painting buddy. **Monica Bishara**



This is heartbreaking. We have lost a cherished friend, a sensible and thoughtful leader, and a generous and talented artist. We must honor her memory and her very special contributions to the art of watercolor and to LWS. **Susan Henning**



Louise was very kind to me. I think I am the recipient of her last hug. **Theresa Beaubeouf**



Louise was a little lady with a big heart. When I was new on the board she helped me navigate through the "who does what". I remember her saying on more than one occasion; "I do the Catalog; they'd have to pry it out of my dead hands". Louise didn't mince words and you always knew where you stood. **Jan Wilken**



I will miss our early morning phone chats when no one else was up except the pets. We talked painting, politics and pets. She was generous with her knowledge and experience and with her time for LWS. I will miss her spontaneous wit and lighthearted outlook. **Claudia LeJeune**



Louise kept telling me for months she was going to teach me how to prepare the International Show Catalog. We also had several pen & ink workshops in the works she was going to teach later at the ART GUILD of LA which we didn't get to do...but WE WILL get the catalog prepared! **Emily Efferson**

Kathy and I picked her up on the day of the board meeting. On the way she told us how good she felt which now gives me comfort. We had a great lunch and conversation that day. I'm happy she pursued her passion, watercolor, and that she was able to do what she loved. **Tracy Hebert**



I remember our first meeting when she joined LWS, and her enthusiasm and I knew she'd be a great addition to the board. She proved to be wonderful, not only artistically but as a warm and friendly person and always willing to help. **Karen Stakelum**

Louise and I shared many good times, always laughing and singing to the 50s music. She was my sidekick in taking workshops and a helper for several of my workshops. We also shared a birthday and she always loved to rib me because I was several hours older. Looking for some more vibrant sunsets!! Love and miss her. **Kathy Miller Stone**



## Sounds like Louise ! Things worth sharing! She either wrote it or we heard her say it!

- ◆ I'm taking a break. I have to go teach a lesson on perspective. It's a good thing too, because I am about to take an axe to everything in my house that is computer related. On top of all the regular computer aggravation, my internet connection blinked while I was in the middle of something.
- ◆ I want to share a quote that a very wise person told me years ago. When you are dealing with jerks, there is nothing you can say or do that will make them any more or less miserable than they already are.
- ◆ Sometimes problems correct themselves, the trick is knowing how long you can ignore them to give them a chance. Not easy!
- ◆ Looks like everything was taken care of after I retired last night. That's what I like to see!
- ◆ It's a crazy world out there!