



Frances "Fran" Marsha Hart

August 2, 1955 - January 4, 2024

Frances "Fran" Marsha Hart, age 68 of Christiansburg, VA passed away Thursday, January 4, 2024.

Fran was born in Christiansburg on August 2, 1955. She was preceded in death by her father, Henry G. "Bill" Hart, Jr. and mother, Anne Daingerfield Hart; brothers H. Rex Hart and W. Matt Hart; half-sister, Sydney Thomson, great nephew Caupert Hart-Pattishall; Maternal grandparents, Juanita White Daingerfield and Asa Rexford Daingerfield, paternal grandparents, Elisabeth Roop Hart Bohlken, and Henry G. Hart, Sr., and a special canine companion "Duff".

She is survived by a sister, Pamela "Pam" Hart King (Carl); nephews Michael "Mickey" King (Joni), Jonathan "Jon" King (Mitzi), Forrest Hart, and Michael Robertson; nieces Shannon Hart and Chandon Thomson; great nieces, Peyton King Wills (Stephen) and Parker Hart Austin (Garrett); great nephew Ashton King; great-great nieces Meredith Wills and Hallie Wills. And many cousins and close friends she "claimed" were family members. She is also survived by her current much loved, and constant special canine companion of more than 16 years," Cooper."

After graduating from Christiansburg High School in 1973, Fran became one of the first females to be enrolled in Virginia Tech's Corp of Cadets, L Squadron. Completing her degree in Recreation in 1978, she went on to hold

many Director and leadership roles at the Christiansburg Senior Center, Dinwiddie County, VA and the City of Bedford. While in Bedford, she was instrumental with the development of the D-Day Memorial Foundation.

Upon returning to Christiansburg, Fran belonged to the Christiansburg Community Theater, was a long-standing volunteer and supporter of the Christiansburg Head Start Program, and was an advocate and supporter of the Women's Resource Center. She was a Longaberger Basket Consultant in her spare time and avid scrapbooker. She loved to travel the United States and abroad with friends and family. As a hospitality guide for NASBLA, she planned many trips that took her to Islands such as St Kitts, Antigua, Hawaii, and countries such as Ireland, Australia, and Egypt. She was always up for new and exciting adventures! Ron Sarver was her favorite traveling companion.

Fran loved Christiansburg. She spent countless hours organizing the CHS Alumni Return events that spanned many years. She continued her philanthropy of service to friends, family, those in need and non-profit organizations up until the time of her passing. Fran was a true scholar, avid reader and never gave up the desire to learn and retain new up-to-date information. Her goals were always to make life and living a better situation for others.

Since Fran LOVED the beach, please wear your favorite beach attire, bright colors, or a Hawaiian shirt to CELEBRATE her wonderful life and join us from one o'clock until 4 o'clock on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at The Inn at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. A time of sharing fun memories and music will begin at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her memory to the Women's Resource Center, 1217 Grove Avenue, Radford, VA 24141, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, or any non-profit organization that will serve those in need,

especially children!

Fran's family and close friends & neighbors would like to thank Good Samaritan Hospice and Careosity Home Care for the wonderful care and support provided during Fran's final time with us.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 13. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

The Inn at Virginia Tech
901 Prices Fork Road
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

LM

“ *A gloriously happy, wonderful, compassionate and generous woman with her spirit, her resources and her wisdom. She will be missed so very much by anyone who was blessed to know her. Rest in peace, and may peace be found by her family in all of the memories they cherish.*

Lynn Mason - January 14, 2024 at 11:13 AM

TR

“ *Pam so sorry to hear of the lost of cousin Fran, My heart goes out to you. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. With much love, Tom Redwine*

Thomas B Redwine - January 13, 2024 at 04:26 PM



“ *Fran was smart, kind, generous, and fun to be around. There's no telling the kindnesses she has done for others that we'll never know about. It hurt to hear that she was gone. She was a good one for sure.*

Scott Turner - January 13, 2024 at 05:41 AM

SA

“ Miss Fran was such a bright spot in my life. Her smile and her love for children, especially those at Christiansburg Head Start, was infectious. We always looked forward to her and Mr. Matt coming to read or play with the kids. I used to walk Cooper for a while for her and after the walk, I enjoyed talking with her. When Matt passed I wrote that a man never stands as tall as when he stoops to help a child. The same can be said for Miss Fran. You will be missed. Rest in peace. Prayers for the friends and family left to carry on.

Sheena Asconi - January 09, 2024 at 07:40 PM

SR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. When Fran called me one day she was asking me what I would charge to come and walk her 2 dogs someone told her that I did that type of work. So we talked for a long time and we made arrangements to meet we did and we became good friends. We will miss her so much. She was such a sweet lady and I really loved sitting and talking with her. I have not seen her for some time but when I heard of her passing it broke my heart. God bless her family and Rest In Peace sweet lady.



Sharon and Dan Rowland - January 09, 2024 at 01:41 PM

BM

“ Fran was such a wonderful neighbor & friend. Her kindness shown to my grandson Tanner will always be remembered. He always wanted to visit her & “Cooper” on our walks by her home in his middle school days! She will be missed greatly but her mark on life will be remembered always. Prayers for Pam & family! ❤️🙏

Barbara Middleton - January 09, 2024 at 12:41 PM

KB

“ *Such a shining star in everything you accomplished. Your smile and humor. Rest in peace my friend. Sending comforting prayers to your family and friends.*



Kathy Poff Banks - January 08, 2024 at 07:45 PM



“ *I am so very saddened to lose such a sweet neighbor. Everyone I knew loved Fran. I've never heard anyone speak an ill word about her in all the years I've known her. She was a grand lady. I used to stop and talk to her when she was walking her doggie on our street. We had some wonderful conversations. She will be missed very much in our neighborhood. Much love to Pam and family. Prayers for all. She is in heaven, waiting for her friends and loved ones. April Stanley Clark, Neighbor.*



April Clark - January 08, 2024 at 12:38 PM

MF

“ *Fran's bright smile, infectious enthusiasm, and generous spirit will be missed by many people*

Jana and Bill Fedele.



Ms Jana G. Fedele - January 08, 2024 at 11:19 AM