



## Frances R. Hickey

May 7, 1924 - June 11, 2020

Frances R. Hickey, age 96, wife of Joseph R. Hickey, of Phoenixville, passed away on Thursday, June 11, 2020 in Seasons Hospice.

Fran Hickey (nee O'Neill) was born on May 7, 1924 in Scranton, Pa. At the age of 6 she had her 1st Dance Concert and continued performing every Saturday and Sunday in a Child's program called Mickey Grogin's Gang until age 15 when the family moved to Philadelphia. This was the end her dancing career but the start of her future life when she met her best friend for life - Joe Hickey.

Fran attended West Catholic High School for Girls and loved being at an all-girl school. At age 19, she had her 1st taste of volunteerism when she became a Nurse's Aide to help her country in World War II. In addition, she volunteered at the local Stage Door Canteen.

Fran and Joe started their wedded life together in 1950 after his graduation from college. Their 1st home was in Malvern. After 4½ years, they were transferred to California by DuPont. Fran and Joe, for the next 8½ years, were involved in program after program in Church, the children's schools and community endeavors - loving every minute of their life in California.

Upon their return to Radnor, Pa., they settled into raising their five children, volunteering in three schools and in their Church - a very fulfilling life.

Due to Joe's position with DuPont, Fran and Joe were blessed with traveling around the world, living in Sri Lanka and Mexico for three months each - both remarkable experiences.

After Joe's death at age 66, Fran continued with her activities which included her Church Choir and the Philadelphia Archdiocesan Choir. For 30 years, she traveled with the choir to many foreign countries performing under the direction of Dr. Peter Lamanna - the highlight of her life.

Fran's move to Phoenixville came in 1996 to be closer to family. She volunteered at Montgomery Geriatric Center, St Basil's "Greats", her daughter-in-law Jan's Day Care, before joining the Phoenixville Hospital Volunteers (under her daughter, Pam Leiby). In 2014, she was awarded a Grandfather Wall clock for the 10,000 hours of volunteer service to the Hospital - a great honor.

Fran continued to be active well into her 90's, when she moved into a Personal Care apartment at Spring Mill, entertaining fellow residents, playing the games she loved and charming everyone.

Her joy in life, next to her Family, were the many friends she gathered during her lifetime.

God was good.

Fran is survived by her children: Pamela S. (Joe Rollins) Leiby, of Phoenixville, Thomas R. (Teresa) Hickey, of Malvern, David J. Hickey, of Phoenixville, Sean E. (Janis) Hickey, of Phoenixville and Patricia A. Dabrowski, of Mesa, AZ; grandchildren: Ben, Meghan, Chapin, Caitlin, T.C. and Jennica; and great-grandsons: Dylan and Gavin. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents: Harriet (Lathrop) and Aloysius P. O'Neill; and five siblings.

A full celebration of Fran's life will be held when family and friends can gather safely together. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Fran's name may be made to the Phoenixville Hospital through the Reading Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 16052, Reading PA, 19612 or to St. Basil the Great R.C. Church, 2330 Kimberton Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460

Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc. Condolences may be offered online at [www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery

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## **Calvary Cemetery**

235 Matsonford Road

Conshohocken, PA, 19428

# Comments

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“ Tish Fila lit a candle in memory of Frances R. Hickey



Tish Fila - July 07 at 05:03 PM

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“ I was very sad to hear about Fran's passing. I was blessed to have been one of her caregivers. She always greeted me with a smile and a story of all her activities during the week. She will truly be missed. My condolences to the family.

Qiara Bryant - June 27 at 04:39 PM



“ She loved her home and all of those who took care of her. Thank you for all that you did for her while she lived there

Tricia Dabrowski - Yesterday at 11:43 AM

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“ Dear Family of Fran Hickey,

I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother/grandmother/great grandmother. She was in our little Bible Study at Spring Mill. I am the facilitator of the group. I came to love Fran so much during the time that I was blessed to know her. She had a very sincere and deep love of the Lord. Her contributions to our Bible study were wonderful. What a woman of grace and love. What a blessing she must have been to your family.

Like all of you I will miss her so much, but I love to try and image her with Our Lord, free of the wheel chair, able to see what eye has not seen, able to hear what ear has not heard, but to completely take in all that God has readied for her.

Fran, we love you; we miss you and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Love,  
Leslie Bryson

Leslie Bryson - June 17 at 08:27 PM



“ Thank you for sharing such sweet memories Leslie

**Tricia Dabrowski** - Yesterday at 11:44 AM

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“ I'm sad to hear of Fran's passing. I was one of her therapists at PowerBack and enjoyed seeing her and chatting with her when I'd be in the hallways of Spring Mill. Fran always has a smile on her face and a kind word to say. I'll surely miss seeing her at the fountain area. Thinking of all of her family at this time. Sincerely, Marybeth McNally, Physical Therapist Assistant.

**Marybeth McNally** - June 16 at 09:38 PM

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**Pamela Leiby** - June 16 at 08:03 PM

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“ Dear sweet Fran #1, you brought so much joy, light & friendship into my mother's life, Fran #2 over the past few years, and to mine!! We will miss you so much & never forget all the fun times at Spring Mill we shared!! God bless your beautiful family with peace & comfort!!

**Beth Wise** - June 16 at 09:06 AM

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“ Karen Garland lit a candle in memory of Frances R. Hickey



**karen garland** - June 14 at 08:31 PM

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“ Pam and Family,  
I was saddened to hear of Fran's passing. She brought joy and faith to all those around her. Fran's zest for life was a lasting gift she gave to all of us; especially to her "Cafe 147" ladies. Please know, I thought of her often and my heart broke when I heard of her passing. Pam and family, your mom was an absolutely wonderful person that I am glad to have met and served. May God bring you peace as she is laid to rest.

~Karen Garland AND the entire Garland Family.

karen garland - June 14 at 08:30 PM

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“ Our hearts were saddened at Fran's passing. We were blessed to share her friendship for so many years, and will cherish hers and Joe's memories. She was fortunate to have her loving family so near her. God Bless each off you.  
Love to all, Carol & Willard Cummings, Cookeville, Tennessee

Willard Cummings - June 14 at 05:08 PM

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“ From the first day I met her at Spring Mill as a fellow resident, we were "girl friends." We seemed to think alike, enjoy alike and share alike. Our greatest "joy time" together was studying for our Bible Study class. Besides spreading joy and happiness, she was a perfect example of someone doing God's work here below. Now He has taken her to join Him for her eternal reward. I truly loved Fran, and I will miss her terribly.

Lorraine Martin

Lorraine Martin - June 14 at 03:33 PM

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“ She was a huge part of the Spring Mill family of residents and staff and is missed! I loved her huge heart, personality, and spunk!

Amy McCormick - June 14 at 12:30 PM

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“ My heart hurts, but I know Fran is at peace and happy. I know she is praying for each and every one of us whom she has left behind.  
Our Fran is singing with the Choirs of Angels in Heaven. My deepest sympathy goes

out to all her family members and friends.

**Susan** - June 13 at 05:41 PM

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“ Fran, we will miss you. You were always a light in our family and we were blessed to have you in our life.

**Rosemary T Angeloni** - June 13 at 04:41 PM

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“ Dear Hickey family: My thoughts & prayers are going up for you at this time. May God's grace give you comfort! - Patty Dakota Quinn



**Patricia Quinn** - June 13 at 12:03 PM

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**Pamela Leiby** - June 13 at 09:37 AM



“ Beautiful photos!

**Amy McCormick** - June 14 at 12:28 PM