



Frances Hoppenrath

December 10, 1939 - April 26, 2022

Frances Ann Hoppenrath's journey ended on April 26, 2022 at the age of 82. Devoted Wife, Mother and Grandmother. She loved her friends and family, any kind of card game, she was an avid reader, and enjoyed making others laugh with a silly joke.

She met her husband, Richard, at a boat race at Long Lake in New Brighton, MN which then became the norm over the years as she supported him at his races across the Midwest. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in March.

One of Fran's proudest accomplishments was paying her own way through college at the University of Minnesota while working and graduated with a degree in Elementary Education. Fran went on to obtain her master's degree from Mankato State. She was a dedicated educator with the Bloomington Public Schools for over 30 years.

Fran had an adventurous passion for travel. She and Dick traveled extensively, sharing worldwide experiences as they visited 99 countries...1 short of her goal. Her journeys filled her life with stories to tell.

Her courageous spirit allowed her to survive a rare auto-immune disorder, Churg-Strauss Syndrome, during the last 30 years of her journey. To know Fran, even as she suffered, was to witness fierce determination and strength. She was not going to miss her grandchildren growing up or her next planned adventure.

Fran is survived by her loving family: Husband Richard; Children Bill (Jackie

Spehar) Hoppenrath, Anne (Kevin) Hines; Grandchildren Madeline and Joe Hoppenrath, Kendall Hines. She is also survived by sisters Joan Olson, Margaret (Tom) Barnes along with many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by parents Frank and Margaret Hill.

Gratitude to Cherrywood Advanced Living in Andover, MN along with Allina Hospice for tending to her with love and compassion on the last leg of her journey.

Memorials are not preferred, rather we encourage you to put it toward your own journey and visit that 100th country for Fran.

A mass of Christian burial will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Anoka, MN at 11am, with visitation at 10 am. A luncheon will follow.

Burial will be at Dawn Valley Memorial Park in Bloomington at 2:30 pm.

Cemetery Details

Dawn Valley Memorial Park (Bloomington)

9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stephen's Catholic Church
525 Jackson St
Anoka, MN 55303
(763) 421-2471

Burial

MAY 10. 2:30 PM (CT)

Dawn Valley Memorial Park
9940 Bush Lake Rd
Bloomington, MN 55438
(952) 941-7686
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Tribute Wall

TC

“ *The Sunday Night Hockey Club purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Frances Hoppenrath.*



The Sunday Night Hockey Club - May 09, 2022 at 10:11 AM

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“ *What an honor and tribute in my life to have known and worked with Fran. She was a devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother, teacher, co-worker and principal. She headed our Special Education Department with her knowledge and expertise of educational laws and services to students. She was a master teacher, educator, and leader. We got our Master's Degree together at Mankato State University all the while teaching full time.*

She shared her experiences of family, friends, and travels. It was always interesting to hear where she and Dick had traveled on vacation breaks. For many years they went to FL on Christmas vacation breaks. Other times we'd have to get a map and see where a country or island was located that they had just visited. As soon as one trip was completed, she would be planning the next adventure. I never realized that she and Dick had been on 99 trips. I think your last trip is the best of all, the 100th trip . . . into the loving arms of Almighty God and your eternal home in Heaven.

Mary Ann Rolandson - May 07, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Frances Hoppenrath.*



May 06, 2022 at 02:45 PM



“ *What a dear friend Fran has been to me. We were teaching friends for many years. She was also my principal one year. We both have Ann daughters born on the same day, only a year apart. Fran was my encourager to get a masters degree. I admired her strength so much as she traveled this long declining road. She shared her love of travel with many of us. I knew she and Dick had traveled to many countries, but had no idea that it was 99. I think she made it to 100. Heaven is her wonderful grand finale!!*

Bev Larson - May 02, 2022 at 01:25 PM