



Frances Theresa Cooke

September 25, 1928 - October 2, 2016

Frances Theresa Cooke of Vero Beach FL, devoted mother and wife, died peacefully, surrounded by her children on Sunday, October 2, 2016, at her daughter's home in Queenstown, Maryland. She was 88.

Born September 25, 1928, in Baltimore, MD she was the daughter of the late Frank and Mary Stylc Cwalina.

She grew up in Baltimore and was a top scholar who graduated high school at the age of 16. Frances was valedictorian of her 8th grade class and was selected to Christen the S.S. Oliver Ellsworth on June 4, 1942, in Fairfield, MD. She was an avid traveler visiting many countries. She enjoyed playing bridge and pinochle, and spending time with her children. She was a devout Catholic.

Mrs. Cooke is survived by her six children, Joan Nelson (James) of Westminster, MD, Wayne Cooke (Deborah) of Hanover, PA, Gary Cooke of Wilmington, DE, Karen Bedford (Frederick) of Vero Beach, FL, James Cooke (Janice) of Finksburg, MD, and Laura Cox (James) of Queenstown, MD; fifteen grandchildren; seventeen great grandchildren; four sisters, Dorothy Tucker of Seattle, WA, Bernadine Zambotti of Ferndale, MD, Irene Deborde of Arnold, MD, and Patricia Piraino of Baltimore, MD; and brother Francis Cwalina of Stevensville, MD. She was predeceased by her husband of 67

years, Wayne Henry Cooke, and a brother, Edward Cwalina.

A memorial service to celebrate the lives of both Frances and Wayne will be held on December 3, 2016, at 10 a.m. at St. Christopher's Catholic Church, 1861 Harbor Drive, Chester, MD. A private inurnment will be in Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery, Owings Mills, MD.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her name to Compass Regional Hospice, 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery

Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Tribute Wall



“ *Frances Theresa Cooke*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Frances Theresa Cooke*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Frances Theresa Cooke*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



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Laura - October 06, 2016 at 05:28 PM



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Bernadine - October 05, 2016 at 09:34 PM

MM

“ Mike & Sherry Brownell (Bessemer, MI)
purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the
family of Frances Theresa Cooke.



Mike & Sherry Brownell (Bessemer, MI) - October 05, 2016 at
01:16 PM

GH

“ Wayne, Debbie, Herk, Stephanie, Matt, and Zack,
We're so sorry for your loss. God bless you all.
Gail and Ken Hosmer

Gail Hosmer - October 04, 2016 at 07:36 PM

MT

“ Michael And Jessica Turowski lit a candle in
memory of Frances Theresa Cooke



Michael and Jessica Turowski - October 04, 2016 at 12:08 PM

IB

“ *Sisters are lifelong friends who love, comfort, and defend,
Someone you can always count on,
Death -- the only force that causes this relationship to end.
What's left is holding dear
All of those shared precious memories.*

*As I look at photographs of your smiling face,
Memories flood my mind as I gaze upon my big sister.
And the happy times we always had,
But now these same memories bring much tears.*

*'Tis not true what they say of time healing grief,
Can we believe what others say of a better place,
Where our beloved ones rest in God's warm embrace?
I guess I should be happy you're free of pain and sorrow,
But somehow this brings me no less comfort.*

*What a sweet, kind, loving, and wonderful person you were,
Which only serves to remind me of the painful loss we all endure.
I know your loving soul wants no tears or pain,
But only warm memories and love to remain.*

*I promise never to forget the loving memories we shared,
But, Fran, I will always miss you so very much.
My heart's only solace is one day I will see you as before,
Beckoning me to come join you all on that distant shore.*

RIP Irene

Irene De Borde - October 03, 2016 at 11:26 PM

PR

“ Oh Laura, my heart goes out to you and all of your family. I started to come over to visit a couple of weeks ago but did not see your car. I know your Mom enjoyed her time with you over the last few months. Great that she and JR got to celebrate their birthdays together. Know that you, Jimmy, JR and all of your family are in our hearts and prayers. Will see you soon my friend.

Pat Radcliffe - October 03, 2016 at 05:20 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family! Love, Bob & Kim Zambotti

Kim Zambotti - October 03, 2016 at 04:32 PM

HC

“ My parents and my brothers and sister spent many summers at my Grandmother's home in Westminster swimming, BBQ-ing, eating watermelon and crabs and hanging out with our other relatives. My Grandmother was very kind to us all, had a warm heart and never an unkind word for me. She laughed a lot and made some delicious Polish food. I also spent time with them in Florida as a child and as an adult and enjoyed her telling stories about my Dad and her other kids when they were growing up. She will be missed. Love you Grandmom.



Herk

Herk Cooke - October 03, 2016 at 03:57 PM

DT

Frannie was a big sister I admired and loved from little up. She was beautiful and intelligent with a kind heart. She will be forever missed and the only comfort is knowing she is at peace and rest in God's care. My many memories will be kept in my heart as long as I live, knowing I will be with her one day.

Dorothy Tucker

Dorothy Tucker - October 04, 2016 at 06:48 PM

LP

Words can't express how sorry we are to hear of your loss of such a devoted and loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and so much more.

Larry & Darlyn Piper

Larry & Darlyn Piper - October 05, 2016 at 02:35 AM

BE

My sister was truly one of the nicest people I know. I feel so blessed by God that he gave us such a loving and caring sister. My heart is filled with many memories of her that I will cherish forever. I especially Will cherish our Sister Vacations. We had lots of laughs and fun growing up in a big family. I admired her always. I Love you Franny, May God hold you in his tender loving arms eternally.

Bernadine - October 05, 2016 at 09:15 PM