



Frances Kolb Hoops

April 5, 1928 - March 31, 2020

Frances K. Hoops

Frances “Fran” K. Hoops, age 91, of Edina, MN and formerly of Green Bay, WI, went to be with her Lord on March 31, 2020. She was born on April 5, 1928 in Bethlehem, PA to the late Earl and Cora Kolb. She attended Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA and earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Technology.

Fran was a tireless volunteer, helping people throughout Green Bay. She served as a deacon at both First Presbyterian Church of DePere and Wequiock Presbyterian Church in Green Bay. During her lifetime of service, she volunteered for Green Bay Hospice, Meals on Wheels, and Paul’s Pantry. Fran’s ready smile and compassionate heart greeted countless people over many years. She enjoyed gardening, crafting, and needlework. She loved visiting with close friends. Fran adored her children and delighted in the birth of each of her 5 grandchildren.

Survivors include her two sons, Harold (Debra) Hoops III of Geneseo, NY and David (Karen) Hoops of Edina, MN, and one daughter Barbara (Gene) Geiger of Waukesha, WI. She is also survived by five grandchildren: David and Donna Hoops, Robert and Christian Hoops, and Eric Banks. In addition, she leaves behind many beloved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 57 years, Harold J. Hoops Jr., and her brothers, Earl Kolb and Albert Kolb.

A memorial service, at a time yet to be determined, will be held at Wequiock Presbyterian Church, 4014 Wequiock Road, Green Bay, WI 54311. Private family burial will take place at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations be made to one of the following: Wequiock Presbyterian Church, Alzheimer's Association, or Bellin College, Attn: Development, 3201 Eaton Road, Green Bay, WI 54311 (Memo: Harold and Fran Hoops Scholarship).

Tribute Wall

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“ To all the Hoops' especially Barb, Harold and David,
Your mother and my mother had an incredible friendship that lasted over 50 years. As I have sorted through memories to share with you, I see them busy, usually talking, with smiles on their faces and frequently laughing. They had so much fun together.
Though we were neighbors for only a few years the friendships lasted lifetimes. There were vacations, particularly memorable the ones on Lake Superior. There were also long weekends in Green Bay and then there were the phone calls. A conversation with Fran was a highlight for Isabel. Over the years she shared details from the calls with me and I know she did the same with my sister Jane. She kept us up-to-date on all the Hoops.
Legendary in my family is the 2006 trip my Mom and your Mom took with my then 17 year old daughter Maggie as their driver. They shared many laughs on the road. A long, shopping filled meander through Dorr County, sometimes being given contrary directions by her busily talking passengers was a lesson in patience for Maggie. My mother loved every minute, well aware how unusual it was for a teen-aged granddaughter to willingly hangout with her and a dear friend.
Many years ago I figured out that my parents, Bob and Isabel, had incredible friends. The gold standard of those friends were Fran and Hal Hoops. My dad thoroughly enjoyed his time with them. He had great respect and admiration for your dad and I remember that he particularly enjoyed that if he humorously teased your mother, she could give it back to him with that wonderful smile on her face.
My family is thinking of you all at this difficult time. God bless you.
Tim Babb

Tim Babb - April 08, 2020 at 06:43 PM

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“ Hi Barb, Harold and David,
I have so many wonderful memories of your mom. My impression of her when I was a kid was that she was the most beautiful woman in my little universe—tall, tan in the summer and sophisticated. Beyond that, she was incredibly kind, with a quick laugh. That was especially true when Fran and my mom were together. I remember one time when my dad had blown up about something and my feelings were hurt, Fran took time to comfort me.

Then there were the summer vacations on Lake Superior. Mom and Fran at the kitchen table planning the day's activities and menu. If we kids got out and picked them in the woods, there would be blueberry kuchen for dessert. I still have that recipe and it is now a favorite of a new generation.

She will be greatly missed, but she is at peace now and you can all be so proud of the life she lived and the wonderful family she and Hal raised. Love you all.
Jan(i)e Babb Walker

Jane Walker - April 05, 2020 at 01:02 PM

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“ What a lovely lady! She was the ultimate hostess and mother. I loved being with her and spending time talking about just about anything.

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