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Distinguished area artist dies

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One of the Quinte area's most distinguished artist-craftsman, John Earl Meyers, died Sunday at Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston.

Mr. Meyers, 58, earned an international reputation as a professional bas relief woodcarver. Owners of his work include Queen Elizabeth II.

A tragic motor vehicle accident as a teenager left him bound to a

wheelchair most of his life.

His work won many awards in major competitions, including the Canadian National Exhibition. He also got the Order of Canada in 1988, and the City of Belleville Cultural Award some years ago.

Besides carving professionally, he spent many years as a volunteer public relations worker for the March of Dimes.

"He was a fantastic individual with tremendous energy and talent," said one long-time neighbor, Ted Reid, director, training and

development at Loyalist College. "The neighbors had such respect for him that we asked that his road be officially named John Meyers Road."

A public memorial service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Bridge Street United Church. The Thompson Funeral Home, Stirling, is in charge of arrangements.

Besides his wife, Ann, Mr. Meyers is survived by a sister, Marilyn, of Milford, Michigan, and his mother, Algerita, of the Edward Street Manor, Stirling.