



Neil Green, long-time owner of Carter Sexton Artist Materials until he retired at age 85 in 2008, has died at the age of 92. He was surrounded by kids and grandkids at his home in Oakland when he passed away on August 11, one month shy of 93.

Neil began his long and storied journey as a farm boy in Kansas during the Great Depression. Raised by his grandmother during hardscrabble times in Columbus, Kansas, Neil followed his older brother into service during World War II, joining the Navy and heading to the Pacific at the tender age of 17. Neil was proud of his time in the Navy; he loved to tell the story of watching from his Destroyer as the flag was raised on Iwo Jima. After serving in WWII and the Korean War, Neil moved West, settling in California. And

there he remained; first raising a son, Randy, and later a daughter, Kelly, in the San Fernando Valley region of Los Angeles.

Neil and his wife, Diane, purchased the art store in the 1970s from his father-in-law, Carter Sexton. He grew the business tremendously during his time of ownership, and was known by his quick wit, generosity, and kindness. He made friends of everyone he met. He would have remained there until the day he died, had he not lost his vision due to macular degeneration. He sold the art store in 2008 to his second-in-command and good friend, Chris Hauser.

After the death of his wife in 2007, Neil moved up to Oakland, California, where he spent the last chapter of his life living with his daughter, son-in-law, and two grandsons, upon whom he doted shamelessly. Neil's favorite activities during these happy sunset years included walking the dog, Oliver; drinking a glass of red wine in his favorite adirondack chair at the end of the day while listening to big band jazz; and keeping the house immaculately clean for his very grateful family. Neil will be missed by everyone whose lives he touched during his amazing 92-year journey.

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