



**Martel (Martha) Weinreich**

November 20, 1914 - August 20, 2009

Martel was born in East Germany and grew up in Hamburg. She got a teaching degree and was a teacher and principal in East Germany when she met Otto in 1939. They were married in 1942 while Otto was serving in the German Navy as chief engineer on a minesweeper in the Baltic Sea. They lived in Danzig, but when the Russian Army advanced into that area in 1945, Martel fled with her baby daughter to a small village on the Baltic. After the war, the family reunited in Hamburg where their second daughter was born. In 1956 they went to the Dominican Republic and in 1957 they immigrated to the US and lived on Staten Island, NY. When Otto retired in 1978, they moved to the Jersey shore where they enjoyed tennis and bridge. They bought a house at Lake Tahoe and took up skiing in their 50s. Martel soon became a champion downhill skier, still winning awards as a 70+ skier. She finally gave it up at 86.

Martel also took up painting in oils and watercolors and did a lot of knitting. The Weinreichs traveled extensively in Europe, North and South America, Africa and Asia and drove across the US at least 10 times to see all the national parks and wonderful sights. They moved to SRC to be near one daughter and two grandchildren. Their other daughter lives in New Jersey. Otto and Martel celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in July. Otto died Sept. 11, 2007.