



Frances L. Downes

December 20, 1941 - August 3, 2022

Frances Lovinia Downes, 80, of Cordova, MD, passed away on August 3, 2022 at University of Maryland Shore Medical Center in Easton after battling a short illness.

Frances was born on December 20, 1941 in Clinton County, PA. After moving to Maryland in 1947, she attended the Little Red School House in Longwoods, later graduating from Easton High School.

Frances was a housewife for many years before finding a career in nursing and retiring as a Certified Nursing Assistant after 40 plus years. She enjoyed her coffee, country music, and her soap operas, along with playing handheld games, solving crossword puzzles, and piecing together jigsaw puzzles.

She was the daughter of the late Charles R. and Stella A. Rishel.

She is survived by three brothers: Raymond Rishel of Cambridge, MD, Kenny Rishel of Preston, MD, and Charles A. Rishel of Greensboro, MD; and two sisters, Betty Thomas of Delaware and Linda Thomas of Preston, MD.

Frances has four of her own children: Teresa Stare (Carl) of Ingleside, MD; Sandra Radcliffe (Jeff) of Trappe, MD; Deborah Steenken (Mike) of Preston, MD; and Alvin Whitby, Jr. (Tammy) of Greensboro, MD. She had ten grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her late husband James E. Downes, Sr.; two sisters Dottie E. Greenwood of Federalsburg, MD, and Susan Deibel of Easton, MD; two grandsons, Walter T. Radcliffe and Richard M. Whitby; and a great-grandson, Daniel MJ Franklin.

A visitation is scheduled on Tuesday, August 9, 11am – 12pm, at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home at 200 S. Harrison Street in Easton. A memorial service will be held immediately after at 12pm. Burial will follow at Landing Neck Cemetery in Trappe.

Cemetery Details

Landing Neck Cemetery

Landing Neck Rd.
Trappe, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. - Easton
200 S. Harrison St.
Easton, MD 21601

Memorial Service

AUG 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Burial

AUG 9. 1:00 PM.

Landing Neck Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Frances L. Downes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 09, 2022 at 08:24 AM



“ *Frances L. Downes*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Frances L. Downes*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Frances L. Downes*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

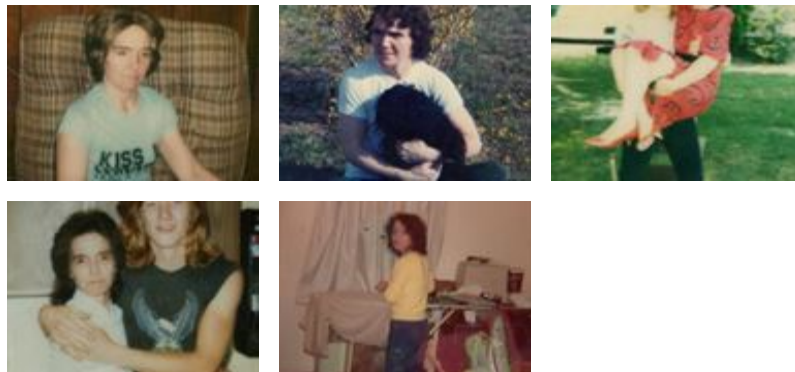


“ *One of the best aunts a girl could have*

Dodie Wagner - August 09, 2022 at 03:37 PM



“ 32 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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“ Amber Fisher lit a candle in memory of *Frances L. Downes*



Amber Fisher - August 07, 2022 at 09:47 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Frances L. Downes*.



August 06, 2022 at 09:25 PM