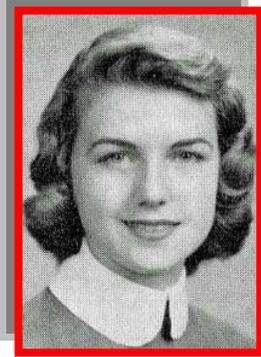


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1955

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### Nancy Darling Wild Life Artist



Artist 2006



1952

At the end of high school, in fact before graduation, my parents moved to Durham NC. There I was greeted by my future husband Richard Morgan (Duke Jr class Prez) who found out about my arrival from the newspaper and had asked Jack Wynne (Duke Student) who happened to be dating Dotty Westby at the time.



Although I was accepted at Rice Instiute on a full scholarship I decided to go Randolph Macon. I wonder why my parents didn't kill me! The next year I transferred to Duke and became engaged to Richard . I finally graduated from Duke in 1966 in between having babies and have had a fine time faking my age, etc. We had two great children, endured the Viet Nam war (he was a Marine over there) and then opened a very nice gift and home furnishings store in Durham. That was a lot of fun and we got to go to California and New York on buying trips, etc. After our divorce I ran the store for a couple of years while he opened a restaurant and a framing gallery. Then, I sold him the store and went into real estate.



Green-backed Heron Fishing

In the meantime I met my husband of 28 years, Mark Handler. We had a fine time traveling and camping around the country and living in FL for 9 years while I still sold real estate and he did computer consulting. We both became members of the Unitarian Universalist church. I also started painting and became a wildlife artist. I am now a member of the Society of Animal Artists and on their executive board, and also a member of Oil Painters of America. You can see my work at

www.natureartists.com. I have also enjoyed painting pet portraits. Mark passed away in 2004 and I miss him a lot. He left me a special legacy: the love of dogs, especially the Alaskan Malamute. We had an old one when he died, and Bear died soon after he did. I was very lonely then and finally went out and found a new Mal puppy, Barry. Turns out he was born the night of the day that "Bear" died. Karma, I think!



Me and Bear 1999

Now I am still living in my same 50's contemporary house near Duke, practicing real estate with Prudential, painting, and starting to teach painting. I have always been very interested in nutrition and health and have a small business with Herbalife. I find many of their products to be beneficial and hope to fund my retirement with a new website where friends can order directly.

I am very active in the Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship where I am a pastoral listener and a member of the Worship planning committee. I have been proud to have created and led three services there.

In the future I'm planning to get a small camper and travel in the US with my dog and paint. Please call me at 919-489-8213 or email me at [nancy.handler@yourpru.com](mailto:nancy.handler@yourpru.com).

Love to all,  
Nancy

PS: A fond memory of painting Dotty Westby's dad's brand new Thunderbird with purple borax and decorating it with chicken wire and purple napkins. It's a wonder he didn't kill us!



**We will miss ya at the 50<sup>th</sup> Nancy!**