



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 mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at 10:00 am at St. Basil the Great R.C. Church, 2300 Kimberton Road, Kimberton, PA. Officiating will be the Rev. Gary T. Pacitti. Inurnment will follow in the Calvary Cemetery, Conshohocken. 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.

In order to keep family and friends in attendance safe, a mask is required for services.

Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

235 Matsonford Road
Conshohocken, PA 19428

Tribute Wall

TF

“ TO AUNT FRANNIE
FROM TINA
and
GEORGE and IRA GERSHWIN

*There are many, many crazy things
That keep us loving her
And with your permission
May I please refer to*

*The way she wore her hair
The way she did her tree
The way she always cared
No, no, they can't take that away from we*

*The way she loved her lord
The way she sang on key
The way she spread her warmth
No, no, they can't take that away from we*

*We may never, ever meet again,
On that bumpy road above
Still, we'll always, always keep the memory of*

*The way she kept her home
And raised her family
The way she loved us all
No, no they can't take that away from we
No, they can't take that away from we.*

Tina Fila - October 24, 2021 at 03:33 PM

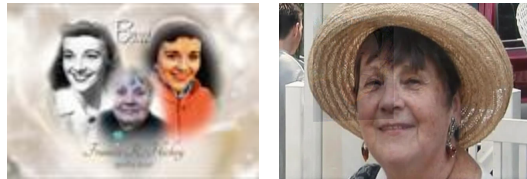
TD

That's wonderful Tina, thank you! -Tricia

Tricia (Hickey) Dabrowski - November 07, 2021 at 08:45 AM



“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - October 17, 2021 at 10:43 PM

SH

“ *I am so sad to see that Fran is gone. I am the daughter of MaryAnn Callahan, my parents were long time friends of Fran and Joe's. My mother still got a card/letter from Fran every Christmas and when we didn't get one this year, I became alarmed. I was so sorry to find this obituary.*

I loved Mr and Mrs Hickey-and will always remember them with such fondness! Mrs Hickey even hosted my wedding shower back in 1982. She was one of the few friends my mother had left in the world. (my mom is 97 yrs old). Such a great lady to have known throughout my life-my heart goes out to all her wonderful children and grandchildren who must miss her. I will always remember her and your dad with a smile-I am glad they are reunited again. May they rest in peace.

Sharon C Hambleton - January 03, 2021 at 11:50 PM

TD

Sharon, we love MaryAnn and 'Beel' just ast much. Please give a hug to your Mom from me. She is a very special lady.

Tricia (Hickey) Dabrowski - November 07, 2021 at 08:48 AM

SH

Aww... Trica that is so sweet! Unfortunately, my mom passed away in July (2021). She was 98 yrs old and was thankful for her wonderful life. All our parents were such wonderful people-I cherish the stories I used to hear about their freindship that lasted through so many years. My only lesson is that I hope others will miss us as much as we miss them!

Sharon Hambleton - November 19, 2021 at 10:27 PM

TF

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



Tish Fila - July 07, 2020 at 05:03 PM

QB

“ *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, 2020 at 04:39 PM

TD

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 - August 04, 2020 at 11:43 AM

LB

“ 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, 2020 at 08:27 PM

TD

Thank you for sharing such sweet memories Leslie

Tricia Dabrowski - August 04, 2020 at 11:44 AM

MM

“ 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, 2020 at 09:38 PM

PL

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Pamela Leiby - June 16, 2020 at 08:03 PM

BW

“ 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, 2020 at 09:06 AM

KG

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



karen garland - June 14, 2020 at 08:31 PM

KG

“ 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, 2020 at 08:30 PM

WC

“ 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, 2020 at 05:08 PM

LM

“ 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, 2020 at 03:33 PM

AM

“ *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, 2020 at 12:30 PM

SU

“ *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, 2020 at 05:41 PM

RA

“ *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, 2020 at 04:41 PM

PQ

“ *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, 2020 at 12:03 PM

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Pamela Leiby - June 13, 2020 at 09:37 AM

AM

Beautiful photos!

Amy McCormick - June 14, 2020 at 12:28 PM