



Elfrieda G. Troia-Merchant

January 25, 1927 - August 8, 2018

Elfriede Troia-Merchant of Lauderhill, FL (formerly of Mount Holly, NJ) passed away on August 8, 2018. She was born on January 25, 1927 in Lunzenau, Germany. Her many talents were apparent at a very early age. As a young child, she entertained patrons of her uncle's tavern with her singing and harmonica playing. In the 8th grade, she was the only child from her school chosen for accelerated studies in advanced mathematics and violin at the prestigious University of Leipzig. Shortly after graduation, she was forced to flee to Western Germany to escape the Russian invasion. There she met and married a handsome young U.S. Army Officer, Joseph Troia, and attained U.S. citizenship. They traveled the world until 1959, when they settled in Mount Holly along with their three children. After the death of her husband in 1976, she remained in Mount Holly for over a decade, where she rediscovered her talent for painting. She joined a number of art organizations throughout the tri-state area and was a member of the renowned Plastics Club in Philadelphia. Her work was accepted for show in numerous juried art exhibits, where she won many awards. In 1987, she moved to Florida where she continued her passion for painting, again joining many local art organizations and exhibitions. There she met her future husband, Zahir Merchant. They were married in 1991 and together they enjoyed being very active in the German-American Club of Lantana, where she soloed in the club's choir. They remained married until his death in July of 2017. Elfriede is survived by her daughters, Helen Troia (William Gauntt) and Brenda Day

(Albie), and her son, Robert Troia, all of NJ. There will be no visitation, however friends and relatives are welcome to attend a small graveside service to be held on Friday, August 24 at 11:00 am at the Mount Holly Cemetery on Ridgeway Street. To share memories and condolences, please visit the website below for Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mount Holly, NJ 08060 w www.perinchief.com

Cemetery Details

Mount Holly Cemetery

Mount Holly Ave.
Mount Holly, NJ

Tribute Wall



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Brenda Day - August 22, 2018 at 11:39 AM



My condolences to Helen, Brenda & Robert.

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my heart felt condolences to the family and friends. May she live in our memories. She's is in a better place.

david jones - August 22, 2018 at 01:45 PM



Thinking of you all, and may you be comforted in the loss of your dear mom as you reflect on her life and the memories you share.g

Susan Worrell - August 22, 2018 at 05:11 PM