



## Martha Elizabeth Hartman (Dye)

May 11, 1922 - February 8, 2017

The irrepressible Marty Hartman , age 94, went to her maker in the morning of the 8th of February.

She was preceded in death by her husband William Hartman, her daughter Carol and granddaughter Lorna and survived by her son Bill (Nancy), and her two grandsons James and Phelippe. Born in Alabama, brought to Orlando as an infant, she was a child of the depression who spent her youth dreaming of becoming an artist.

Marty spent the war years working in Orlando for the Army Air Corps and saving her money to attend the Ringling School of Art in Sarasota. It was not long after she arrived in Sarasota that she met the man who would become her husband and make possible her dream of the artists life.

William Hartman was a war veteran sixteen years her senior and already an accomplished artist having been employed by the WPA in the years prior to the war. The 1950s and 60s were halcyon days for the Sarasota art scene and together they created the Hartman School of Art and it's accompanying art gallery in 1951.

In 1953 she founded the Petticoat Painters in response to the difficulties women were experiencing in being recognized as artists. Today the Petticoat

Painters is the oldest continuously operating women's painting group in the United States and was recently featured in a video documentary of its history and accomplishments.

Martha was a recognized regional artist with many awards and one man shows to her credit and was engaged in Sarasota Art Association and Ringling School of Art boards and organizations for many years

A celebration of life will be held at the 1st Baptist Church in Sarasota on Friday, March 10th at 2:00 pm, donations may be made to Tidewell Hospice.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Marty was a delightful friend, an inspiring artist, and shared my Bible Study Group many years. I shall miss her and cherish her memory.*

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**Margaret Mills** - February 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Marty was my beloved childhood aunt, only six years older than myself. We were playmates, but art was her life. Dorothy Elizabeth Brand Respass*



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**Elizabeth Brand Respass** - February 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM