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Francine Perry Rees

AAFA #0051

Founding Member

May 24, 1946 - April 2, 2010

Francine P. Rees Francine P. Rees died Friday April 2, 2010. A service of Holy Eucharist in thanksgiving, for her life will be held today at 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Greenville, with interment following in the church columbarium. The family will greet friends following the ceremony in the church parish hall.

Francine was born May 24, 1946, in Raleigh, and grew up in Louisburg. She was the elder daughter of James Edward Perry, Jr. and Gerald Turnage Perry. She majored in English at East Carolina University and began her career as a writer with the University News Bureau while she was a graduate student there. She remained with the News Bureau until her retirement in 2000. For many years, Francine was Lady of the Manor at the popular Christmas Madrigal Dinner series of musical productions at ECU.

Throughout her life, she loved classical music, art, history, antiques, and cats. She was an enormously talented writer and performed and published extensive genealogical research on her family. An avid reader since early childhood, she was a past president of the Friends of Joyner Library at East Carolina University. Francine was an active participant in many historical organizations including the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Jamestown Society, the Society of 1812, the Colonial Dames, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Virginia Genealogical Society. She was a former member of the Greenville Historical Preservation Commission and was very involved in her local community through the Tar River Neighborhood Association. A strong supporter of the Democratic Party. Francine was a regular volunteer at the local polls on Election Day, She was a longtime member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and St. Lydia's Guild.

Francine was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, James Lester "Jim" Rees. Surviving to cherish her memory are her son, David Winborne Rees and girlfriend, Rizwana Fahim Siddiqui, of Greenville; sister Phyllis Perry Foster and husband, Johnny, of Wake Forest; niece Katherine Shearin Walton and husband, Kevin, and their son, Benjamin Perry Walton, of Garner; stepson, Carl Jamieson Rees and wife, Melissa, and

their children, Cameron and Maggie, of Greenville. Also surviving are cherished friends, Dr. Lena Carawan and Dr. Ernest Marshall, of Greenville, and numerous beloved cousins, three aunts, and an uncle.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the classical music station WCPE-FM at P.O. Box 897, Wake Forest, NC 27588. Online donations may be made at TheClassicalStation.org.

Arrangements by Wilkerson Funeral Home and Crematory.
Online condolences at www.wilkersonfuneralhome.com.

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