



## Ada Frances Keene

May 24, 1930 - March 29, 2021

Ada Frances Keene, 90, of Easton, Maryland served up her last match Monday, March 29, 2021 with her best partner, her Lord, Jesus. He victoriously carried Fran through her toughest contest to a place of true joy, happiness, and peace.

Fran was born in Baltimore on May 24, 1930 to the late Lillian Poole Ashby and Henry Franklin Ashby. She graduated from Catonsville High School and attended Strayer College.

In her young professional career Fran would commute via streetcar into downtown Baltimore to work at the USF&G Insurance Company and then later as secretary to the General, U.S. Air Force. It was there where she met the love of her life, Harry Michael Keene, whom she married in 1955. He passed in October of 2012.

Fran and Mike created their multi-generational homes in Baltimore at Kirkwood Road and Cedar Circle Drive, then in 1971 at Oaklands outside Easton. The breakfast and dinner table is where family, friends, and those in need were nourished and loved. Home was everything.

Bayco, the family business, has thrived since its inception 44 years ago with Mike as salesman and Fran as bookkeeper. But, Fran's true work came

through years of Chairing meetings for Al-Anon. Her gentle and kind spirit radiated outward to others. She always had a smile, a comforting word, a touch on the arm, and often a gift, too. Fran, aka, Mommom, fiercely loved her grandchildren and their friends.

Most were fooled by Fran's warm spirit because at her core she was a fierce competitor. As a youth she pitched a mean softball, then went on to be a dominant player in the Baltimore Duckpin Bowling scene. (Fran still holds high game and set in Easton).

At 41 she wrapped her hand around a tennis grip for the first time. She and her friends went on to win the USTA 4.0 National Tennis Championships in 1988 at Seabrook. It was in tennis that she blossomed with friendships and joy. Her family has tremendous gratitude for the true sustenance Fran received through the friendships forged through her tennis and church communities. Fran enjoyed volunteering at St. Mark's, St. Vincent DePaul, and Hospice Festival of Trees.

In addition to her husband and parents, Ada, as Fran was known by her family, was preceded in death by her sister Eva Franks and her brothers Robert and William Ashby. She is survived by her daughters Judy Greene (James) and Kim Kaestner (John), her son Michael (Carita); grandchildren Ashby Coen (Mike), Christie Kaestner, John Kaestner (fiancé Blaine), Jamie Blanchard (Michael), Eleanora Keene, and Olivia Keene; and great-grandchildren Thomas and Jane Blanchard.

Visitation will be held Saturday, April 3rd from 3 to 6pm at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 200 S. Harrison St. in Easton. The service will be held at 1 PM on Monday, April 5, 2021 at Saints Peter and Paul Church, 1210 S. Washington Street, Easton, Maryland. A reception will follow at the Easton Family YMCA outside on Tennis Court 3. Burial will be private on

another day.

Memorial donations can be made to the Easton Family YMCA, St. Marks United Methodist Church or For All Seasons, Mental Health.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 3. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home  
200 S. Harrison Street  
EASTON  
EASTON, MD 21601

## Service

APR 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church  
1210 South Washington Street  
Easton, MD 21601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ada Frances Keene*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 05, 2021 at 12:55 PM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ada Frances Keene*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 02, 2021 at 05:19 PM



“ *Ada Frances Keene*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Ada Frances Keene*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Ada Frances Keene*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Friendship*



**tricia Heininge** - April 04, 2021 at 11:31 PM



*Best of friends, sisters-in-law for over 70 years. Ada and Alice*

**tricia Heininge** - April 04, 2021 at 11:42 PM



“ *Fran was our lovely neighbor for more than 20 years.*

*Our condolences to all the family,  
Elaine & George Wilson*



**Elaine Wilson** - April 03, 2021 at 10:51 AM



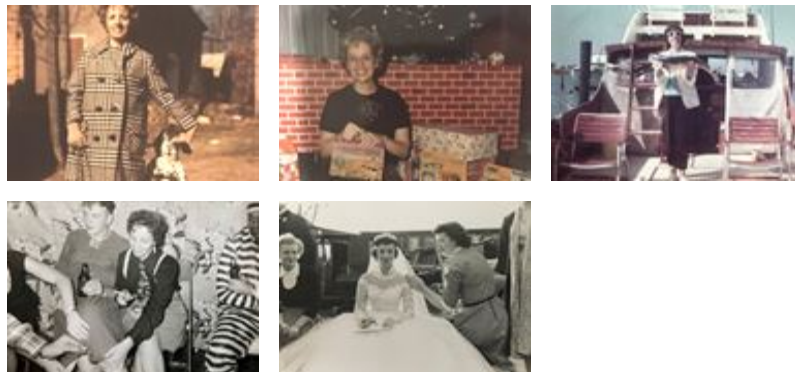
“ *What a sad time for you and your family Kim. Cherish all your wonderful memories of your mom....she will always be in your heart*❤️



**Karen Lanno** - April 03, 2021 at 09:50 AM



“ 117 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - April 02, 2021 at 04:50 PM

DK

“ *Donna Kostens lit a candle in memory of Ada Frances Keene*

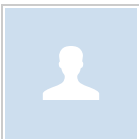


**Donna Kostens** - April 02, 2021 at 04:45 PM

DK

*Dear Kim and family, I'm so sorry to hear of Mom's passing. Can't tell you how much tennis we played together back in the old days. We are not home yet from FI. but will be thinking of the family this coming week.*

**Donna Kostens** - April 02, 2021 at 04:48 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ada Frances Keene.*



April 02, 2021 at 10:53 AM

TG

“ *Teresa Greene lit a candle in memory of Ada Frances Keene*



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**Teresa Greene** - April 02, 2021 at 08:24 AM

TG

*Such a dear sweet Lady, she shall be missed I will cherish our TOPS memories*

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**Teresa Greene** - April 02, 2021 at 08:25 AM

PF

“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Ada Frances Keene*



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**Phil Foster** - April 02, 2021 at 03:07 AM

DC

“ *Donna Healy Clem lit a candle in memory of Ada Frances Keene*



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**Donna Healy Clem** - April 01, 2021 at 08:54 PM

DC

*Prayers to the family! Mrs. Keene was such a lovely lady!*

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**Donna Healy Clem** - April 01, 2021 at 08:55 PM

AB

“ *ANN C BUTLER lit a candle in memory of Ada Frances Keene*



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**ANN C BUTLER** - April 01, 2021 at 12:38 PM

MW

“ *Kim, I am so sorry to hear of your mom's death. I know you and your family will miss her. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers. Marti Wright*

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**Marti Wright** - April 01, 2021 at 09:03 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Ada Frances Keene.*



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April 01, 2021 at 08:20 AM