



Ms. Frances Gorham

March 27, 1952 - November 21, 2021

Ms. Frances Nannette Gorham, age 69, of Statham, GA died Sunday, November 21, 2021 at her residence. Ms. Gorham was born in Hartford, CT to the late, John Milton Gorham, II and Betty Jane Parr Gorham. Fran was a member of Chapelwood United Methodist Church. She was involved and held various positions in the United Methodist Women's organization at the state and local levels. Fran worked as an art and early childhood teacher in Newton, Banks, and Barrow Counties, retiring from Barrow County.

Ms. Gorham is survived by her wife, Susan Puckette of Statham; sisters, Joyce Osterman (Tony) of Virginia Beach, VA and Cathy Dawkins (Mike) of Buford; brothers, John Gorham, III (Cathi) of Fayetteville, TN and Mark Gorham (Denise) of New York, NY; and many adored nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorial services will be at 11 AM, Saturday, December 4 at Chapelwood United Methodist Church with Rev. Blaire Tolbert and Rev. Kathy Lamon officiating. The family will receive friends at the church from 10 to 11 AM on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Chapelwood United Methodist Church.

Fran left so many special memories with her family and friends. If you would like to share yours, please click on the "Tribute Wall" link available.

Little-Ward Funeral Home, Commerce is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapelwood United Methodist Church
100 Janice Drive
Athens, GA 30606

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Frances Gorham*

October 09, 2023 at 05:17 AM



“ *Each and every occasion we visited with each other at Bostwick functions, Mrs. Frances welcomed me with the purest love and warmest hug. It was a always a beautiful moment in time to be sharing conversation and smiles with her. She will be greatly missed.*

Allison R. Harkins - November 25, 2021 at 02:21 PM



“ *The only thing larger than Fran's personality and sense of humor was her love for and devotion to family. She will be missed.*

Tony Osterman - November 25, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Frances Gorham.*



November 25, 2021 at 11:40 AM

BL

“ My memories of Fran go back further than I care to mention. All of these memories were pleasant. Times at the beach, or family functions at Thanksgiving and Christmas. As time moved on we lost touch and pursued our own career paths. I remember seeing Fran at several Relay for Life events about 6 or 7 years ago, and it made my day, since the memory of losing my wife was still fresh on my mind. Her genuine smile was always so welcome. My condolences to all the family.

Bill Lambert

Bill Lambert - November 24, 2021 at 09:44 PM

JG

“ To many memories to discribe. She has been a part of my life for 68 years and 3 months and will live on in my heart forever. She is so special to me as all my sibling are. My wife Cathi and I are going to miss her for sure.

Johnny Gorham - November 24, 2021 at 01:36 PM

CD

“ So many memories of Fran’s caring and giving spirit. What was so special and meant so much to Mike and I, was that she was there for us at the birth of our children and grandchildren and would come to the rescue to help or babysit whenever needed. She also made a special effort to celebrate the different milestones and events with our family when she could. We admired her dedication to keep in touch with her immediate and extended family members. Fran, you are so loved and will be missed tremendously.

Cathy and Mike Dawkins - November 24, 2021 at 10:49 AM

BB

“ Fran shared many times that she felt the power of God in the crashing waves at the beach or the sun setting behind the mountain. She loved both. But she was closest to God in her own backyard. She created a sanctuary there full of art glass and flowers, birdhouses and whimsical fairies. Love lives there. God lives there. I will always cherish the quiet and sometimes hilarious conversations we shared there sitting in the glider among the angels and twinkle lights.

A few months ago she made me a trio of glass dragonflies to add to my own sanctuary. Always sharing her love - that was Fran. ❤️

Barbara Bostwick - November 24, 2021 at 10:25 AM

MP

“ I can't begin to share all of the memories I have of sweet Fran. She always had a welcoming smile, even when she didn't feel good. I will forever be touched by her artistic talents that are still evident in our Church. We love you and miss you, sweet Fran. ❤️

Melissa Parker - November 24, 2021 at 08:13 AM

TS

“ Aunt Fran had a way of making you feel like the most special person to her. My entire childhood is filled with amazing memories with her. Too many to recall, but one I do enjoy bragging about was when she helped me with my third grade science project. A poster about the Polio vaccine that she created and I duplicated and went all the way to State and won 😊 And when Claire needed help with her History Day project Aunt Fran was there to the rescue with tons of ideas and materials sent to us through Amazon. She loved her nieces and nephews fiercely. When leaving her house in Monday I noticed on the door out the garage where I had written “We love you” years ago on her and Susan’s white board. She left it there and it warmed my heart to know she saw that every day for so many years. I will miss her terribly and love her so much!

Tracy South - November 23, 2021 at 11:07 PM

MG

“ Family was very important to Fran. She made a point of staying in touch with our relatives near and far. She will forever hold a place in my heart for her unending love and for her support of my family and interests. She held a special bond with everyone she knew. I will miss her deeply. - Mark Gorham

Mark Gorham - November 23, 2021 at 09:11 PM

MG

“ Aunt Fran has always embraced me and my artwork and we shared a love for crafts from the very beginning. She has always shown and expressed her love through the most beautiful handcrafted pieces. One piece I hold dear to my heart is the piece she made for Zyla. Truly a work of art in celebration of new life and a piece of her will always live on watching over us. - Maran Gorham

Maran Gorham - November 23, 2021 at 09:10 PM

DG

“ *Fran could always bring a smile to my face with her sense of humor. We had some wonderful times together even before Mark and I were together. I will always hold her in my heart. - Denise Gorham*

Denise Gorham - November 23, 2021 at 09:08 PM

RD

“ *Fran has touched my life in so many deep and meaningful ways. I have been so fortunate to be blessed with her in my life and watch her touch so many others lives including my son. From impromptu trips to God knows where (usually a beach or the mountains, to trivia nights, poker nights, or working in the yard. Fran has made every experience a memorable one. She ALWAYS made you feel special!*
The year she retired she took on the task of dog sitting my then puppy, Gigi. She gave Gigi daily report cards and Fran and Lucky took suck good care of Gigi.

Robb Daggett - November 23, 2021 at 05:41 PM

JO

“ *There are so many memories that I cannot pick just one. I will never forget her gracious caring nature as she readily volunteered to assist my in-laws with packing up their house in preparation for a move when we were called away to deal with other family matters. Of course, those who know Fran, can only imagine how carefully she labeled each box packed! Fran, we miss you dearly and will forever keep your memories etched in our hearts!*

Joyce Osterman - November 23, 2021 at 02:48 PM

CH

“ I have so many amazing memories with Aunt Fran but a few of my favorite are all the times I helped her decorate and set up for Vacation Bible School at Chapelwood United Methodist Church, the many game nights we had at her house, and the amazing Easter egg hunts she had in her beautiful back yard. Thankful I have so many memories with Aunt Fran that I can cherish forever!

Caitlyn Haygood - November 23, 2021 at 02:42 PM

SP

“ I recall the time Fran constructed the bottom of a "life-sized" hot air balloon complete with basket in the Chapelwood United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall for Vacation Bible School! It was as if the balloon had handed right there in the Church! I thought, "What fun to be here as a child and have this experience!" I was truly in awe.

Susan Puckette - November 23, 2021 at 02:21 PM

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WT

Fran was one of the sweetest neighbors I've ever had. Strangely, she came to my thoughts the day she passed. When we lost my mother last year, Fran made us a beautiful stained glass angel. It is so precious to us. She is going to be really missed. Our condolences to Susan and family. Wes & Tom Turnipseed

wes t - November 23, 2021 at 09:45 PM

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Johnny Gorham - November 24, 2021 at 11:33 AM

KF

Fran was always so much fun to be around. She had an infectious smile that lit up a room. No matter what we were doing there was always lots of laughter. She and Susan have been special friends of ours for many years and it was always something to look forward to whenever we had plans to see them. My heart breaks for the loss of such a great person. You are already missed so much by so many. Fly high sweet lady...you truly deserve it!

Kelly Fisher - December 03, 2021 at 11:42 AM