



Frances H. Noonan

October 4, 1929 - November 22, 2023

Portsmouth - Frances H. Noonan, 94, formerly of Hampton, died peacefully on Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023, at the Edgewood Centre in Portsmouth.

She was born in Portsmouth on October 4, 1929, a beloved daughter of the late Paul J. and Margaret (Leary) Heffernan. Raised in Portsmouth, she graduated from Portsmouth High School in 1947. She shared nearly 50 years of marriage with John E. Noonan, Jr. who predeceased her in 2006. They married in 1956 at Saint Catherine's Church in Portsmouth and together built a home in Hampton on Josephine Drive, where they resided for many years.

Frances held many jobs over the course of her long life, first helping as a teenager at her grandmother's store on Bartlett Street, followed by post-high school work at the Portsmouth School Department, a brief stint at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and at the Internal Revenue Service, where she would meet her future husband. After a break to raise the couple's two children, she worked in the Hampton schools lunch program, the Hampton Co-op Bank, in the office of Attorney Brian Doherty, as a secretary for the Superintendent of Schools Department in Hampton, and in her later years at the Passport Center at Pease. In addition, she volunteered at the voting polls in Hampton and at the Portsmouth Hospital.

A resident of Hampton since 1958, she was a communicant of Our Lady of the

Miraculous Medal Church. She devoted her considerable energy to her family which was her first and foremost priority. She enjoyed weekly get-togethers with her knitting club, a group of women whose friendship spanned half a century. The meticulous scrapbooks she kept documented her travels, including several cross-country drives to nearly all fifty states, memorable cruises to Alaska, the Caribbean and the Panama Canal as well as a tour of Switzerland, Austria and Germany.

Frances is survived by her daughter Catherine Noonan and her partner Robert Perry Jr. of Sanford, ME; her daughter Margaret Witherington and her husband Blake of Newburyport, MA; grandchildren, Samantha and Katy Bryan, John Kellam and Emma Frances Witherington; and nieces, Beth Hamm, Lisa Moore and Karen Arbuckle.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her sister, Carole H. Guenther.

The family is very grateful for the kindness and care Frances received from the staff at Edgewood Centre.

A visiting hour will be held from 10 – 11 AM on Saturday, December 9, 2023 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 11:30 AM at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. Burial will follow in the Calvary Cemetery, Portsmouth. If desired, memorial donations may be made to Catholic Charities New Hampshire by clicking here (<https://www.cc-nh.org/ways-to-give/donate/>) or by mail to Department D Box 9510, Manchester, NH 03108-9510.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Rt 33, Greenland, Rd.
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
(603) 926-6500
info@remickgendron.com
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 9. 11:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church
289 Lafayette Rd
Hampton, NH 03842

Tribute Wall



“ God bless Fran, I had the delight of knowing her from the Edgewood Centre. Fran was witty and charming and had a good moral belief system. She had the prettiest eyes and cutest smile. And she really loved her family. I know she's in Heaven. Love, Colette

Colette - December 24, 2023 at 06:29 AM

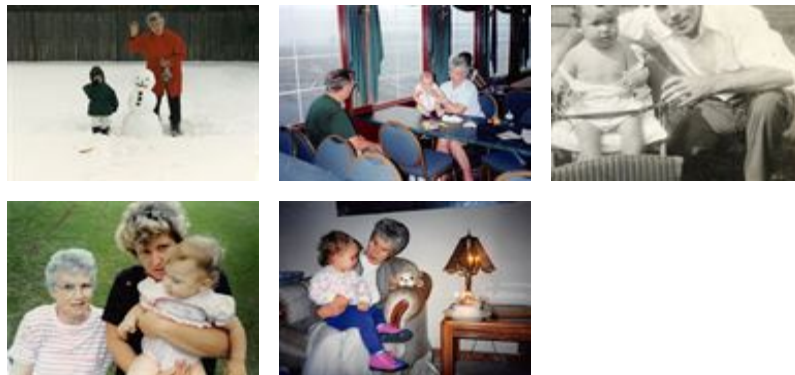


“ Cindy S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances H. Noonan.

Cindy S. - December 09, 2023 at 07:16 AM



“ 141 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - December 07, 2023 at 02:02 PM

LI

“ Cathy, Margaret, and families: I am praying for you to have Christ's "peace that passes all understanding." Hold on to the precious memories of your sweet family!!

I have so many fond childhood memories with y'all! Some of my most favorite memories were to Lake Winnepesaukee, Yokens, StoryLand, The Wentworth By the Sea, and, of course, multiple trips to the various beaches. Your mom always had popsicles for us in the freezer! Love you both!! Lisa

Lisa - December 04, 2023 at 10:21 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frances H. Noonan.



December 03, 2023 at 12:36 PM

HC

“ Dear Cathy and Margaret, my deepest condolences to you both. You were blessed with wonderful, loving parents. Frances and John were good friends of mine from my first meeting them at the IRS in 1958. One always knew where they stood with John and Frances. They were people of integrity and goodwill. The IRS was well served by both of them. God bless.

Al Casassa

H. Alfred Casassa - December 01, 2023 at 03:20 PM

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“ I have many wonderful memories of spending summers at the beach in NH with our grandparents plus Aunt Frances and family. I told her recently how much I remembered all she did for us as kids. She was surprised I remembered and was thankful I did. Every time I spoke to her she always said “I love you all” and to “Please tell them I said hello” when she asked about any family. Cathy and Margaret~you are in my constant thoughts and prayers. Our moms are at peace and together again along with our dads. Love to you both and your families~Beth & family



Beth (niece) - November 30, 2023 at 10:33 PM

MJ

“ Maria J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances H. Noonan.

Maria J. - November 30, 2023 at 05:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frances H. Noonan.



November 30, 2023 at 01:30 PM

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“ Sofia Fuentes &family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances H. Noonan.

Sofia Fuentes &family. - November 30, 2023 at 01:30 PM

MS

“ Dear Cathy and all of the Noonan Family, My heart ❤️ and prayers 🙏 are with you and your family. My mother Kathleen (Timmons)Shea often spoke of he friend "Frannie"...am guessing they knew each other since Portsmouth High School...(who knew ears later we would be neighbors in Josephine Drive / Bourne Ave...perhaps they are even having their own class reunion now in Heaven...Peace and prayers from your neighbor and fellow WHS Band member... Maureen Shea

Maureen Shea - November 30, 2023 at 11:02 AM

MS

“ Maureen Shea lit a candle in memory of Frances H. Noonan



Maureen Shea - November 30, 2023 at 10:51 AM