

Sidney W. Johnston

Artist & Poet

The artist was born at Ward Colorado Population 26, on January 10 1939. His Father worked as a blacksmith. His Mother was a house wife. The last son of four siblings' At the age of 6 the family moved to Las Cruces, New Mexico. At the age of 17, He joined the U S Navy. He served from January 1956 thru December 1959. He then returned back to His home Las Cruces, New Mexico. On September 1960. He met and married Jo Ann Blackwell, From Hutchings Kansas. They were married for 5 years. Then He lost his wife to cancer.

He rejoined the U S Navy on January 10 1965. After eleven weeks of training, He was sent to Vietnam. During his time In Vietnam he served in 7 different campaigns. He served As the Boat Captain of Tango 54. (Assault Troop Carrier) With the River Assault Division 131, With the Brown River Navy. During his 7 campaigns he was awarded the following, Medals and Citations.

Silver Star,
Bronze Star,
Combat Action Ribbon, Navy " E " Ribbon , Discharge Button,
Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon with 1 Bronze Star
Navy Good Conduct Medal with 1 Bronze Star,
National Defense Medal with 1 Bronze Star,
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal
(with 1 Silver Star 5 Bronze Stars,)
Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Medal
(with Gallantry Cross Medal color with Palm).
He was Honorable Discharged on April 17 1970.

He made his home at Merced, California. He attended Merced Junior College, Graduating with an Associate Degree in Fine Arts. The fall of 1979. He was judged for his paintings and was entered in 3 art shows. He took 1st place on one painting and 2nd on two paintings out of 7. Then he Moved to El Paso, Texas for 2 years operating a Antique Shop. Then he moved to Victoria, Texas on June 8 1982 He retired on June 8 2005. He has been writing poetry for many years, "Some Thoughts To Live By" not Published yet.

His hobbies are Billiards, Antique Furniture, Antique Cars, Poetry and Oil Painting.

Member of V. F. W., Vietnam Veterans of America, American Legion, Mobile Riverine Force Association (Mekong Delta), Antique Automobile Club, Distinguished Member of the Internal Society of Poets, Victoria Art League of Victoria Texas.