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Beloved Samuel D. Bisette Passes Away (Nov. 14, 2005)

A short biography certainly wouldn't do Sam Bisette and his life's accomplishments justice, so I won't try to put this wonderful man's journey on Earth in a nutshell for you. I personally didn't know Sam all that well – we had spoken on the phone a few times and he would send me items of interest for the newsletter – so I find myself in a position probably best held by other society members who knew him for many years.

That being said, I think anyone that had spoken to him for even the briefest moments got a sense of his southern gentleman manner, kind soul, immense intelligence, and passion for astronomy. He certainly was an accomplished artist, and managed to combine his talent for painting with his love of the universe – things ranging in size from a crystal of salt to galaxies light years across.

Attending his funeral, I also learned of his deep love and devotion to his wife, Ruby, his children Sabra and David, and his grandchildren. I know they are so proud of Sam and miss him deeply, because even as an "outsider", I feel a sense of pride to have known him, as well as a loss upon his passing. He always had a compliment for me regarding the newsletter, and I tried to keep a high standard for myself knowing such a man was actually reading this thing! (smile)

We members of the Cape Fear Astronomical Society have benefitted from Sam's presence immensely, not the least of which is our new relationship with an Astronomical Society in Albury-Wodonga, Australia. His colleagues have enjoyed his friendship and valued his expertise in the hobby we all love so much!

Even though we all are hurting from Sam's death, we can take comfort in the knowledge that he now knows all the mysteries of the universe he has spent his life pursuing.

Thank you for everything, Sam!

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CFAS MEMBER SAM BISSETTE'S INCREDIBLE SITES

[Astronomy and Astromicroscopy](#) Discovered and perfected by our own lifetime member Sam Bisette, this site describes his method of astronomical observing using color slides of the nighttime sky taken without magnification as a data base. These slides are then viewed with a microscope with magnifications up to 500x, and photographs are taken of the magnified sky images. He calls this method Astromicroscopy, and the photographic process Astrophotomicrography. Anyone who has explored this knows how rewarding it is. Chosen by the Italian Astronomical Society as one of the best 20 amateur sites in the world.

[Sam Bisette's Art Gallery](#) Includes a section of his wonderful astronomical artwork "The Universe According to Earth," on permanent display at UNCW.

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