



## RANDY SOARD (Class OF 1966)



After graduating from LVHS in 1966, Randy Soard attended UN Reno and graduated with a BSME degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was also a graduate of the Las Vegas Fire & Rescue Citizen's Fire Academy, class of 2004. He became an artist and professional photographer for over 50 years and specialized in the promotion and support of the Las Vegas Performing Arts Community. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Nevada Arts Advocates, a non-profit statewide organization founded over 36 years ago for educational purposes to promote participation and enjoyment of the Arts and to increase Arts funding in the State of Nevada. He and his wife were members of the Las Vegas Academy Advisory Board since its inception.

Randy became known for his creation of the "Faces of the Brave" poster, a photo-mosaic of the 373 firefighters that died in the 09/11 terrorist attacks in the background of the renowned photograph of firefighters raising the U.S. flag at Ground Zero. It is the only 9/11 memorial tribute to be legally authorized by the surviving families and estate administrators of the Fallen Heroes of 9/11. It is displayed in fire stations and police precincts throughout the U.S. Numerous celebrities have posed over the years with Randy's poster, ranging from U.S. presidents Bill Clinton and Donald Trump, to Hollywood A-listers such as Matt Damon and Ben Affleck, as well as late-night talk show host Jay Leno. Randy participated in 09/11 commemoration ceremonies around the U.S. Randy was also a commercially licensed UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle "Drone") pilot, aerial photographer and videographer.



Randy passed away in Las Vegas on January 12, 2021 from COVID-19 complications, one day after his 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

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