

Basic Detail Report



"A Final Salute"

Date

1968 - 1985

Primary Maker

Bernadine Stetzel

Medium

Oil on canvas

Dimensions

24 x 18 in. (61 x 45.7 cm)

Object number

2011.034.0064

Description

Oil painting on canvas created by artist Bernadine Stetzel that depicts John F. Kennedy, Jr. saluting his father's casket at the funeral. Artist Stetzel described this piece as

follows: "John F. Kennedy, Jr. gives a final salute to his father." An enthusiastic supporter of John F. Kennedy, Stetzel was devastated by the assassination. Shortly after visiting the president's gravesite at Arlington National Cemetery in 1968, she began work on a series of paintings that depicted the life of the late president. Between 1968 and 1985, with a long break in the middle, Bernadine Stetzel created 71 works that followed John F. Kennedy from his christening ceremony to the eternal flame at his gravesite.