



## Stella Decil

April 26, 1921 - July 28, 2009

Stella Walters Decil, 88, of Prescott Valley, Arizona died Tuesday, July 28, 2009 at her home. Del arrived in Phoenix at the age of two, in 1923. By 1928, at the time of her mother's death from tuberculosis. she had become one with the desert and the town. Years later she had the chance to return to her beloved state and did so by accepting the position of art director in advertising with Diamonds Department Stores in 1962. (Dillards) She graduated from high school with two scholarships and art training began at the Indianapolis Academy of Commercial Art and John Heron Art Institute. A career began as a staff artist with the Indianapolis News, then as part owner of Arts Inc., an art school./ad agency. Later she worked as art director for the Frank R. Jelleff Company in Washington, D,C. then returned to Indianapolis and the Wm H Block Company as creative art director. Then known in business as Del Walters, she was named as one of the top ten fashion artists in the United States. Her works appeared in illustrations for magazines, art for ad agencies and newspapers. In 1958 she was honored as Advertising Woman of the Year by the Indianapolis Advertising Club. In 1968 she began showing her oils and watercolors with fine art galleries and since has had fifteen solo exhibits, winning top awards in local and national juried shows. In 1973 she was awarded honorary membership in the prestigious Hoosier Salon of Indiana. In 1987 she was selected as one of the artists to represent the state in "Arizona, Past, Present and Future", an exhibit displayed in the State Capitol Building. A popular workshop instructor and juror throughout Arizona and New Mexico

she also taught painting and drawing for the Phoenix Art Museum and Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department. Frequently she critiqued the work of students at Maricopa Tech and for seven years was a juror for the entire youth division of the Arizona State Fair. Articles have been published about her in numerous national magazines and newspapers including "Who's Who" and in "Prescott Woman", November 2007. Her paintings are in collections in over twenty states. Del was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Casimir R. Decil, "Casey" in 2007. She was his "soul mate" and will be interred with him at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona in Cave Creek, Arizona.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stella Decil*

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January 30, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Thanks for many years of friendship starting at the Art Department in Diamonds Department Store to lunches and lunches in Prescott Valley. Rest in Peace. Elizabeth J. Field*

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**James Kimes** - July 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JK

“*Del, thank you for our friendship.  
I very much enjoy your paintings that are in my house. Love and  
Prayers.*

*When somebody dies,  
  
a cloud turns into an Angel  
  
and flies up to tell God  
  
to put another flower on a pillow.*

*A bird gives the message back to the world and sings a silent prayer  
that makes the rain cry.*

*People disappear,  
  
but they never really go away.*

*The spirits up there put the Sun to bed, wake up the grass and spin  
the earth in dizzy circles.*

*Sometimes you can see them dancing in a cloud during the daytime  
when they?re suppose to be sleeping.*

*They paint the rainbow and also the sunsets and make waves splash and tug at the tide.*

*They toss shooting stars and listen to wishes.*

*And when they sing wind songs, they whisper to us,*

*?Don?t miss me TOO MUCH?the view is NICE,*

*and I?M DOING JUST FINE.?*

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**James Kimes** - July 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Rest in Peace*

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**Mary Ellen Bedient** - July 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ *When the Lord calls our loved ones home,He leaves a gift of memories in exchange.Take comfort those who love will be reunited in eternity. It was a privilege to be one of Del's caregivers.*

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**Nancy Singer** - July 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Del's enthusiasm about art was contagious. She always was willing to share her vast knowledge and encourage aspiring artists. I will miss Del, but most of all I will miss her giggle.*

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**Karen M. van der Heyden** - July 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM