

## DENNIS, Roger Wilson

### You can't buy Elmo dolls or Dennis' works

By John Foley

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We know a few people who own paintings by Roger W.



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Dennis of Niantic, who died Friday at age 94. The paintings are worth big bucks, but their owners wouldn't

part with them for love or money. As one said, "Look at them for a little while, and you get the feeling that things are never as bad as they seem."

Dennis' paintings have that effect on people. He came a long way, from being a sign painter more than 60 years ago for the City of New London through years of struggle, to becoming one of Connecticut's premier impressionist painters.

His works always seemed filled with sunlight, which told a lot about him. As he once put it:

"That feeling of sunlight — you put as much as you can into a painting. If you want to analyze life, there are damn few absolutely perfect days.

"Why not enjoy the good things in life? There's enough misery in the world — I don't need to paint it."

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