



Frances Marie Church

May 5, 1932 - February 1, 2020

Frances Marie Church, 87, was born in Huntsville, Texas on May 5, 1932. She passed away at Seasons Memory Care in Conroe, Texas on February 1, 2020.

Her parents preceded Frances in death: Anne Parnell Eaves and Wyte Elisha Parrish.

Frances was also preceded in death, prematurely, her husband: Harvey Lee Arnold in 1965. She remarried in 1966 to S. A. Morris; he passed away in 1989. She was also preceded in death by a number of sister-in-laws and brother-in-laws: Katherine Louise Arnold Cotton, Evie Sue Hardy Arnold, Linda Lee Mitchell Parrish, S. O. Cotton, Roy Arnold, and Ralph Arnold. Her son, Brian H. Arnold of Austin, Texas, survives her. Also surviving are Lou Ann Sandel, sister, and Rayford Sandel, brother-in-law. Her brother, William Boyd Parrish, survives her. Sister-in-law, Beverly Bevil Arnold of Houston, also survives her. Six nieces and two nephews with many great-nieces and great-nephews are well-loved survivors.

Frances loved her church, family, friends, and she loved to travel. Frances looked forward each week to her return visits back to the New Waverly Church of Christ. She remained a church member there for six decades; the house next door to the church building is where she lived most of her life. Her most favorite trip abroad blended family and travel; it was spending time with the Arnold family that was living in Tokyo, Japan in 1997. Her second favorite trip was a summer spent at New York University's graduate school programs in

Denmark and England. More importantly, there, she made two new lifelong friends both educators: Mrs. Germalean Collins of Houston, Texas and Ms. Brenda Robinson of Manhattan, New York. They frequently visited at her home in New Waverly.

Frances graduated from Sam Houston State University, B.B.A. (1963), and M.Ed. (1973). She was a retired special education counselor and diagnostician. Frances started at Aldine I.S.D. in the 1960s. The arc of her career included many school district assignments. Her early years were as both a grade school teacher and a high school business education teacher. Her last years at New Waverly I.S.D. were as a counselor. Her most rewarding, heartfelt assignments came with the Special Education Services Cooperatives for the following counties: Montgomery, San Jacinto, and Bell. She was a special education counselor/diagnostician. Toward the end of her professional life, she came full circle with a teaching assignment in the Houston I.S.D.; she neared retirement in the late 1980s.

Thank you to longtime New Waverly neighbor, Monica Ellis, and her husband, Michael Ellis. Both could always be trusted to be there at just the right time. At Frances' request, services will be a brief graveside at East Sandy Cemetery on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 10:00 am. Officiating is Paul Looney, M.D.

Pallbearers: Raymond Vogt, Dennis Reece, Jeff Blount, David Gray, Greg Arnold, and Brad Arnold

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to your preferred Alzheimer's research foundation or association.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at ww.w.shmfh.com

Cemetery Details

East Sandy Cemetery

New Waverly, TX

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

East Sandy Cemetery
New Waverly, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *I wish I had known. You fueled my interest of traveling and learning about the world around me. I still have postcards you sent me. Love you!*
Paula

Paula Christopher - July 19, 2025 at 05:57 PM



“ *Frances Marie Church*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Frances Marie Church.*



February 08, 2020 at 05:00 PM



“ *Jim And Cathy Jones lit a candle in memory of Frances Marie Church*



Jim and Cathy Jones - February 06, 2020 at 10:36 PM

JO

“ It's hard to limit myself to "A" memory of this dear lady. While still a teenager, running around with one of her finest accomplishments, Brian, I visited her home and she picked up a beautiful crystal-like mug and gave it to me. She said, "I like to have something pretty to keep my pens and pencils in." That beautiful pencil holder has adorned many desks in the ensuing years. In more recent times, she and Brian came to visit me and my mom. Not having seen her in a while, I went to the door prepared to show them to the wheelchair ramp and help her in, only to find that she had leaped out of the car and beat Brian to the steps! She held out a GIFT for me, a pretty bejeweled memo pad/mirror. Of course, her most enduring gift, besides Brian, may be the knowledge and confidence passed on to the generations she taught. May God reward her richly and comfort her loved ones until they are together again. ❤️🙏❤️
Joanne Krystyniak Reyes

Joanne - February 05, 2020 at 08:58 PM

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Thanks sharing your special gift with me and so many others at NWHHS. Your mild manner made learning fun. Rest in peace sweet lady. Cade Reece

Cade Reece - February 06, 2020 at 08:42 PM

M.

“ M.Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Frances Marie Church



M.Hyvl - February 05, 2020 at 10:52 AM

MO

“ *It was a joy caring for Mrs. Church over the years. I have peace knowing that she is finally at rest. She was a believer, and that makes it all the more better. Rest in everlasting peace. Brian, you were an excellent son, and she loved you dearly. God Bless!*
Monica E.

Monica - February 04, 2020 at 07:35 PM