



# Herbert Sewell

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Herbie passed away peacefully on February 21st with his family at his side. He was born on June 12, 1936 to Homer Sewell and Jean Sewell. He grew up in Northeast Minneapolis, and spent his summers at Crooked Lake where he learned to swim, sail, and water ski. He attended the University of Minnesota and then began working in the family business. He married Suzanne Minear in 1960 and they raised two daughters. The family continued to spend summers at Crooked Lake and added art projects, events, and entertaining to the summer activities. He retired from Cole Sewell Corporation in 1986, and he and Suzy started a new business.

Art and music were always an important part of Herbie's life. When he was young, he illustrated stories for his little sister. As an adult, he took art and film classes at U of M. Herbie played saxophone in a jazz band and created a pottery studio and kiln in his home. After retirement, he had more time to pursue his passion for painting. He painted portraits of his friends and family, abstract landscapes of sailboats and chaotic scenes of jazz singers and instruments.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years Suzy Sewell, daughters Amy Sewell and Heidi (Jack) Bryan, grandchildren Lyn Skvarek and Justin Sewell, sister Nancy (Denny) Gustafson, brother-in-law Tim Minear, and nieces and nephews. In lieu of a service we will be having an art exhibit of his works in June.