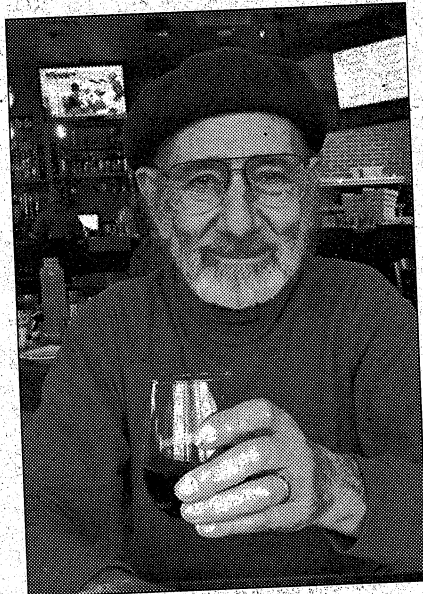


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Peter Elloian

Peter Elloian died July 10, 2023, at Marjorie P. Lee Retirement Community in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was 87 years of age. Peter relocated to Cincinnati in 2014 to be near his daughter, Cybele Elloian Williams. Peter was born April 20, 1936, in Cleveland, Ohio: the son of Armenian parents, Haigouhie (Helen) Minasian from Kharpout, Turkey and Oscar Elloian from Dadem, Turkey. Peter graduated from South High School in 1954. He attended Denison University in Granville, Ohio, from 1954-55 and the Cleveland Institute of Art from 1955-57 and 1959-1961 where he received his degree. Peter served in the U.S.



Army from 1957-59 stationed in Ulm, Germany. In 1962, he received a BFA degree from the Cleveland Institute of Art in painting and printmaking. Peter attended the University of Iowa from 1962-65, where he earned an MFA degree in printmaking and met his future wife, Carolyn Autry, who was also pursuing a graduate degree in Fine Arts.

After graduation, instead of seeking a teaching position, Peter boarded a freighter in Hoboken, New Jersey, bound for Copenhagen, Denmark. There, Peter took a train down to Florence, Italy, and back up to Paris visiting various printmaking workshops and returned to New York City where he worked at the Pratt Graphic Art Center.

Peter was an instructor at the Toledo Museum of Art School of Design from 1966-1987 teaching University of Toledo students as well as adults. He was a professor at the University of Toledo from 1987 until his retirement in 2001. He was well regarded and appreciated as an instructor. In 1984 and 1987, he was awarded a sabbatical and moved to Provence, France, to work as a visiting artist and instructor in printmaking at the Lacoste School of Arts in France under the renowned director, Bernard A. Pfriem. He also did research and additional study at the Pratt Graphic Center in New York City, the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts and Tamarind Institute. Peter belonged to the Society of American Graphic Artists, College Art Association of America, and the Boston Printmakers. He received numerous awards and commendations for his art and was awarded grants for continued work. Peter has collections at numerous institutions, including The Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.; The Art Institute of Dayton, Ohio; Minnesota Museum of Art; Arkansas State University; Toledo Museum of Art; Philadelphia Museum of Art; Bowling Green State University; Hope College Holland, Michigan; Dublin Gallery of Art Knoxville, Tennessee; New York Public Library; Luther College; Rutgers University; Museum of Modern Art Gallery, Yerevan, Armenia; Yugoslav Portrait Gallery in Tuzla, Yugoslavia; and The National Art Gallery, Bulgaria.

After retirement Peter enjoyed working in the yard while Carolyn tended to the garden. He enjoyed pursuing creative responsibilities in an art studio environment located in Perrysburg, Ohio. Peter also traveled extensively with Carolyn, often serving as a chauffeur driving throughout France as well as Europe and the Czech Republic seeking out religious monuments, museums, and particular works of art. Anyone who knew him will fondly recall wine, cheese and French bread being a staple for his travels.

Peter is survived by his daughter, Cybele Elloian Williams, and her husband Andre Williams. He has an older brother, Thomas, who resides with his wife, Sonia, in Cleveland, Ohio, and he has two cousins, Marlene Murzo who lives in Cleveland, and Spring Condoyan who lives in New York City. Peter was a loving, kind, and wonderful father who will be greatly missed. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Carolyn Autry Elloian.

At Peter's request, no funeral or memorial service will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to VITAS Hospice 11500 Northlake Dr. #400 Cincinnati, OH 45249, the Cleveland Institute of Art or the University of Iowa.