

AN INVITATION

Els's family thank you for your care and support today. You are warmly invited to remain for refreshments and a time to share more memories.



TRIBUTES

If you would like to send the family a message, share a story, or pay tribute to Els, please do so in the online tribute book at www.tributes.co.nz

WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER



~ELS~

ELISABETH JOHANNA NOORDHOF-SMITH

24 FEBRUARY 1924 - 7 MARCH 2013

BIOGRAPHY

Els Noordhof began her career as a professional artist in her native Holland, which left her with its legacy of light. She was trained at the Rijksmuseum Academy in Amsterdam, from which she holds Master's degrees achieved under the Nazi occupation of that country.

After the liberation of Holland she went to Cambridge, England, where she became an exhibiting artist and portrait painter. There she also married a visiting American scholar and began her family of four children, now all New Zealanders. After sixteen years in the U.S.A., continuously working as an artist and tutor as well as a mother, she emigrated with her husband and family to New Zealand in 1966, again finding a land of light never far from the sea.

Over the past twenty years Els Noordhof has become well-known on the landscape of New Zealand art, both as a much-travelled tutor and as a practising artist in her Dunedin studio. Her works have been acquired by several major art galleries, private collections, and civic institutions. The architects of Dunedin's new Civic Centre chose one of these as their gift to the building.

She is essentially an exploratory and reflective artist, employing many modes and media in combination to achieve her imaginative visual statement of what she sees as essential in this complex world.



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Today's Music from Els's Favourites

*Julian Bream Boroque Guitar- Bach.Sanz.Sor. Visee.Weiss
Bachianas Brasilieras No 5 Aria (Cantilena) Salli Terri (vocal)
Julian Bream Plays- John Dowland
Cesaria Evora - Cafe Atlantico*

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

Welcome

Family Tribute

Time of Reflection

Els's Life

Tribute

Poems

Read by Harry Love

Els's Artworks - a selection

Tributes

The Hocken Library
Otago Art Society
Otago Art School
Friends

Farewell

Refreshments and Reflections

“art remains an individual creative journey and often a very private one”