

## **Mary C. Woodward**

Mary C. Woodward, an artist, educator and co-founder of the Studio Art School in Bel Air, died of a massive intestinal hemorrhage Sept. 1 at Coney Island Hospital in Brooklyn, N.Y. She was 90.

Mary Moore Chamberlain, the daughter of a carpenter and teacher, was born and raised in Brookline, Mass. She earned a bachelor's degree in 1942 from the Massachusetts College of Art, which later awarded her an honorary bachelor's in fine arts in 1992.

Mrs. Woodward was an art teacher on Cape Cod, and later in Boston, Bryn Mawr, Pa., and Providence, R.I., before moving to Bel Air in 1954.

In 1957, she was a co-founder of the Study Art School with Lois B. Reed. She also gave art lessons at the Harford Center for developmentally disabled children and adults, and at the Bel Air After-School Study Program and the first integrated Bible School of the Little Falls Friends Meeting House.

Mrs. Woodward established Creative People in 1979, a school which she ran for the next 20 years, and provided art lessons in many disciplines for both children and adults.

She also was the founder in 1991 of Art Quest, an annual juried event that celebrated the fine arts and crafts produced by Harford County artisans, until its demise in 2004.

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She was a longtime member of the NAACP, American Civil Liberties Union, the Southern Poverty Law Center and the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee.

"She was a 17th-generation Unitarian and had been a member of the Northern Chesapeake Unitarian-Universalist Society of Fallston," her daughter said.

Her husband of 56 years, Arthur Amos Woodward Jr., who designed and tested military protective clothing at Aberdeen Proving Ground, died in 1998.

A memorial gathering will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 11 at Rockfield Manor, 501 E. Churchville Road, Bel Air. Also surviving are a son, Arthur Amos Woodward III of Auburn, Maine; a sister, Ann Lincoln Dover of Venice, Fla.; and three granddaughters.