



Frances White

June 12, 1945 - September 7, 2023

The Love of My Life, Frances “Fran” White, 78, who epitomized the song “Always and Forever” by the group Heat Wave, passed away peacefully at Hospice House in Easton, MD, on September 7, 2023.

She was born in New York, NY, on June 12, 1945. She was the daughter of William Joseph Breen and Lillian Moss. She was briefly relocated to England with her mother, but later returned to the United States as a young child to live with her paternal grandparents.

Fran graduated from St. Elizabeth High School in New York City in 1963. After a five-year courtship, she married her beloved Thomas J. White. They were married on April 16, 1967. By August 1969, Fran and Thomas were the proud parents of so called “Irish twins” with one born in July of 1968 and the other August 1969.

During the early years of their children’s lives, Fran was a stay-at-home mom. Even while raising the kids, Fran focused her objectives on pursuing a teaching career. While she was doing that, her mother-in-law was extremely helpful with the kids. Fran earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Pace College in New York in 1970 and continued her education by earning her master’s degree in science from Herbert Lehman College in New York in 1975.

During those years, Fran and Thomas relocated from the city environment to various communities in Westchester County, NY. Fran worked as a temporary teacher in Greenwich, CT, and Ossining, NY, landing a full-time teaching position at the Carmel Central School District in Patterson, NY. She worked for twenty years as a teacher in the elementary school and as a guidance counselor at the high school. She loved working with children and was a huge advocate for them, much to the annoyance of the administration.

While working she continued her own education. She earned her Master of Science degree from the College of New Rochelle in New York in 1983, and a professional diploma in administration and supervision from Fordham University in New York in 1985. She then went on to earn her Doctor of Philosophy degree from Walden University in Delaware in 1986.

Due to her early upbringing, Fran was extremely passionate about family. In addition to her children, she adored her grand- and great-grandchildren. Her love for them was equally reciprocated. She never missed a birthday, holiday, or anniversary. At the birth of each grand and great-grandchild, she gifted them a specially created framed needlepoint project for their nursery. She thoroughly enjoyed needlepoint projects and crossword puzzles throughout her life. In addition, she was also the author of several children's books.

Due to illness, Fran retired from teaching in 1996. After retirement, she and Tom moved to Easton, MD, in 1998, where they enjoyed life on the Eastern Shore. Unfortunately, the illnesses continued but she beat the odds as the Lord decided she still had work to accomplish and to enjoy her growing family.

In addition to her parents and grandparents, she is preceded in death by her sibling, Bill Breen.

She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Thomas J. White; son, Chris White; daughter, Jennifer DiCaprio; siblings, Susan, Susan, Jacqueline, Vicki, Michael, and Alice; nine grandchildren; and six great- grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in her memory to St. Jude's Children's Hospital and/or Talbot Hospice Foundation.

Unforgettable Nat King and Natalie Cole

Tribute Wall



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



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 20, 2023 at 05:58 PM

“ Fran and I were besties. Both born in New York City we met the very first time at St. Elizabeth's Catholic School. Our nun Sr. Mary Lydia lined up all up all the boys on one side and girls on the other side of our classroom our 1st day of school.

I being the smallest girl and John Fray the smallest boy watched as Sister continued to create the lines. Fran was right behind me.

We had our desks together and became instant friends. Over the years we had Sr. Mary Karen, 2nd grade, Sister St. Edward 3rd grade, Mrs. Cannon 4th grade and got Lucky with Mother St. Edward in 5th grade.

We loved her as having her a second time we knew what she expected.

She taught us penmanship and reminded me that she loved getting my cards throughout the years because my penmanship was so beautiful. When I went to visit her in Philadelphia PA. after she retired,

she raved about my hand writing and said I cannot forget how beautiful you write. Just remember who taught you. I do to this day. When someone compliments my writing I always say my 5th grade nun taught me.

When Fridays came Fran and I met her mom on 181st St. to enjoy a milkshake. Then my dad died and my mom moved my 2 sisters and I to PA. I thanked her for that but missed my bestie. We stayed in touch over the years writing to each other.

I stopped by her home in Maryland on the way from visiting friends in PA. but she and her hubby were not there.

I left her a note as could not stay and wait as my sister was expecting me in NC.

Fran called me when they got home and She and I talked and said would try and stop again in the future.

Unfortunately never had that chance again.

Then in 2021 my husband passed away so my trips ended pretty much.

But now over a year that my bestie is gone my memories of her and our friendship still remain. I miss you dear friend.

May God watch over Fran and Mother St. Edward always. I love you

both.

Carol Ann (Czinka) Durfee - January 04, 2025 at 01:50 PM



“ *Frances White*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM

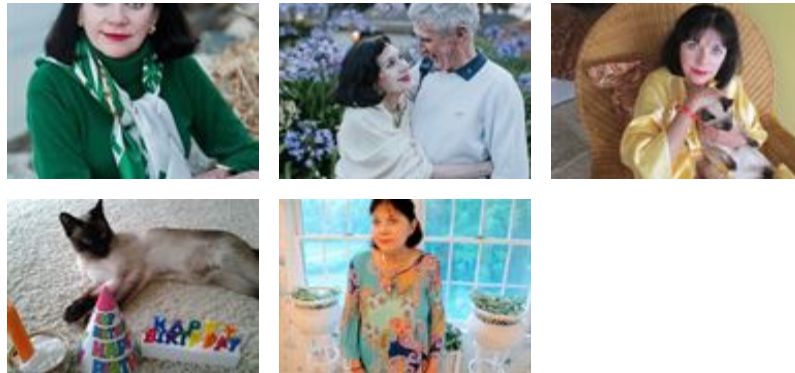


“ *Tommy,
I am deeply saddened by the loss of my dear long time friend. She will be missed. I know that my dear wife Joan and Fran will once again unite in Heaven. These ladies were truly two beautiful souls
——Steve Kavashansky*

Stephen Kavashansky - September 29, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *54 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 20, 2023 at 05:33 PM

TL

“ Condolences to Mr. White and the DiCaprio family. May happy memories bring you peace.
John & Trudy Leager



Trudy R Leager - September 13, 2023 at 04:21 PM

DG

“ Dear Tom and family, Gene and I will miss Fran very much. We want you to know that we will always remember a brave and strong lady whose creative strengths made the world a little better place. Bon Voyage dear neighbor, until we meet again.
May God Bless you,
Gene & Doris

Doris Gerlach - September 12, 2023 at 12:57 PM

BE

“ I didn't know her, but it sounds like she was a wonderful educator, wife, mother, writer, and tireless advocate for our children which we always need. Prayers to the family and heavenly thanks to her for all she did for the students.



Beverly Era - September 12, 2023 at 09:41 AM

PK

I'm so so sorry about the loss of your Mom, Grandma. I only met her a few times but it was evident, in part from knowing 2 of her granddaughters very well, what a beautiful person she was, inside and out. My heart goes out to all of her loved ones at this difficult times. Prayers of comfort are with each of you.

Pam Kline - September 14, 2023 at 02:04 PM

PK

My thoughts, heart and prayers are with her loved ones.

Pam Kline - September 14, 2023 at 02:07 PM

BR

I just read this notice today and learned about Fran's passing. I was so sad to hear that news. What a gentle and dear lady. We worked together professionally in Easton and both shared the love of helping families deal with the challenges of learning differences and life. Whether working with children or adults, she had an understanding and compassion that was so real. Hoping to hear about a service or some occasion to celebrate her life. My thoughts and prayers are with all her
Beverly Rohman

Beverly Rohman - September 27, 2023 at 08:16 PM