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**AL LOVING.**

Alvin Demar Loving Jr. was born in Detroit on Sept. 19, 1935. His father, Alvin Demar Loving Sr., was an educator and part-time sign painter who was later a dean at the University of Michigan School of Education. His mother, the former Mary Helen Greene, was a quilter, as was his grandmother. As a boy, Alvin used to sit at their feet as they sewed, watching their layered constructions take shape. Mr. Loving earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts from the University of Illinois in 1963 and a master's in fine arts from the University of Michigan in 1965. He moved to New York City in 1968. From 1988 to 1996, he taught at City College in New York.  
Al Loving was prominent abstract painter and collage artist whose work explored the ways color, space, line and form play out in vibrant counterpoint, died on June 21 at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan. He was 69 and lived in Kerhonkson, New York. His most recent commission, for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, is on view at the Broadway-East New York subway station in Brooklyn. Completed in 2001, it comprises 70 brightly colored stained-glass windows and a large mosaic wall.

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