



Frances Carolyn (Zawadzki) Lapinski

August 9, 2023

Frances Carolyn (Zawadzki) Lapinski died peacefully at the age of 95 on August 9, 2023, at her home in Venice, Florida. Fran was the loving wife of John F. Lapinski who predeceased her in 2015, a tireless and nurturing mother of ten children, and a beloved daughter of the late James and Eva (Malanowski) Zawadzki of South Hadley, MA.

Following her graduation from the Springfield Hospital Nursing Program, Fran married John Lapinski and together they raised their family in South Hadley before retiring to Venice, Florida. A lifelong fan of the Boston Red Sox, Fran also enjoyed golfing, bike riding, swimming and gathering with friends for a game of cards. Fran was a founding volunteer at the Venice Area Pregnancy Care Center, counseling and caring for young mothers and children for many years.

With an innate efficiency and grace, Fran skillfully blended her practical nursing training with her chosen career of motherhood, for which her children are incredibly grateful. Mom will be deeply missed by Elaine Lapinski Smith of Venice, FL, Kathryn Durmick of Franktown, VA, Mary Lou Kaplan of Wilder, ID, Jack Lapinski, Jr. of Naples, FL, Alexandra Lapinski Fogg of Panton, VT, David Lapinski of Flagstaff, AZ, Christopher Lapinski of South Hadley, MA, Regina Naramore of Lowell, VT, Victoria Graziano of Virginia Beach, VA, and Matthew Lapinski of Barrington, RI.

Fran is survived by her siblings, James Zawadzki of San Diego, CA, Dorothy Skibel of South Hadley, and Carolyn Casiello of Feeding Hills, MA.

The family wishes to thank CNAs Candy Andrie, Sue Meyer and Mara Laurent for their exceptional care.

Family and friends are invited to gather for a funeral mass at Our Lady of the Cross Parish Church in Holyoke, MA on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 10:00 am, followed by interment at Mater Dolorosa Cemetery in South Hadley, MA.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Frances' name to the Venice Area Pregnancy Care Center, 301 Bayshore Drive, Venice, FL 34285.