



Mr. Stephen Ferrell Hinton

June 15, 1952 - February 28, 2021

Stephen Ferrell Hinton, 68, died peacefully at his home in Albany, Georgia, Sunday, February 28, 2021, after a lengthy illness.

Born June 15, 1952, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to the late James Thomas Hinton, Sr. and Frances Lovett Holmes, Steve grew up in Atlanta and Tampa. He graduated from Jesuit High School, Tampa, in 1970, and from Vanderbilt University with a degree in Art History in 1974. He and college classmate, Bronwyn Semmer, married in the fall after graduation.

As newlyweds they lived and worked in Athens and Valdosta before moving to New York City.

There he painted and showed his work out of a Chelsea studio while working for Frank

Macintosh and Peter Barton at Henri Bendel. After four years in New York, they settled in

Albany in 1982 to work with his father and brother at Jim Hinton Oil Company of Georgia and to

start a family. He returned to painting full time in 1997.

Steve painted his entire life and created his first mural on the back wall of his closet, age six. Life delighted Steve. He shared that delight with others and on canvas. He painted and drew what he loved: family, friends, parties, dogs, kids, Southern landscapes and architecture...frequently all in the same artwork. His work and life were full of hilarity, story and hospitality. If he made fun in a painting, he did, indeed, make it fun. His work has been shown in New York, Albany, and throughout the Southeast. Steve served as a lifetime trustee of the Albany Museum of Art.

Steve made countless friends and kept them throughout his life. Many of them navigated his illness with him, keeping him good company throughout, propping up his joyful spirit, and adding balm to the painful parts, for which his family is deeply grateful.

He was preceded in death by his brother, James Thomas Hinton, Jr. He is survived by his wife, Bronwyn; two daughters, Chloe Hinton (Harrison Greene) of Albany and Teddy Dubose (Cody) of Auburn, Alabama; three grandchildren, Louise and Edwin Dubose and Frances Greene; beloved in laws, nieces and nephews, and his dear cousins.

No public service will be held at this time. A memorial is being planned for a future date.

Donations may be made in his honor to The Albany Museum of Art, 311 Meadowlark Dr.

Albany, GA 31707, 229-439-8400.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Stephen Ferrell Hinton*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *All I can remember is that he was life! I met him the summer of '64 in Tampa. My mother had died and we stayed with my aunt Jordy Dahl that summer. He was a part of our life constantly especially when we went out at night and played flashlight tag!! The mosquitos were fierce but that didn't hinder his humor or our play. Funny I just remembered him and wondered what he was up to now that I've retired. I'm grievously sorry for your loss. My cousin Debbie (Dahl) Bell told me recently of his passing.*

Eric Windmueller

Eric Windmueller - June 05, 2021 at 10:24 PM



“ *Bronwyn,
Very sorry to hear of Steve's passing. I remember the late night rides in the convertible from Valdosta to Twin Lakes as we enjoyed the cool breeze and laughter. Sad that we did not reconnect as the years slipped by. God Bless you and the girls and their families.*

Love and heartfelt condolences from an old friend,

Pat Beasley

Patrick Beasley - March 10, 2021 at 09:24 AM



Pat...what wonderful memories. Thank you so much....then and now.

Bronwyn Hinton - March 10, 2021 at 09:49 PM

DT

“ *peace and love to steve’s family. he was a jesuit classmate and introduced me to southern charm.*

dan thro - March 08, 2021 at 11:17 AM



Thank you, Dan

Bronwyn Hinton - March 11, 2021 at 11:59 AM

PH

“ *Bronwyn, Please accept my sympathy. I will always remember the fun we had in college. You and Steve are wonderful people. Pierce Hodnette*

Pierce Hodnette - March 08, 2021 at 09:20 AM



Oh, Pierce...thank you. B

Bronwyn Hinton - March 10, 2021 at 09:50 PM

JR

“ *Dear Bronwyn, I was saddened to learn of Steve's passing. I have such warm memories of the two of you in your lovely home. Please know you are in my heart and I am thinking of you and your family. Julene Roberts*

Julene Roberts - March 06, 2021 at 03:01 PM



You are dear to me. Thank you.

Bronwyn Hinton - March 10, 2021 at 09:51 PM

KI

“ Steve made Life into Art and I always think of him as the Life of every Party. Those times when all of our paths crossed, are ever dear in my heart. God Bless your wonderful family, and all the Love Steve has left in his fine wake. ❤️

Kate Ingram - March 06, 2021 at 09:18 AM



Thank you, Kate. Xxoo b

Bronwyn Hinton - March 10, 2021 at 09:51 PM

MS

“ My memories of Steve are all funny and silly. He always made me feel special. Publix became our meeting place. He was so talented and sweet. Always a gentleman. I'm so heartbroken. Love, prayers and hugs to your precious family. This world will not be the same. I'll miss his stories...

Milli Sample - March 05, 2021 at 11:08 PM



He adored every single visit with you. Publix or otherwise. Thank you, Milli.

Bronwyn Hinton - March 10, 2021 at 09:53 PM

TK

“ Bronwyn,
I'm so sorry to hear about this. All my memories of Steve are laughs and jokes and lightness. And they always will be.
All the best in this difficult time,
~Tom Koken

Tom Koken - March 05, 2021 at 12:22 PM



Thank you, Tom.

Bronwyn Hinton - March 05, 2021 at 09:58 PM

MW

“*Bronwyn, you and Steve certainly had an amazing life together. I remember lots of laughter. Love to all of you. Mary Beth*

mary beth williamson - March 04, 2021 at 09:06 AM



Mary Beth, thank you. Love, Bronwyn

Bronwyn Hinton - March 04, 2021 at 08:51 PM

RH

Bronwyn, Steve always had a great sense of humor and was a delight to be around and have him tell you a story - he was a great storyteller. It was great to hear and see something from his perspective. He could take the simple things and make them grand. What a creative mind. Cherish the memories and celebrate the person we were given here on earth. Love to non-conformist in all of us.

Ronald Hawkins - March 05, 2021 at 08:24 AM



Thank you, Ronald. You helped us when we needed it most. Love, Bronwyn

Bronwyn Hinton - March 05, 2021 at 10:00 PM

LW

“ So sorry to hear of your loss of Steve. He never came into the office that he didn't have a smile on his face. Always happy and so enjoyable to be around. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you.

Love,
Lind and Glenn Walker

Linda Walker - March 03, 2021 at 03:25 PM



Thank you both so very much!

Bronwyn Hinton - March 04, 2021 at 08:50 PM

BH

“ Dear Bronwyn and girls:

So very sorry to hear of Steve's passing. He will always hold a very special place in my heart. He was the one to actually hire me at Jim Hinton Oil Co. That was almost 30 years ago. I will miss his infectious laughter and sunny disposition. Your family will be in my prayers.

Brenda Hammonds - March 03, 2021 at 03:23 PM



Brenda, thank you so much!

Bronwyn Hinton - March 04, 2021 at 08:49 PM

DS

“Chloe and family, your fellow Kiwanians of the Dougherty County club hold you in our thoughts and prayers in your time of loss and mourning.

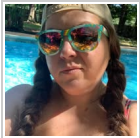
David Shivers

David Eudon Shivers - March 03, 2021 at 11:17 AM



Thank you, David.

Bronwyn Hinton - March 04, 2021 at 08:51 PM



“This February just wasn't very kind to anyone. Nothing ever feels appropriate to say on either end in these situations. Nothing ever seems to capture the magnitude of the loss, nor can anything soften it. Know that my heart is with y'all. If you need anything, don't hesitate to ask.

Breanna Leigh - March 03, 2021 at 08:16 AM



It's why I couldn't come see you when your father died. I'd like to soon though. Take good care. B

Bronwyn Hinton - March 03, 2021 at 11:19 AM

EL

“ *The world will never be the same without Steve’s infectious laughter. Testament to his delightful personality hangs in our hallway: “The Mime, the Clogger and the Clown” never fail amuse, and will serve as a constant reminder of Steve’s delightful friendship. Sending love to you all.*



Elaine - March 03, 2021 at 07:20 AM



*The fleeing crowd....
Thank you, Elaine!
Love, Bronwyn*

Bronwyn Hinton - March 03, 2021 at 11:20 AM

MD

“ *Bronwyn, Chloe and Teddy- I’m so heartbroken about Steve. He was by far one of my favorite people. My childhood memories are flooded with him and your family. I could always count on running into him in Publix when we lived in Albany and we always shared a good laugh. I have always cherished his paintings that I have had in my house for years. To me they are timeless and I will now cherish them even more. I’m sure he and Ed had a hilarious reunion. I am thinking about you guys and I love you!
Love~ Mason*

Mason Duffy - March 02, 2021 at 10:16 PM



Thank you, Mason. Your family’s embrace gave us a good start in Albany. So many wonderful memories. Love, Bronwyn

Bronwyn Hinton - March 03, 2021 at 06:32 AM

JP

“*Bronwyn and family,
I have a number of paintings by friends, but Steve's is my favorite.
Ironically, it's a graveside funeral service. But, as Steve pointed out,
"It's a happy funeral." Steve's art reflected his sunny view of life, and
this was an example. He was always fun to be around, with his
impish grin, easy laugh, scandalous gossip, and self-deprecating
humor. We will all miss him very much.*

My condolences to you all.

Jimmy Paulk



Jimmy Paulk - March 02, 2021 at 08:38 PM



Jimmy, thank you.

Bronwyn Hinton - March 02, 2021 at 08:47 PM

JT

*Bronwyn and family: So sorry to hear this news. I remember the times I
had the good fortune to be around Steve—especially in Denmark. They
were always times of pure joy. Steve's art always blew me away. His
wonderful accent is a special memory. Peace to your beautiful family.*

jim thompson - March 03, 2021 at 09:31 AM



*Thank you, Jim
We certainly made the most of our time in Copenhagen. I'm so glad. B*

Bronwyn Hinton - March 03, 2021 at 11:22 AM

EC

“ I wonder what color Steven is painting the clouds?
He was such an engaging fellow.
It was a breath of fresh air to see him and he made you
think you were the person he most wanted to see.
AB&T's Hinton paintings of 3rd Ave, Albany in the lobby
are real and fantasy at the same time.
All the recent deaths are so sad during COVID isolation,
but his bright light dimmed is heart wrenching.

Elizabeth Champion - March 02, 2021 at 08:16 PM



Elizabeth, thank you very much.

Bronwyn Hinton - March 03, 2021 at 06:34 AM

CL

“ Bronwyn and girls,
I am so sorry to hear about Steve passing away. Y'all are in my
thoughts and prayers. Until we meet again my friend.

Connie Lundy - March 02, 2021 at 06:11 PM



Connie, thank you. We appreciate it.

Bronwyn Hinton - March 03, 2021 at 06:35 AM

CF

“ Oh my gosh I just saw the obituary. I am so sorry to hear about
Steve's passing. He always had a smile on his face and a hug for
me. He was a such a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. I
know your hearts are breaking right now and I'm sending hugs and
lots of love and prayers. Connie Finnicum

Connie Finnicum - March 02, 2021 at 05:31 PM



He owed you a lot. You gave the girls a strong footing in their education. He liked you a lot, too!

Bronwyn Hinton - March 03, 2021 at 06:41 AM

HE

“*Mrs. Bronwyn, Chloe, and Teddy, I am so sorry. Please know you all are in my prayers. I will always remember your Dad’s sweet smile and hugs. Love you all!*”

heather - March 02, 2021 at 04:43 PM



Thank you, Heather. Love, Bronwyn

Bronwyn Hinton - March 03, 2021 at 06:42 AM

CP

“*Steve's bright spirit was accompanied by direct unvarnished truths. That is a rare combination. The fact that he interspersed his serious side with comedic and hilarious notes was an added bonus to his personality. We will miss his contributions to the Albany community in every way. Bronwyn, we wish you and your family comfort and peace.*”

Connie Curry Phipps

Connie Curry Phipps - March 02, 2021 at 02:16 PM



He loved knowing and working with you, Connie. Thank you.

Bronwyn Hinton - March 03, 2021 at 06:43 AM

IS

“ I wish I could be as cool as Steve Hinton!!!! There was no one like him. The entire Hinton family is so unique and I am a better person to have grown up around them. Browyn, Chloe, and Teddy, I will never forget the memories I have at your house and what a loving and fun place Steve made it. I love you all and will keep you in my prayers. ❤️ Ivy Mock Savelle

Ivy Savelle - March 01, 2021 at 10:51 PM

CM

Steve, so light and airy, yet deep thinking and bluntly truthful. Although we talked infrequent these past years...every time Steve and Browyn it was like no time had passed. I'm forever a friend as if fleeting characters imagined in clouds...moved by lazy breezes through the live oaks. Where inspiration is born. Comfort to you and family today and always.

Charlotte Mathis - March 02, 2021 at 08:20 AM

EV

Oh no!!!! So sad to hear this news. Bronwyn and Steven were my next door neighbors in New York City and together we all had so much fun!!! I will never forget the spontaneous dancing in our respective living rooms and ordering in meals to share together. Bronwyn, I send hugs and wishes for peace during this difficult time. xxx, Eve

Eve - March 02, 2021 at 09:39 AM



How lucky we were to land next door to one another. The best memories. Love, Bronwyn

Bronwyn Hinton - March 03, 2021 at 06:46 AM

KP

“ *What a joy to be around, that Steve Hinton! He always made me smile. What a great legacy he leaves behind. Our hugs and love to Bronwyn, Chole and Teddy as we share in your loss and grief but rejoice in having known a wonderful fella, husband and daddy! You have such great memories. Thanks for sharing Steve and his talents with all of us!*

Kathy and David Prisant - March 01, 2021 at 05:15 PM



Thank you , Kathy!

Bronwyn Hinton - March 03, 2021 at 06:47 AM

GG

“ *I loved Steve and I love you, Bronwyn, Chloe and Mary Theodora! Big hugs for you three! Hope to see you all soon - Ginger Geer Goodyear*

Ginger g Goodyear - March 01, 2021 at 03:17 PM



I look forward to seeing you. Love, B

Bronwyn Hinton - March 03, 2021 at 06:48 AM



Laughing with Steve was an absolute joy. Thinking of all of you.

Kimberly Lewis - March 03, 2021 at 06:54 PM

PS

Dear Bronwyn and daughters, I lost contact with you all after Vanderbilt. Luckily I linked up with Bronwyn on FB and for the first time saw one of Steve's paintings. I immediately loved it and realized he had tremendous talent not just for painting but for painting that captures a mood, an era, a delight in the world.

Perry Steele - March 04, 2021 at 04:44 PM



*Thanks, Perry
A lot
B*

Bronwyn Hinton - March 05, 2021 at 10:03 PM



*I just noticed on FB that Steve passed away. I am so very sad to read this. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. I met you in N.Y. in 1979 I worked for chemical bank on 8th ave and 57th street you lived one block away. I loved both of you as soon as I met you, the warmth and charm both of you had, then I discovered that I shared the 15th of June birthday with Steve. We went to Central Park one day with your little dog. I found a note from you in my paper work a few years ago and looked for you on FB. and was so happy to see occasional postings. So very sorry be well. The paintings are fabulous
Heidi Metzler*

Heidi Metzler - March 06, 2021 at 08:53 AM

PM

Bronwyn, I just learned of dear, sweet Steve's death. Oh, that makes me so sad. He was a great guy.....always made me break out in a great big smile when I ran into him. Such a gifted artist who brought so much joy to other people. No doubt, we will all miss Steve Hinton and pray for you and your precious family...my sincere condolences to all of you...

Patsy Martin - March 07, 2021 at 12:43 PM

SM

Bronwyn and family, Steve was a rare jewel and what a creative talent. I walk by one of his paintings in my home every day and it brings me joy. I am saddened by his loss and send prayers to you and your precious family. Know he is bringing smiles to others in heaven.

Sister Martin - April 12, 2021 at 02:27 PM