



## Lawrence "Larry" Sinnott

December 17, 1938 - March 6, 2023

Lawrence "Larry" Sinnott, age 84, a resident of Estancia, NM, passed away on March 6, 2023, at his home. There will be no services scheduled, and he requests that everyone donates to various animal and Veteran charities. Larry was born in Shelburne, VT, and attended both elementary school and high school there. He was a proud Veteran, serving in the US Marine Corps®, First Special Infantry Co, the US Navy, 2nd and 6th fleets, and the US Merchant Marine, serving in Vietnam and the Far East. Later, Larry joined the Colorado Army National Guard and was activated into the Army and served in Operation Desert Storm in the Near East. After his discharge from the service, Larry taught at two private military academies, the Sanford Naval Academy in Sanford, FL, and the New Mexico Military Institute, located in Roswell. In December 2005, he was featured in an article in "MILITARY" magazine. After getting out of the Navy in 1962, Larry enrolled in the Teacher Education Program at Johnson State College in Vermont. He graduated from Johnson with a Major in Education and a Minor in Art in 1967. Larry then moved to New Mexico and enrolled in the University of New Mexico in the Art Education Program and received his Master's degree in 1969. After teaching for 14 years, he enrolled in the off-campus Ph.D. Program at Pacific Western University in California. In 1984, Larry received his Ph.D. in Art Education. His first love was teaching art. Larry taught Drawing, Oil Painting, Art History, and Southwest Indian Art, which included Indian symbolism, jewelry making, and traditional Indian pottery making. His teaching experience included teaching in

public schools, private schools, military schools, Jr. colleges, and universities in New Mexico, Colorado, and Florida. In addition to this, Larry taught at four Indian Reservation schools in New Mexico. During his teaching career, Sinnott received many awards and honors, including many letters of commendation from principals and superintendents, the Teacher of the Year Award (Rocky Ford, CO 1980), Who's Who in American Teachers (1998 New Mexico Military Institute), the Art Curriculum Award, and several others. He also established the Art Dept. at the University of New Mexico- Gallup Campus. At the time of his passing, Larry was teaching an adult art class. As a sideline, he loved music and played with several Country and Western bands, playing at many nightclubs and going on tour in New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, and Wyoming during the Summers and in between teaching jobs. As for Volunteer service, Sinnott served on the Sheriff's Posse in Otero County in Colorado and on the Mounted Patrol (Auxiliary State Police) in New Mexico. He was also commissioned as a reserve police officer in Rocky Ford, CO. Larry was an animal lover and advocate. During his lifetime he rescued many stray animals and adopted them. At one time Larry had 23 stray cats and a few other odd animals in his "family". He loved all animals, both domestic and wild. Larry is preceded in death by his parents, George and Bernadette Couture Sinnott; and his younger brothers Bill and Jim Sinnott. Please sign Larry's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Larry was a teacher at Lamar High School when I started teaching. He helped me enormously. He was an amazing person. I still have a print he gave me on my wall in New Orleans.

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**Joan Alison Fox** - March 06, 2024 at 08:23 AM

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“ He was the art teacher at Zuni High School where I was a first year special Ed teacher in 1973-74. He valued the student's art ability and held an art show of their work. I have some paintings and drawings from there. I remember him fondly.

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**Linda Montoya** - March 29, 2023 at 06:52 PM