

MARY MAUL

Mary Maul was born in South River, New Jersey on April 14, of Russian immigrant parents. She grew up in the area around Bayonne, New Jersey. Much of her life was centered on the Russian Orthodox Church of St. Peter & Paul. She was very lucky to attend a grade school that was right across the street. She advanced rapidly, skipping grades as she progressed.

When she was ready for high school, her dad moved the family to the country where he, a carpenter, had built them a new home. She graduated from high school at the age of 16. For a few years after graduation, she helped out at home. Soon she found a position with Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

One night when she attended the USO dance she met her husband to be. Martin Maul was in the military. They were soon married at the Church of St. Peter & Paul. He was shipped out to Europe. While Martin was in Europe, Mary attended the Trap Hagan School of Fashion in New York City. Later, Mary was able to join Martin in Europe. She found Europe exciting and was able to enjoy many places and things. She saw Venice, Italy. She skied in Cortina, Italy (where the winter Olympics took place). And finally, she got to see Paris. Paris was grand.

After two years she and Martin returned to the USA, where they lived with her parents for a short time. Next, they were on their way to Michigan. In 1966, Mary's parents moved to AZ and she and Martin followed. She & Martin were married 53 years. Martin passed on in 1999.

In 1970, Mary began art in the field of watercolor. She took lessons from a lady she calls Mrs. "G." She studied under Ruth Palmisano. She became a member of PAG in the 1980s. Mary loves florals, the color blue. In recent years Mary has been experimenting in abstracts. She has won several awards and sold several paintings.

Mary enjoys people and chocolate, but especially her watercolor class with Toni Hungerford.