



Frances Harriss Mason

August 5, 1944 - January 15, 2023

Frances Harriss Mason, the matriarch of her family, devoted wife, mother, and grandmother died peacefully Sunday morning, January 15, 2023, with her husband of 57 years by her side. She was 78.

Frances is survived by her husband, The Reverend Jack Mason of Easton, MD; her son, Mark Mason, Sr., of Secretary, MD; his sons, Mark, Jr., and Daniel and fiancé, Kristina; daughter, Ashley Thomas-Mason of Quantico, MD; her sons, Gabriel and Adan, and husband, John. She is preceded in death by her father, George Nehemiah Harriss, Jr., of Wilmington, NC; her mother, Julia Hobgood Harriss of Wilmington, NC; and her brother, George Nehemiah Harriss, III, of Fayetteville, NC.

Frances was born August 5, 1944, in Wilmington, NC. She attended Methodist University in Fayetteville, NC. She married Jack Mason, whom she met while attending fencing classes in Wilmington, NC. She then moved to Mexico, MO, where they welcomed their first child, Mark, into the world in 1967. They moved to Severna Park, MD, where they raised their children, Mark and Ashley, who they welcomed into the world in 1973. They eventually settled in Easton for the remainder of her life. Frances was a real estate agent in Severna Park and eventually took a position at Open Door in Annapolis where she worked as a substance use disorder counselor for the remainder of her

professional career, a career that truly defined her.

Frances spent her childhood years with numerous cousins, aunts, and uncles at the Carolina Yacht Club in Wrightsville Beach, NC. She enjoyed sailing and rocking in the chairs on the yacht club porch. She was a devoted mother and wife and raised her children in Severna Park. When retired in Easton, Frances would swing on the front porch of their home greeting the many neighbors and friends she invited to have a glass of lemonade with her and to visit. She also enjoyed knitting and volunteer work at the many organizations she supported. She was a voracious reader and loved nothing more than enjoying time with her children and grandchildren. Frances is described by friends and family as being compassionate, warm, funny, feisty, beautiful, and amazing person, a compass and force of life, a powerhouse of love, humor, and goodwill, a dear friend and tireless advocate for others. Her loss will be felt by many who loved her dearly.

A memorial service is scheduled for Frances on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Christ Church in St. Michaels, MD. The service will be immediately followed by a reception in the parish hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital are requested in her memory: https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc_icid=header-btn-donate-now

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Church
301 S. Talbot St.
St. Michaels, MD 21663

Tribute Wall



“ Sorry for our loss. Frances & I were in the same Graduation Class from New Hanover H.S. - Wilmington, NC

William Jones, III - February 24, 2024 at 11:31 AM



“ Frances Harriss Mason

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frances Harriss Mason.



January 30, 2023 at 02:57 PM



“ Frances Harriss Mason

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Frances Harriss Mason

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

SD

“ To the extended Mason family I send my thoughts and prayers as you say farewell to our beloved Frances, exemplary in all her wonderful ways. We ache together. Sue Davis.

Susan Davis - January 25, 2023 at 11:32 PM

MU

“ Frances and Jack were wonderful across the street neighbors when we lived in downtown Easton. We always looked forward to seeing them and sharing our thoughts on all kinds of subjects. We are sure she is looking down from above and helping all of us manage our grief. May her family be comforted in knowing that she led a wonderful life.

Marie and Bill U'Ren

MARIE UREN - January 22, 2023 at 02:37 PM

MS

“ How do you describe a person like Frances....My neighbor and Friend? She was indescribably warm and lovely. So brilliant and kind. She reached out to me because she knew I was suffering as a mother of an addicted son. She spent over an hour or more on the phone with me during covid....giving me her positive and experienced ear and feedback. She let me lean on her! She was grand without acting grand as she was so down to earth and easy going. Oh gosh I can only imagine how Jack and the Marks squared and Ashley and her boys will miss what is a gaping hollow not having her fabulous voice of reason and comfort. But now she gets to Rest In Peace and for that we are grateful. God Bless her sweet soul.

Martha Witte Suss - January 22, 2023 at 11:40 AM

LM

“ My husband Byron and I met Frances and Jack as a result of meeting Mark Sr. (and Jr.) when he worked on the construction of our home and subsequently engaging Mark Sr. to construction manage the completion after builders filed for bankruptcy. After bonding with Mark Sr. and Jr. we learned of his parents Frances and Jack who played a significant role in the Marks' family unit. I remember having them join us for dinner in our newly completed home and getting to know them better. What a wonderful family, the Mason's, and Frances and I found ourselves to be kindred spirits. She has supported and guided me through thick and thin over time, and I will miss her positive mentoring spirit in our engagements. However, I only need to look as far as my heart to find her there encouraging me and wishing me happiness. Frances, I thank God for your short walk home but will miss our exchanges terribly. Prayers, peace and positive energy to all of her loved ones as they venture forward without her. Thank you for sharing her with me.

Lisa McAllister - January 19, 2023 at 07:48 PM

VB

“ Vickie Bildstein lit a candle in memory of Frances Harriss Mason



Vickie Bildstein - January 18, 2023 at 07:56 PM

CJ

Frances will be missed by many. We worked together for several years. Enjoyed our conversations so much! She was a kind and lovely person.

Chris Jay - January 22, 2023 at 02:46 PM

MM

From Mary Lou on behalf of our book club: We met Frances years ago when she joined us at Kelley Moran's invitation. From day one, we loved here... her stories, her thoughtful additions to our conversations, her spirit, her thrill at being with us each month, and now, her bravery at the end. We all miss you, Frances.

Mary Lou Malone - January 28, 2023 at 11:31 AM