



Frances S. Rife

September 6, 1939 - March 17, 2016

Frances S. Rife passed away on March 17, 2016 at CT. Hospice surrounded by her loving family. Fran was born September 6, 1939 in New Haven. She resided in Branford and Pompano Beach, FL. Fran was the daughter of the late Chief Francis J. Sweeney, NHFD and Helen (Carney) Sweeney. She is survived by her loving children Maureen Salzillo (Neal), Betsy Wambolt, Rick Rife (Patty) and Jennifer Cole (Cpt. Gary W. Cole, NHFD). Fran is also survived by 10 cherished grandchildren and a great grandson. She leaves her beloved partner Mario Tierno, brother William Sweeney (Anne), sister MaryEllen Maher, sister in law Anne Sweeney. She was predeceased by her brother Dr. Thomas Sweeney and her brother in law Donald Maher. Fran leaves many beloved nieces and nephews and numerous friends. Fran graduated from St. Francis School of Nursing enjoying a wonderful career at St. Raphael's and later in her career Yale New Haven Hospital as a research nurse. She had a wonderful retirement spent traveling abroad, spending time with family and friends, reading, but her absolute passion was following her grandchildren's sports careers. She could be found at the baseball field, basketball or football games or watching her granddaughters play softball, volleyball or lacrosse. Fran loved her New England Patriots and her Boston Red Sox. She was happily aware of the very first American League Championship by her UCONN Huskies. Fran will be greatly missed by many. Funeral from Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Mt.

Carmel Church. Burial in All Saints Cemetery. Calling hours are Monday from 5 - 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers contributions to CT. Hospice 100 Double Beach Rd. Branford, CT. 06405. To leave an online condolence please visit www.siskbrothers.com

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

700 Middletown Ave.
North Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling hours

MAR 21. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT 06518
(203) 288-7114
siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net

Funeral service

MAR 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
2819 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT

Tribute Wall

CM

“ Thank you for being my Aunt!
We love you Aunt Fran.
You will be missed by us all.
Rest in peace <3
Love Cathy, Dave and Jessica



Cathy McMahon - March 21, 2016 at 11:09 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family
of Frances S. Rife.



March 21, 2016 at 08:16 AM

AJ

“ Fran we love you with all our heart. You were more than just a
friend. You were our family and it's going to be tough going on
without you. You were like a second mother to us and you will live in
our hearts forever. RIP.

Angela & Rick Jernstedt - March 20, 2016 at 10:16 AM



“ May you Rest in peace, Thank for being a beautiful companion for
my Dad. We love and will miss you Love Laurie Charlie and
Angelina Johnson

Laurie Johnson - March 19, 2016 at 05:44 PM

MA

“ *may you rest in eternal peace. You will be missed. Prayers for the family.*

With love, Mario and Cheryl Tierno

Mario A.Tuerno - March 19, 2016 at 08:48 AM

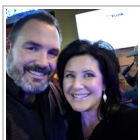
LV

“ *Dear Ricky & Family:*

I was so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. May the Lord wrap his healing arms around you and comfort you in your time of sorrow. Your mom will forever live on in your hearts and memories. Keep them close.

Libby (Ruggiero) Vandevender

Libby Vandevender - March 18, 2016 at 10:10 PM



“ *Rick,*

So sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. My deepest condolences to you and Gary and all of the Rife/Sweeney family. God Bless and may she rest in peace.

Jim McKiernan

Phoenix, AZ

Jim McKiernan - March 18, 2016 at 07:09 PM

PG

“ I have been both a patient and colleague of Fran's over the years. I am so saddened to hear of her passing on St. Patrick's Day. She will always be remembered as a skilled and compassionate nurse and researcher as well as a mentor and friend. My deepest sympathies to her beloved family. May you carry on her legacy of love of family and a life devoted to helping others.

Patty Gatcomb

Patty Gatcomb - March 18, 2016 at 10:29 AM

KA

So sorry to hear of Fran's passing. My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to her dear family she leaves behind. I will always remember her as a wonderful and caring nurse, my mentor and teacher as a research nurse. It was a pleasure to work with Fran , she was a great person and friend. i will hold her memory in my heart. Rest in peace Fran.

Karin Allen

karin allen - March 19, 2016 at 05:10 PM

WW

Rick so sorry to hear about your mom may she rest in peace. Please express my condolences to you and your whole family.

Walter (skip) Wisting

Walter (skip) Wisting - March 21, 2016 at 10:39 AM

CS

I am so sorry to hear about Frannie. I worked with her on the Research Unit for many years and remember how well respected she was, and how she loved her children and grandchildren. I still think about her from time to time even though she retired awhile ago. My condolences to the family and may she RIP.

Cynthia Smith - March 21, 2016 at 03:31 PM

MS

My sweet, kind, loving beautiful mother and best friend. How will we go on without you? We will work hard to live the lessons that you have taught us. Forever in my heart your loving daughter Maureen <3

Maureen Salzillo - March 22, 2016 at 02:16 PM

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Susan Scoopo - March 18, 2016 at 06:19 AM

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Susan Scoopo - March 18, 2016 at 06:17 AM