



Francyl Gregory Casto

May 13, 1926 - August 23, 2022

Francyl Gregory Casto, of St Albans, passed peacefully on August 23, 2022 at the age of 96 in her own home.

Fran was born in Radcliff, Ohio on May 13, 1926. She was the last surviving sibling of the Otho Gregory and Hannah Boring Gregory family.

After graduating from Vinton Rural High School, Radcliff, Ohio in 1944, Fran joined the United States Cadet Nurse Corps to receive an education to become an army nurse. By the time she graduated from the nursing program in July 1948, the war was over, so she continued her work as a nurse in Gallipolis, OH, Columbus, OH and later at the American Red Cross Blood Donor Center in Charleston, WV. She loved her work as a nurse, and it brought her a sense of joy and accomplishment.

Fran married the love of her life, William Harold Casto in May 1951 and sacrificially loved and enjoyed life with Bill for over 71 remarkable years. Theirs was a marriage blessed by God.

Fran raised three children; Kevin (Vicki) Casto, Kim (Agnes) Casto and Melissa (Tom) Rice. Her first ministry was to her family. She had eight grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren whom she was able to know, love, and enjoy.

Fran served and was involved in the Lakeview United Methodist Church, St Albans, WV of which she was a charter member. She used her gifts to serve with integrity.

In Fran's retirement years, she generously gave of her time and resources by serving others through hosting of family and friends. Fran ran an efficient and organized household and there was always an enjoyable meal and comfortable bed waiting. All were welcome

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8:00 p.m. Friday at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans and one hour prior to the funeral service at the church.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, August 27, 2022 at Lakeview United Methodist Church, St. Albans, WV with Pastor Kerry Bart officiating.

Graveside service will follow at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, August 27, 2022 at Vinton Memorial Cemetery, Vinton, Ohio.

You can visit Fran's tribute page at bartlettnicholsfuneralhome.com to share condolences or memories with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Casto family.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 26. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
Saint Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325

Funeral Service

AUG 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

Lakeview United Methodist Church
2624 East Parkview Drive
St. Albans, WV 25177

Graveside Service

AUG 27. 4:00 PM.

Vinton Memorial Cemetery
Vinton, OH

Tribute Wall

WS

“ Bill and Fran have been mentors and models of love for the Lord and each other for decades to countless people. We were blessed to know them as dear friends. Fran was truly a super woman. She set the bar on preparing a warm, comfortable, welcoming environment for all who passed through the doors of her home. Her servant heart was expressed through the various needs she filled in the Body of Christ at Lakeview. Her gentle and quiet spirit calmed many a soul throughout her years of nursing. When I think of Fran I picture her perpetual smile. She will be sorely missed by many. Our most sincere prayers for Bill and family for the comfort and peace of the Holy Spirit. Until we meet again, we'll done, good and faithful servant.

Walt and Paula Stratton - September 02, 2022 at 02:14 PM

RB

“ Prayers for the family! Fran was an amazing lady. We purchased the family home on Parkview and she and Bill told us a lot of stories of the house. When we needed to cut the Maple in the front yard she threatened to chain herself to it. She didn't want to see it cut down. But she understood when we told her it was bad in the middle. She will be missed.

Robin & Jason Black - August 27, 2022 at 07:03 PM

KB

“ I met Bill & Fran while working at UCC in the 1970's, For several years I typed Fran's monthly treasurer's report for church. When Gary and I moved to Spartanburg SC there were many visits from Bill and Fran for outlet shopping and especially getting Gaffney peaches. I remember many years of loading up her beloved blue Cutlass with bushels of peaches to take back to St. Albans. Fran and Bill are very dear to me and an example of how God wants you to live your life. Memories are the legacy of love and we have many.

Karen Burgess (Charlotte NC)

Karen Burgess - August 27, 2022 at 12:15 PM

ME

“ I knew Fran through Bill and Kevin who I worked with. She was such a sweet lady. I really enjoyed visiting with her and Bill after retirement. Hugs and prayers to her family. Melissa Onks

Melissa - August 26, 2022 at 06:44 PM

BF

“ Growing up with the entire Casto family is a blessing I will treasure forever. But especially Mrs Casto (Fran). A genuine spirit of loving care for family and friends. Her faith is a model for us all. So grateful she touch our lives - she will be missed by many. Bill, Missy, Kevin and Kim - our prayers are with you.

Bob Fry - August 26, 2022 at 01:09 PM

BH

“ *Bob and Lorraine, Jill and Linda Heilman purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Francyl Gregory Casto.*



Bob and Lorraine, Jill and Linda Heilman - August 26, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Francyl Gregory Casto.*



August 26, 2022 at 12:26 PM

DO

“ *Duane, Becky and Oriana purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Francyl Gregory Casto.*



Duane, Becky and Oriana - August 26, 2022 at 09:52 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Francyl Gregory Casto.*



August 25, 2022 at 05:15 PM

JG

“ Praying for friends to comfort you,
Faith to uphold you,
And loving memories to help you smile again.
With sincerest sympathy.

Jeff Gregory (nephew, Daryl's son) and Chris Gregory

Jeffrey Gregory - August 25, 2022 at 01:33 PM

TH

“ I met Mrs. C through her sons, Kevin and Kim. Kevin became a good friend at West Virginia University Institute of Technology where we majored in chemical engineering. As our friendship grew I met his parents, Bill and Fran Casto. From the first moment I met them they made me feel at home. Oh, they did ask a lot of questions about my background and my life plans, but always in a jovial spirit. When my mother passed, Mrs. C told me that she could serve as my mother. That kind gesture struck a deep emotional chord with me and I am very appreciative for that self-effacing support. Fran touched and helped many souls during her life and we were two among them. My wife Sandy and I will miss her presence in our lives and our visits. Our condolences to her family and prayers for her eternal rest.

Terry Hanning - August 25, 2022 at 01:07 PM

MF

“ Mary Lanier and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Francyl Gregory Casto.



Mary Lanier and Family - August 25, 2022 at 10:01 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francyl Gregory Casto.* ”



August 24, 2022 at 04:40 PM