



Frances W. Knight

December 15, 1921 - February 19, 2016

In the early morning hours of February 19, 2016, Frances Wise Wilkinson Knight passed from this earthly life to the joys of heaven from her home at Spring Creek Chalet Retirement Residence in Montrose, CO. She previously resided in Franklinton, LA for 63 years. "Miss" Frances, as she was known, was born in Prairieville, LA on December 15, 1921, to Eva Otto Wise and Giles James Wise. After the untimely death of her father in 1926, Frances, her mother and two brothers moved to Jackson, MS. She graduated from Central High School in Jackson in 1939 and from Hillman College, Clinton, MS.

In 1942, Frances married Lt. Patrick Henry Wilkinson who was killed in Germany in December of 1944. Their daughter, Patsy Carol, was born in April, 1945. In 1950, Frances married Wilmer Winston "Doc" Knight, a veterinarian for the State of Louisiana. Martha Frances was born to them in 1951 and James Winston was born in 1955, but lived for only one day.

Frances' career was that of a devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother and friend to many. She loved Jesus and spent her life demonstrating her love for Him by teaching Sunday School and serving in the Woman's Missionary Union holding church, association and state offices. Frances and Doc also served the Lord through participating in mission trips with Campers on Mission. They were charter members of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Franklinton and were active in all phases of church activity. For many years, Frances

belonged to the Franklinton Home & Garden Club and was very talented in flower arranging. This led to years of volunteer work in the Flower Building at the Washington Parish Free Fair.

Preceding Frances in death were her parents, her brothers G.J. and Otto, her husbands, her daughter Patsy Carol, and her son James Winston.

Surviving family are Martha Frances Knight Elliott and husband Gary of Ridgway, CO; grandsons Blain and Patrick Stewart of Bogalusa, LA; great granddaughters Wiley and Maela Stewart of MS; sisters-in-law Earline Knight Adams of Bogalusa, LA and Jayme Knight of Winnsboro, LA; and many nieces, nephews and their families. Also Cathy Elliott, Derek, Jackson and Cruz Ainsworth of Brandon, MS and Joanna Elliott, David, Nicole and Reagan Busby of Fairhope, AL.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at Hillcrest Baptist Church, 2201 E. Washington Street, Franklinton, LA at 3 p.m. Visitation will be at the church preceding the service beginning at 1p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Hillcrest Baptist Church, 2201 E. Washington Street, Franklinton, LA 70438, for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering or a charity of preference.

A life well-lived and well-loved.

Tribute Wall

CJ

“ I was so sorry to learn of Mrs. Frances' passing. Patsy Carol was one of my best friends in high school, and I always thought highly of her Mom. My thoughts and prayers will certainly be with Martha and her family during this difficult time.

Charles M. Jones - March 25, 2016 at 05:29 PM

RS

“ Robin & Dennis Smith lit a candle in memory of Frances W. Knight



Robin & Dennis Smith - March 01, 2016 at 09:06 AM

RF

“ Martha, I was so sorry to hear about your Mom. I know you loved having her close to you in beautiful Colorado these last few years. She left you with wonderful memories that will help you through this time. I remember her as a sweet lady to all of us, even during the trailer incident. That makes me smile now but it didn't back then.

Rachelle Fisher - February 29, 2016 at 10:08 AM

CS

“ Martha, I am so sorry to hear about your mom. She had a great life and was a wonderful person. She meant so much to so many people. I am so sorry I am unable to be there today. With love, Ms Audry Stafford

Cindy Stafford - February 27, 2016 at 11:16 AM

KR

“ We knew Miss Frances through Martha's lovely stories about her. We both felt like we knew her and kept up with her when she moved to shine her bright light on Colorado. We will miss the stories.

Q. Kim and Q. Rebecca

Kim Rehfeldt - February 27, 2016 at 08:48 AM

SW

“ Miss Frances was an elegant, lovely lady who lived her faith and shared her love. I felt privileged to have met her when she lived in Colorado. My love and prayers for Martha and Gary.
Susette Warynick

Susette Warynick - February 26, 2016 at 08:26 PM

MS

“ Mark And Louise Stewart lit a candle in memory of Frances W. Knight



Mark and Louise Stewart - February 23, 2016 at 08:24 PM

BB

Martha and family, so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. She was a lovely lady. I always think of her when I use one of her recipes from the first Bowling Green cookbook. I tasted her sweet potato souffle at a family reunion and loved it. I had the cookbook and I have been making it since as one of my favorites. I have several wonderful memories of her and your dad. We are losing so many of our cousins. I didn't make it to the funeral home but please know I have you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Bob Ann Breland - February 27, 2016 at 03:02 PM