



Flora Arnoldi

June 2, 2020

Flora Arnoldi, of West Hartford, CT, passed away quietly at home on June 2, 2020. Flora was 99 years old. Flora was preceded in death by her husband, Walter and her sons, Douglas and Carl. Flora was a member of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration, Charter Oak Chapter of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration, the Mystic Seaport Museum, and the Connecticut Historical Society. At her home, Flora taught decorative art for decades into her early 90's. Her students were like her family. Flora is survived by six nephews and nieces.

There is no funeral service and Flora's remains will be dispersed as she directed. Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, West Hartford has care of arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.taylorandmodeen.com.

Comments



“ Flora, I thank you for your bringing art into my world . You had a gift for making anyone feel that they were capable of being an artist. My mother used to watch me return home from your art class with stars in my eyes that stemmed from the pure joy of creating something pretty and worthwhile. I thrived under your instruction sucking up every second you spoke knowing it was a true gift your teaching me along the 40 years attending class. Favorite comment from a diplomatic teacher “ if it were mine”. Flora if you could change anything about this world it was to prevent people from hurting one another - it touched me how sensitive and generous your heart was. You were like a “mother” nurturing individual that I will never forget. Grateful to have been a close student to your words Flora - enjoy the peace you have always deserved. Still applying your lessons to my daily life - teaching my grandchildren now the importance of art in your life. Love you always
Judy

Judith Gauvain - June 08 at 10:12 PM



“ We lived across the street from Flora and Walter for many years. My memories of Flora include her coming to dinner at our house for certain holidays, and the fact that she always graced us with a hand-framed work of her art. I am grateful to own many small pieces of hers. My daughters and I cherished our time with Flora, always upbeat and brave, with lots of stories about her family, her time in Holland, and of course, the “tours” of her house, her projects and art, furniture and collection of patterns. She was especially kind to me during my husband’s long illness. May her gentle soul rest in perfect Peace.

Nancy Bernstein

Nancy Bernstein - June 07 at 05:33 PM



“ I was in Flora’s painting class for more than 40 years and she was not only a teacher to me but a mentor and a friend. She was a gifted painter of any aspect of the Early American Decorative arts as well as a dedicated teacher. I treasure all the beautiful works I created under her guidance but most of all I treasure the years I attended the classes in her home amid other painters. We shared a special bond with a very special lady.

Virginia - June 07 at 09:00 AM



“ I also was in Flora's class beginning in 1987. She was a gifted artist and good friend and her home was always a welcome retreat from our busy lives. She was a lovely lady and I think of her every time I look at one of my creations. Beth Fritz

Beth Fritz - June 08 at 10:31 AM



“ Flora was a gift! I was lucky to take Art classes in her beautiful home. She graciously taught us and shared her expertise with humor and Patience. Our time together as a community of learners was special. We talked art and techniques of course, but Flora was interested in so many other things; sailing, our families, shared recipes, nature, the world. I am blessed to have known her. I too will think fondly of her when I look at the pieces I painted with her years ago and whenever I pick up a paintbrush in the future.

Rita Logan - June 08 at 11:58 AM



“ We were in Flora's evening class for more than 15 years, focusing on gilding early 19th century looking glasses. Flora was exceptionally skilled and patient. We especially remember the last class each December, when we all brought treats to enjoy with her special goodies and Flora told us about her life in Holland in 1940, how she missed the bombing of Rotterdam, and left as a lady's maid, via Portugal. She was a very special lady and will be greatly missed.

Jim Cooke
Anita Hochstein

Anita Hochstein and JimCooke - June 07 at 08:44 AM