



Timothy "Tim" R. Watkins

August 7, 1952 - December 30, 2022

“As a kid I built worlds for my toys. As an adult, I build worlds for other kids.” Timothy “Tim” R. Watkins, Artist, age 70 years, of Brooklyn and Athens, New York, passed away on December 30, 2022, in Boston. He was born on August 7, 1952, in London, England, the son of the late Ernest S. and Doreen (Matthews) Watkins. Tim was a skilled, multifaceted sculptor and designer, and a partner in May & Watkins Design. He created elegant and poignant artworks as well as special interactive and kinetic elements. He was a bundle of energy and enthusiasm for the many artworks he created and for life. Tim was unstoppable – fun-loving, inventive and playful. He received his BFA from the Alberta College of Art and Design. He was a student and then a co-Dean at Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, then he moved to NY to join his wife and to build a long career in Art. He delighted in gardening, and parties, and sharing beer with his many friends. His laughter was infectious, and his smile endearing. Tim is survived by his partner and wife of 44 years, Carol May, John Franzen

his long-time

fabrication collaborator, many dear friends in Athens, Brooklyn and Alberta and May &

Watkins Design, LLC, a thriving teams of creatives, who working together, design and build artworks.

Tim left much joy and beauty in the world.

Arrangements are under the direction of Richards Funeral Home, 28 North Vernon Street,

Athens, New York, 12015.

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Please feel free to visit the May & Watkins website at www.maywatkinsdesign.com

Tribute Wall

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“ I was just getting to know Tim. There was something so extraordinary about him. My deepest condolences go to Carol. He will be greatly missed.

Pamela Harris - January 12, 2023 at 07:58 PM

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“ Everyone who knew Tim loved him. What a great legacy.

I recall first meeting Tim with Carol at something called the Beaux Arts Ball upstate. It was a black tie affair for what was then the Greene County Council on the Arts. We talked like we were grateful to find a kindred spirit in the room.

Later, I'd join a dance class at their suggestion and was stunned by how exuberantly Tim pursued dancing. A young man who dances is one thing. An older man who dances, another. But a man that danced as passionately as Tim was a rarified find indeed. As I began choreographing works I also realized that there was nothing Tim wouldn't do! Sometimes this lead to a broken arm...but mostly this lead to cheers and applause.

I am grateful for the zest for life Tim shared, which served him impressively through so many challenges. I will miss my friend. May he rest in peace.



Todd Whitley - January 12, 2023 at 09:07 AM

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Another beautiful, bright light has gone out in our community. I will always remember him dancing.

Jennifer Meehan - January 12, 2023 at 03:35 PM

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I wish I had the opportunity to see him dancing, but I certainly witnessed how he danced with tools and transformed ordinary objects into extraordinary playgrounds of great adventure, discovery and creative thinking. He and Carol were quite a team that helped put Seneca Village, and a host of wonderful exhibits at the New-York Historical Society, and children's museums all over North America. How lucky we were to know him; and though much time has passed since we last spoke, how honored I am to have been able to call him a friend. Rest in peace, dear one.

Cynthia Copeland, 26 February 2023

Cynthia Copeland - February 26, 2023 at 11:30 PM

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“ *Paul R. Seney, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Timothy "Tim" R. Watkins*



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Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - January 09, 2023 at 01:51 PM

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Paul R. Seney, Jr. - January 09, 2023 at 02:55 PM