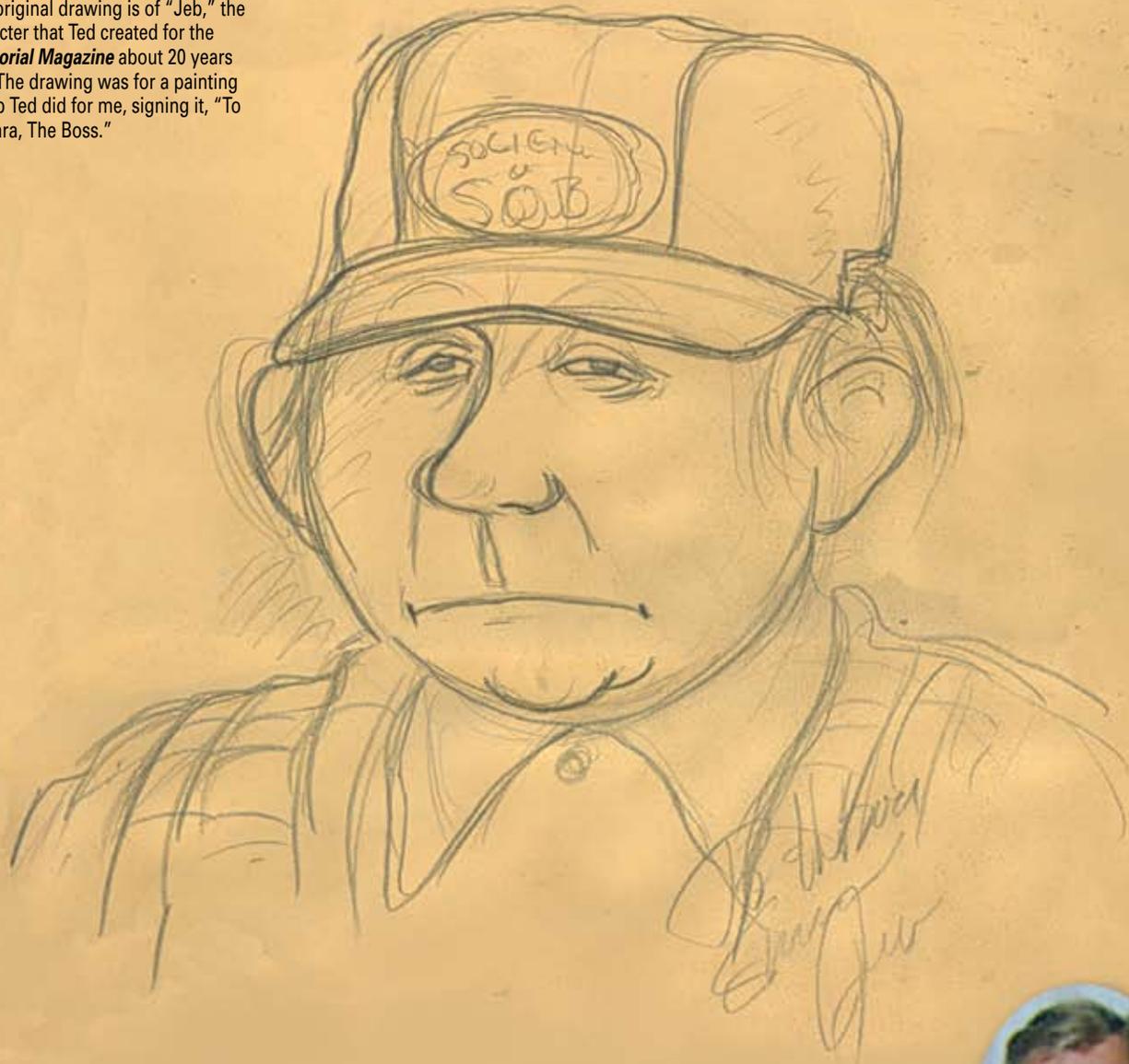


This original drawing is of "Jeb," the character that Ted created for the **Territorial Magazine** about 20 years ago. The drawing was for a painting of Jeb Ted did for me, signing it, "To Barbara, The Boss."



In loving memory of Ted Carlson (1922-2011)

Ted and his wife, Laura, have been members of our **Territorial** family since our very first issue, December, 1979-January, 1980. Ted's all original cartoons, and often his original Jeb character, have appeared in every issue of the **Territorial** for the last 30 years. Ted, a fine artist who did wonderful paintings, was the Art Director at the **High Plains Journal (HPJ)** in Dodge City when we first started the **Territorial** (then called the **Kansas Territorial**), and for the first couple of years this magazine was printed at the **Journal**. Ted and I had special permission from **HPJ** owner, Joe Berkley, for Ted to draw free-lance cartoons for our magazine, and he never missed an issue. Jim Brown, who has also done our graphic work for the last 30 years, worked in the **HPJ** art department under Ted, and he took Ted's place as Art Director after Ted retired.

Ted Carlson was a very private person, but if you knew him, you knew he had a quick wit and a strong opinion about almost everything. For instance, one of his big dislikes was Santa Claus. I never asked why, but every year at Christmas we had a friendly, running argument about Ted wanting to kill Santa! My answer was, "Absolutely not!" I said he could injure Santa, or make him sick, but he could not kill Santa in the **Territorial!** That argument, I believe, led to some of Ted's best cartoons. We had Santa with a broken leg in a cast; Santa with cattle (undoubtedly stolen from a feedyard) pulling his sleigh instead of reindeer; and Santa's reindeer in a feedyard eating the cattle's feed. Santa, like Ted, always had a twinkle in his eye.

Ted was a one-of-a-kind original, and we will miss his wit, wisdom and his work very much, as will our many readers. He will be missed by his wife, Laura and their children, Rhonda, Todd and Troy, grandchildren, great grandchildren and other family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

