

MARY D'ANTONIO

November 3, 1915 - March 7, 2024



Mary Belcastro D'Antonio of Pittsburgh, PA, passed away in her sleep at her daughter's home in Los Angeles, CA, at the age of 108.

Born in 1915 in San Giovanni in Fiore, Calabria, Italy, with her mother and two younger brothers she emigrated to Pittsburgh in 1927 to join her father who had come earlier. She attended St. Peter's School, Business High, Fifth Avenue

High School, and at Pitt earned a B.A. in Creative Writing, graduating cum laude, and later an M.A. in Italian Language and Literature. She was active in the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Dante Society, and also had a variety of metaphysical interests.

Mary started her work life typing the first Social Security cards. With her husband, Luigi D'Antonio, they formed Visual Art Films providing films and audio-visual equipment for non-theatrical use. After his death in 1959, she taught shorthand, typing and Italian until the age of 70.

Mary published a short story Out of the Kitchen based on her own evasion of an arranged marriage. Her passion was typing long memoir letters to family and friends recounting personal history laced with her philosophical thoughts.

She is survived by her daughter, retired film editor Joanne D'Antonio; and son-in-law, retired sound editor Robert Kizer; her grandson Christopher Kizer of Durham, NC; brother Frank Belcastro of Dubuque, IA.

At Mary's request there was no funeral or memorial.

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