



Maria Teresa Mirri Rafferty

February 21, 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

Tribute Wall



“ *Maria Teresa was a beautiful flower. She aged very gracefully and was an inspiration to me. Fighting health issues and expressing herself with visual arts, wonderful cooking skill, elegant language, and a most caring persona; I am most indebted to her. And thank God that I had known her for the short time I did. Life is not easy when you move away from your country and family, but God put her where she needed to be and she prevailed.*

I love you Aunt Maria Teresa. God Bless You and Martin.##imported-begin##Bryan Rafferty (nephew)##imported-end##

November 27, 2011 at 01:25 AM



“ *Martin,*

Your wife was such a nice and sincere person . You and the rest of the family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Lord Jesus Bless You All

Joey Spry##imported-begin##Joey Spry##imported-end##

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“ *She was a wonderful woman and I was blessed to have met her. She will be missed. My condolences to the family.##imported-begin##Kelley Cheek##imported-end##*

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“ *Maria was such a bright spirit in our Plein Air Painting group. I shall miss her very much. My sympathy goes out to her family.##imported-begin##Barbara Richmond##imported-end##*

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“ We painted together in Plein Air Carolina and also took Lou Murphy's life drawing class together. She was a very sweet lady, and she will be missed very much. My prayers go out to her family.##imported-begin##Cathy Matthews##imported-end##

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