



Frances Mitchell Parsons

February 4, 2026

Frances Mitchell Parsons, 90, of Blacksburg died Wednesday, February 4, 2026 with family by her side. She was born in Floyd County and later moved to a farm near Blacksburg when she was nine. She is survived by her children, Linda Sink (Terry), Ann Parsons, Mitchell Parsons, Carol Parsons, and Kay Reasor (Joe); grandchildren, Matthew Parsons, Virginia Jones (Mike), Emily Zwirner (Keiran); and great-grandchildren, Sadie and Allie Jones.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bernard, dear parents Woodie and Myrtle Mitchell, special sisters-in-law Mary Parsons and Jean Parsons, and precious Infant Reasor.

Frances graduated from Blacksburg High School in 1951 and began working at Virginia Tech soon after. Following the birth of their second child, she and Bern designed and built their forever home in Blacksburg. Frances became very involved in the community through service in the PTAs and the Blacksburg Junior Women's Club where she worked to obtain the Branch

Library for the town. She served for 34 years on the town's Recreation Advisory Board guiding the building of the Community and Aquatic Centers and helping to establish neighborhood parks.

In 1972 Frances was elected to the Blacksburg Town Council, serving as a Councilmember for 32 years. In 2004, when she announced she was not running for re-election, an article in The Roanoke Times noted she was known as an advocate for protecting neighborhoods. Frances considered one of her greatest accomplishments on Council was helping to rewrite the Town Charter, the foundational document that outlines the governance and administrative structure of the town.

She had a keen interest in all facets of government across the Commonwealth reflected through her service in the Virginia Municipal League. Frances received the ultimate recognition and honor from the VML when she was elected President of that organization in 1990.

Frances was dedicated to making Blacksburg and Montgomery County a better place to live.

But first and foremost, she loved her family. She truly delighted in the births of her three grandchildren and later two great-grandchildren. She was a world traveler visiting many countries across five continents, but she especially treasured traveling with

her grandchildren.

She started a tradition of family trips that included seeing the New Year's Day Rose Parade, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and the Grand Ole' Opry.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, February 10 at 2 p.m. at the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Gary Hixson officiating. The burial will follow the service at Westview Cemetery in Blacksburg. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1 p.m. until service time.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Bernard Lee Parsons Endowed Scholarship (#884207) at Virginia Tech, the Roanoke Valley Presbyterian Church, the Blacksburg Rescue Squad or please make a contribution to your local library - Frances loved to read!

Cemetery Details

Westview Cemetery

723 E. Roanoke Street
Blacksburg, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 552-3211
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel
150 Country Club Dr S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

NG

“ *Condolences to all who knew Francis. She was so caring and generous. Francis was thoughtful and elegant in all of her endeavors. She will be missed by family and friends.*

Roger Gallimore and family

Neal Gallimore - February 08 at 09:18 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Frances Mitchell Parsons.*



February 07 at 05:47 PM

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“ *Sending our love and sincerest condolences to the family. May you find comfort in each other during this difficult time. Please know you're in our thoughts and prayers.*

Sandra & Barry Trachim

Sandra Trachim - February 07 at 11:00 AM

GK

“ Our prayers and love go out to the entire family.... Frances was a special lady and Chris and I have special memories with the family...from Woody and Myrtle with church to Frances and the children. An icon in the valley and community, Frances was a wonderful leader to the community and for Jesus. I am also honored that my company Valley Ridge Home Health was honored to have Frances as our patient. She was a joy and the staff enjoyed her witty personality. She is with Jesus and although earth may be a bit dimmer, heaven has gained a gracious lady. God bless...Gina and Chris Kaknis

Gina and Chris Kaknis - February 07 at 09:37 AM

LB

“ The trips I took to the farm with Miss Edith will always be a treasured memory for me as a kid.
Sending love from all the Brammer Girls. May your memories bring you comfort.

Lynn Brammer - February 07 at 07:38 AM

LM

“ Luz M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances Mitchell Parsons.

Luz M. - February 06 at 09:04 PM

LB

“ Lisa Bartlett purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Frances Mitchell Parsons.



Lisa Bartlett - February 06 at 04:01 PM

LB

“ Lisa Bartlett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances Mitchell Parsons.

Lisa Bartlett - February 06 at 04:01 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Frances Mitchell Parsons.



February 06 at 01:59 PM

JW

“ Jeff and Kitty Wright planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances Mitchell Parsons.

Jeff and Kitty Wright - February 06 at 01:59 PM