

El Paso artist Friedman dies at 78

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EL PASO — Jane House Friedman, a prolific artist whose many sculptures, paintings and murals are in the El Paso Museum of Art and the Doubletree Hotel, died Friday after a battle with cancer. She was 78.

Friedman created a large body of artwork during her life, using a variety of unconventional media, including fiber art and sculptures of clay and metal. She also made fully clothed ceramic dolls that often sold for top dollar at auctions, her family members said.

Friedman was the 2005 recipient of the Arts International Shine Gallery Award for Contemporary Art. She also was a board member of the El Paso Art Association.

Described as “a doer” by her hus-

band, Karl Friedman, she survived several bouts with cancer, including a brain tumor, but remained active throughout her life. She was a tireless gardener and spent long hours working outdoors at her home, her husband said.

“I have a hole in my heart,” he said. “She’ll always be with me.”

Jane Friedman is survived by her husband; daughter Paula DuVander and her husband, Jim DuVander; stepchildren Romee Herbert and husband Jared Herbert; Stephen Kory Friedman and partner Randy Germaat; and Daren Friedman and wife Tara Friedman; and three stepgrandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Mount Sinai Cemetery.