



Frances Jane Fears

May 24, 1938 - December 7, 2018

Frances Jane Fears (Fran) passed away on December 7, 2018 at Paramount Court in Turlock, CA. The third of six children, she was born May 24, 1938 in Wishek, North Dakota to John and Bertha Wallenten. The family moved to Richmond, CA in 1943, where her father worked in the shipyards. She went to school (K-12th grade) in Richmond and graduated from Richmond Union High school in 1956.

Frances married the love of her life, Leonard Darius Fears, on November 7, 1958 at Clinton Avenue Baptist Church in Richmond, CA. They moved to the Bay Area where they raised their three children, Leland Dale, Debra Louise and Kirby Eugene. Frances worked as an Office Manager and Bookkeeper for Brogden Brothers Construction and Bay-Air Air Conditioning Company. In 2000, they retired to Pine Mountain Lake in Groveland, CA. After 42 years of marriage, Leonard became ill with pancreatic cancer and passed away on December 17, 2000. The next summer, looking for some adventure and to make new friends, Frances participated in the Twain Harte Sonora Pass Wagon train. Frances loved to travel and, over the next several years, traveled extensively with her sisters and friend from Pine Mt. Lake.

While in the Bay Area, Frances and Leonard were members of the First Baptist Church of El Sobrante, Pacheco Baptist Church in Martinez and, after moving to Groveland, the Big Oak Flat Baptist Church. Frances often served as Treasurer and Leonard had a beautiful voice and sang in the choir.

Frances loved to attend the theater with her sisters. She was an avid reader

(reading 3 or 4 books at a time) and loved the outdoors; you could often find her outside rather than in the house. She adored Yosemite and decorated her home with Ansell Adams photographs. While in Pine Mountain Lake, she became a quilter and was a member of the Quilt Guild. She was also involved with the senior lunch program, providing senior meals and Meals on Wheels to the residents of the area. He moved to Turlock in 2010 to be closer to her family. In keeping with her desire to help others, she volunteered at the public library and the Gallo Art Gallery.

Frances loved her family and is survived by her three children: Leland (Mary) Fears, Debra (Richard) Lester and Kirby (Jackie) Fears; her grandchildren: Eric (Brandon) Breeman, Ashley (Roger) Perry, Amanda (Dustin) Fears, Wesley (Melisa) Brandau and Kyle Fears-Pierzina; her great-grandchildren: Maci Brandau and Devin Calavan; and her sisters and brother: Marlyn Kauk, Mavis Magstadt, Harlyn Wallenten, Vivian (George) Rose and Joyce Floyd. Recognition should be made to her daughter, Debe, for her devotion to her mother during her illness. We would also like to recognize Sherrie and DeeDee (home-caregivers), Paramount Court Memory Care Unit and Covenant Care Hospice, who all were very caring and kind to her. A special thanks to her son-in-law, Richard Lester and grandson, Kyle, for holding her hand and being there for Frances during her illness.

A memorial service will be held for Fran at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 29, 2018 at the Lifegate Freewill Baptist Church, 2217 Geer Rd, Turlock, CA 95382. After the service, please feel free to join the family for a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Fran's honor to the Alzheimer's Association at www.act.alz.org or to the Dementia Society of America at www.dementiasociety.org.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Lifegate Freewill Baptist Church
2217 Geer Rd
Turlock, CA 95382

Reception to Follow

DEC **29**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Fellowship Hall at Lifegate Freewill Baptist Church
2217 Geer Rd.
Turlock, CA 95382

Tribute Wall



“ *Frances Jane Fears*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Memories of Frances & the Wallenten family go way back to Harbor Gate Days when my family also moved there from North Dakota. We lived on the same street and both our fathers worked in the shipyards. Fran was a year ahead of me at Richmond Union High School. I'm happy that Fran lived a rich and fulfilling life before a devastating illness took her from this earth. May God comfort her surviving family and friends during this difficult time.*

Janet Granger Bloom - December 24, 2018 at 01:17 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frances Jane Fears.*



December 21, 2018 at 08:35 PM



“ *Ken and I enjoyed trips to Colorado and Wyoming in our airplane with Leonard and Fran. Great memories of two great people.*



Patricia Helling - December 21, 2018 at 05:25 PM

JS

“ *Joyce Floyd (Fran's sister) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Frances Jane Fears.*



Joyce Floyd (Fran's sister) - December 21, 2018 at 04:47 PM

MK

“ *I will think of forever, her energy, her devotion to family and being there for them. Her love of travel, books, quilting, and witty saying that were all over her house. I shall remember the trip to visit our brother going through the redwoods and the time we spent with him, she bought many plaque with witty saying. I bought nothing. My sympathy to her children and thanks to Debe, Richard and Kyle who cared for her as long as they could. She is at peace. Marlyn*



Marlyn M Kauk - December 19, 2018 at 11:45 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Frances Jane Fears.*



December 19, 2018 at 01:56 PM

VR

“ *Vivian Rose lit a candle in memory of Frances Jane Fears*



Vivian Rose - December 19, 2018 at 11:51 AM

Ashley Perry

“ *Ashley Perry lit a candle in memory of Frances Jane Fears*



Ashley Perry - December 19, 2018 at 09:08 AM



“ *Kirby Fears lit a candle in memory of Frances Jane Fears*



Kirby Fears - December 18, 2018 at 10:20 PM

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“ *Debe Lester (Daughter) lit a candle in memory of Frances Jane Fears*



Debe Lester (Daughter) - December 16, 2018 at 08:04 PM