



Frances L. (Phelps) Walker

September 6, 1928 - April 9, 2024

Frances L. (Phelps) Walker, (aka-mom, Fran, May and Mabel), 95 years young, passed away peacefully the morning of April 9th, 2024, after battling a severe two-month illness. She passed away comforted by her son-in-law David Desris, longtime friend and caretaker, Tina Cassanova, thoughts from her loving daughter Tammy Desris and listening to John Denver's song:

- Almost heaven, West Virginia Blue Ridge mountains, Country roads, take me home to the place I belong, West Virginia, mountain mama, take me home country roads.

Frances, the daughter of Margaret and Cecil Phelps was born September 6, 1928, in Dorothy, West Virginia and was one of 14 siblings. Soon after being married, Frances and husband Don H. Walker, moved to Sarasota, Florida where she lived for over 60 years. She was a devoted homemaker, family oriented and worked at various positions in the restaurant business. She enjoyed boating, bowling, traveling, and socializing with her fantastic neighbors, that were more than neighbors over the years, in the community of Turtle Rock on Plamer Ranch. Fiercely independent, at 95, she lived in her home with the help of family, neighbors, Tina, and friends.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband Don H. Walker, and long-term companion Colonel Walter Hooper and many adored pets. She is survived by

her daughter Tamyra (Walker) Desris, son-in-law David Desris, many nieces and nephews in West Virginia, her grand dog Malibu and grand horses Rumor and Dakota of Pleasant Prairie, WI.

An open visitation will be held from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon on Friday, April 19, 2024, at Toale Brothers (40 N. Orange Ave) in Sarasota followed by a burial service at 1:00 PM at Sarasota Memorial Park (5833 S. Tamiami Trail) where she will be laid to rest by her loving family and friends.

She will be missed by everyone.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to any Humane Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel
40 N. Orange Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34236
(941) 955-4171
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Burial Service

APR 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sarasota Memorial Park
5833 S Tamiami Trail
Sarasota, FL 34231