



Maria M. Rafferty

February 26, 1936 - February 21, 2010

Maria Teresa Mirri Rafferty, 73, of Salisbury died Sunday, February 21, 2010 at her home.

Born February 26, 1936 in Rome, Italy, she was the daughter of the late Ettore and Narceina Fiori Mirri. She was educated in the Rome Italy schools.

Mrs. Rafferty was employed at the French School for Archaeology in Rome, Italy and after marriage was a homemaker.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She and her husband were members and strong supporters of the Waterworks Visual Arts Center, where she showed paintings, and studied in numerous classes. She was a member of Plein Air Carolina, Carolina Artist, Painting Pals with Ron Crusan, attended painting workshops at Lake Toxaway with Morgan Samuel Price. She loved painting en Plein Air Portraits and abstract.

Survivors include her husband, Martin A. Rafferty whom she married August 30, 1969; son, Terrence Q. E. Rafferty and wife Helen M. of Charleston, SC; step-daughter, Patricia A. Douckas and husband Peter of Gardner, MA; sister, Giovanna Cortina and husband Hector of Exeter, NH; brother, Mario Mirri of Italy; and 4 grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted 11:00 AM Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. John Putnam, officiating. Interment will be 11:00 AM – Saturday at the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Cemetery.

A Prayer Service will be conducted 6:00 PM Thursday at Summersett Funeral Home. The family will receive friends following the Prayer Service.

Summersett Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com