



## Frances Gosser

August 14, 1930 - August 3, 2023

Frances Gosser died at Talbot Hospice House on August 3, 2023. Born in Youngstown, OH, on August 14, 1930, Fran was the daughter of Florence G. Cole and Nelson A. Hooper. She graduated from high school in the village of Canfield, OH, and started college at Kent State University just as colleges across the country were gearing up for the arrival of GIs leaving military service at the end of World War II.

In October 1951, she married former GI and high school classmate, Robert Gosser, at the Methodist Church in Canfield. Because their lives involved numerous moves, Fran was a stay-at-home mom while their daughters were young, but over the years, she continued her education at Central Michigan University and the University of Florida. She also earned an associate degree from Central Virginia Community College in Lynchburg, VA, and worked as a medical secretary.

After retirement, Bob and Fran moved to Easton, MD, where they enjoyed life on the Eastern Shore and being near their five grandchildren. They were active members of St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Fran and Bob were married for 71 amazingly short years.

In addition to Bob, she is survived by their daughters, Jeanette Willsey of Ellicott City, MD, and Cynthia Spofford (Bill) of Easton. Also surviving are her

beloved grandchildren, Caroline Payton (Zach), Samuel Willsey, Nicholas Spofford, Kathryn Spofford, and Zachary Spofford, and great-grandsons, Theodore and Harrison Payton. She was predeceased by her daughter, Valerie Boyle (Jim) of Erie, PA, her parents, and her sister, Sue Ellen Hooper.

After a long life filled with many joys and blessings, Fran looked forward to the next chapter with anticipation and hope that this beautiful world would one day be a place of widespread love and peace.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 12 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mark's Methodist Church chapel, 100 Peachblossom Rd. in Easton. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until the time of the service.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

AUG 12. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
100 Peach Blossom Road  
Easton, MD

### Memorial Service

AUG 12. 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Frances Gosser*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Sorry to read the news on Fran. She was a pleasant person one I always enjoyed seeing. Several from Fort Hill church commented on how much they liked her as well after word got out. I am thinking about you family members. Hi to Bob and the girls. Stuart Porter*

**Stuart Porter** - August 09, 2023 at 10:44 PM



“ *Fran and Bob were "pew mates" at St. Mark's UMC and worked together with the Hunger Coalition also. My Bob and I held them as dear friends and have lived as neighbors in Londonderry for almost 2 years. They were the first people knocking on my door when my Bob passed last October. After that, Fran called every day for weeks to check on me and I bless her for that. She was truly an angel and led by the Lord. All who knew her will miss her soft spirit. I know I am grateful for having known her. Go with God, my friend. Peace be with you. Judy*

**Judy Coffren** - August 09, 2023 at 02:37 PM



“ *Steve and Sally Cunningham purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Frances Gosser.*



**Steve and Sally Cunningham** - August 09, 2023 at 01:24 PM

PL

“ I remember Fran & Bob when they lived in Lynchburg and attended Fort Hill United Methodist Church. They lived in Sandusky, and I think they participated in our Christmas Dinner one year as we enjoyed a progressive one!! Remember the girls too. Prayers to Bob and the girls. Patti LaReau

Patti LaReau - August 09, 2023 at 06:48 AM

DT

“ Diana Temple lit a candle in memory of Frances Gosser



Diana Temple - August 07, 2023 at 04:42 PM

JD

“ James D. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Frances Gosser.

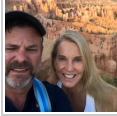


James D. - August 07, 2023 at 09:36 AM

CD

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. My parents, Frank and Doris Cavanaugh of Canfield, were long time friends of Bob and Fran and would visit when the Gossers came to the area to visit Arlis and Elizabeth Chubb or camp at Lake Erie (if my memory serves me correctly). My parents always spoke highly of The Gossers. My mom passed in 2018 and my dad in 2022.

coleen dunchak - August 06, 2023 at 08:33 AM



*From my dad...*

*I would like to thank Doris and Frank Cavanaugh's daughter for her kind gesture today. Yes we were great friends over the years and were saddened by the news of Frank's passing last year. You may not be aware that Elizabeth was my father Sam Gosser's youngest sister. She was the best looking of all the Gosser tribe and lived the longest...99 years old when she passed. She and Arlis had one son Donald. Doris and I graduated from Canfield High School in 1946. I never let Doris forget that I was the president of the class and she was only the Vice President. What fun it was!! Thank you so much for your text. We were happily married for 71 years and I can't express the sadness and emptiness now. Thanks again. Bob Gosser.*

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**Cindy Spofford** - August 06, 2023 at 06:49 PM



“ *Sara Jane Davidson lit a candle in memory of Frances Gosser*



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**Sara Jane Davidson** - August 05, 2023 at 02:01 PM



*Condolences to the family of Fran Gosser!*

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**Sara Jane Davidson** - August 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



*My wife and I moved back to Easton in 2021 and were lucky enough to purchase Bob and Fran's Home in Traveler's Rest. I remember coming to look at their riding lawnmower, Fran gave me freshly baked peanut butter cookies! Even though I only had a couple interactions with Fran, I knew her to be a kind, generous, and thoughtful person. Fran gifted us her butterfly bush after they moved out, having grown it from just a seed it stands vibrant and tall in the yard. I think of those wonderful cookies and her great demeanor every time I look out the kitchen window.*

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**Nick Fox** - September 25, 2023 at 01:38 PM