



## Frances Isabel Frazee

June 20, 1942 - March 23, 2021

Frazee, Frances Isabel nee Lenth age 78, of Plymouth passed away on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, of congestive heart failure. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Charles Sterling Lenth of Boulder, CO. She is survived by her husband Robert Frazee, two children, four grandchildren, and her sister, Mary Gwin-Lenth of New Hope, MN. Fran was born in Minneapolis, MN, on June 20, 1942, to E. Earl Lenth and Frances Sprenger Lenth. Fran lived the life of her dreams. She had always wanted to be a teacher. Following graduation from West High School in Minneapolis she attended Hamline University, St Paul, MN, graduating in 1964 with a B.A. in English and math. She married Robert Frazee ("Bob") of Bird Island, MN, that summer and began her career of teaching English and math at Edina Sr. High School. For the next 10 years she taught in schools in Leavenworth, KS, the US Army dependent schools in Germany, and at Fort Eustis, VA. In 1974 she returned to Minnesota when Bob was discharged from the U.S. Army. She immediately started teaching at various schools in the Robbinsdale School District eventually settling down as a Seventh Grade EBD Special Education teacher at Sandburg Jr. H.S. In 1985 She took a sabbatical and in June, 1986, earned a Master of Education Degree from the University of Minnesota. When she retired in 2003, she had been an EBD Special Education teacher for more than 30 years. Fran married Bob 56 years ago on July 18, 1964, after meeting at Hamline and dating for four years. They had many common interests and loved learning and the opportunities, both social and educational, Hamline

offered. Both of their fathers attended Hamline along with many cousins, siblings, and their daughter Suzanne. Fran and Bob have two children, Phillip J. Frazee (Laura) living in Carlsbad, CA, and Suzanne Smith (Rob) who live in Roseville, MN. They are blessed with four grandchildren, Abigail, who is attending UMD, and Elle Monet, Sawyer, and Slater in Carlsbad, CA. Fran lived an exciting 18 years following her retirement. Surgery for breast cancer in 2001 did not dampen her zest for living. Fran always had a passion for reading and thoroughly enjoyed the thrill of traveling. She and Bob visited six of the seven continents and accomplished their goal of being able to say "I've been there" whenever they saw a movie or program on television. She visited "The Holy Land" and found it to be much like her mother saw it in 1935. She floated in the Dead Sea. She hiked Ayers Rock in Australia, the great wall of China, the Potala Palace in Tibet, the Gates of the Sun in Machu Picchu, Peru, and the Jungfrau in Switzerland. She went scuba diving in the Caribbean and Great Barrier Reef of Australia. Her travels by motorcycle included following the Lewis and Clark trail to the Pacific Ocean and along the Saint Lawrence Seaway to the Atlantic. Five weeks relaxing in the sun on a white sandy beach of Grand Cayman was always a spring highlight for 30 years. She was proud of her role in serving our country by teaching and supporting Bob in his 30 year military career. She was frequently heard to say, "When we were in the army" Fran was active in Brunswick United Methodist Church for 47 years. Her faith, family, and friends sustained her over the years and especially these past several months. When we look to the Heavens, we know she will be there smiling down on us. Fran cherished the friendships she made at West High School, Hamline University, teaching at Sandburg, belonging to the UMW at Brunswick, and as an active member of three motorcycle clubs. The Sprenger family has always been close and Fran enjoyed the family gatherings with more cousins than we could count. "Fransabel," as she was known by everyone, will be missed, but we have the joy of knowing she has loved, and was loved by, so many people. The recent telephone calls, personal visits, cards, and e-mail messages Fran received

were very precious to her. Hearing that she had made a difference and had an impact on so many lives was very heartfelt. A special thank you to Dr. Martha Hageness, Fran's physician for 20 years, and all the staff at the Park Nicollet Medical Center, Methodist Hospital, and the Hospice providers. Fran is now at peace and a Celebration of her Life will be held at Brunswick Methodist Church sometime this summer or fall when large gatherings are allowed. Fran's wishes were that any Memorials be sent to Hamline University or the American Cancer Society.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I taught with Fran for many years at Sandburg. We both taught special education. Fran was always professional and a strong advocate for her students. She was always beautifully dressed and without a hair out of place.

I have many magnificent memories of Fran. She was so proud of her children and so in love with Bob. When she spoke of them, she invariably punctuated it with a bright smile. She has been responsible for making so many positive impacts in people's lives, me for one.

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**James Paster** - April 01, 2021 at 06:24 PM

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“ Oh I'm sad, I worked for her as a special Ed assistant and loved it. She was so good to her students and to me. Rest In Peace Fran, I love you.

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**Jackie Paster** - March 31, 2021 at 10:31 PM