



## Joan Hill

December 19, 1930 - June 16, 2020

Joan Hill, 89, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away on June 16, 2020. Joan was born on December 19, 1930 to William and Winnie (Harris) Hill in Muskogee, Oklahoma. She graduated from Muskogee Central High School and then graduated from Bacone College and Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.

She taught art in Tulsa Public Schools for four years. Joan then went on to become an acclaimed and award winning Native American artist, painting in mostly oil and acrylic. Her works can be found in many public and private collections including the Smithsonian in Washington DC, and the Department of Interior.

She was preceded in death by her father, William McKinley Hill; mother, Winnie Davis Harris Hill, brother, William Cheasquah Hill.

Joan is survived by niece, Dana Leslie Hill Skof and husband Mark Anthony Skof, their children, Joseph William, Jacqueline Elyse, Christian Evan and Samuel Steven; nephew, William Lawrence Hill and wife Beth Lorraine Hill, their children, Sierra Emelia, William Ethan, Cassidy Jacqueline.

A celebration of Joan's life will be 2PM, Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain Bill Crow officiating. Funeral services are under the direction of Cornerstone Funeral Home, 1830 North York St, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made to the family online at <http://www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com>.



# Previous Events

## Service

JUN **24.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joan Hill*

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October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Hello,  
We studied Joan's art at my kids' elementary school. We talked about all the wonderful thing Joan did with color as well as the truly beautiful work she had done honoring the subjects of her works. As a school were are awed and inspired by her work and so thankful she gifted such beauty to the world. Told so many stories with her craft. Even still, touching the hearts and imaginations of future generations.*

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**Sonja G.** - April 21, 2021 at 01:58 AM



“ *My name is Daniel McCoy jr. I loved Joan's Artwork and believe she is a trailblazer for Native Women painters everywhere, and Men as well. I only had one opportunity to meet her in 2015, but I had been following her artwork since a child. An amazing bright light. I love You Joan, Mvto' Thanks for making the World a better place with your presence and your art which is based on your wonderful dreams. Sincerely, your friend, Daniel McCoy jr.*

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**Daniel McCoy jr.** - July 01, 2020 at 11:31 PM

AR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have heard many stories about family get togethers and fun times spent in Muskogee. My dads mom is Nona (Perry) Lyons, a cousin to Joan. I wish I would have had the opportunity to know her and more of the family. Blessings,

*April (Phillips) Rinner*

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**April Rinner** - June 27, 2020 at 11:37 AM

MP

“ I remember When Joan would come into a room she was so statuesque and she lit up the room. She was a beautiful lady. Myself and other family members were just talking about visiting her. I will miss not getting to visit with her. Her mother had beautiful artwork that Joan had painted in her home. I still have a newspaper article written about her.



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**Marci Phillips Pierson** - June 25, 2020 at 10:06 PM

JP

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. We just found out today about her passing. I remember Joan as a vibrant, beautiful and warm cousin of my husband, Jim. She was kind and generous. We treasure the two original paintings she gave us--one of a chief and the other a landscape in Sorrento. Joan and your father grew up and played with their cousins across Harris Road--Nona, Winnie Jo, and Jim Perry. Their parents were also very fond of Joan and Billy. I remember meeting you all on Easter at the Perry house. Great memories of Muskogee get-togethers.

*Julie Perry*

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**Julie Perry** - June 25, 2020 at 09:06 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Joan Hill.*



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June 23, 2020 at 08:28 AM