



Frances C Hvidsten

March 16, 1942 - February 1, 2021

Frances Hvidsten (nee Cafiso), 78 passed away peacefully on February 1, 2021 after a brief illness. She was born in 1942 in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn, New York. She was the daughter of the late Catherine (nee Cordone) and Salvatore J. Cafiso.

She attended P.S. 186, Seth Low Junior High School, where she majored in Art and New Utrecht High School, where she pursued a Commercial Course. She was a member of the Library Squad, the Drama Club and the Chorus. She also was an Arista Honor Student. She enrolled in the Co-op Program, where she attended school one week and worked the alternate week as a paige at Guaranty Trust Company in Manhattan. Upon graduation, she was offered employment as the secretary to the Vice President of the Collection Department, which she accepted. She married in 1963, started a family and became a stay-at-home mom to three children, Donna, Lisa and Rocco, Jr. In 1975 the family moved to Staten Island and settled in Eltingville. In 1977 she embarked on a

State career that
would last 32 years.

Her first job in 1977 was as a clerk at the Community Store in the Willowbrook State School.

In 1979 she went to the Arthur Kill Correctional Facility, as a secretary in the Personnel

Office. In 1984 she went to the Department of Motor Vehicles as a clerk in the Adjudication Department. In 1985 she accepted a position as secretary to the Chairman of the Human Genetics Department at the Institute for Basic Research (IBR). She was then offered a position as department secretary for the Department of Infant Development where she worked until she retired in 2009 after 32 years of State service.

While at IBR she met (Henry) John Hvidsten at a Parents Without Partners dance. They dated

for two years and were married in 1989. Once she and John retired they enjoyed travelling,

cruising, going to Atlantic City and spending time with family and friends. She was a member

of Parents Without Partners, AARP, ASCME, CSEA and CASC. She was also a published

author and did participate in the yearly Senior Poetry Contest that was run by CASC.

She loved a good movie, reading an actual book, doing the daily jumble and crosswords.

She also loved computer games. Her biggest delight was spending time with the grandkids

She always said if she had known how much fun grandkids were she would have had them

first.

She was an avid card sender and always remembered all the special occasions in the family. You could tell the card was from her by all the stickers she managed to find to fit the moment. She also loved cooking and always cooked all the food for family parties making sure to include everyone's favorite dish.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 31 years, John, her loving children Donna Barnhart (Randi), Lisa (Michael) Faherty, Rocco R. Sanfilippo, Jr, Christopher J. Hvidsten (Roberta) and John Paul Hvidsten (Barbie), her adored grandchildren and their families, and many caring and loving friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10:00 AM on Tuesday at St Clare Church located at 110 Nelson Ave Staten Island, New York 10308. Interment will follow in Moravian Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Monday, February 8, 2021, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

Scalia Funeral Home is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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To Join us for the Burial Virtually Please join the link below:

Scalia Funeral Home is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Frances C. Hvidsten Burial

Time: Feb 9, 2021 11:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Please be mindful due to the current State mandate that a mask must be worn at all times in the funeral home and social distancing requirements must be followed during the services. Due to the current Pandemic a strict 30-40 person in room policy is in effect. Please adhere to this policy and allow others to pay their respects as well.

Due to the current pandemic circumstances please note:

We do not accept deliveries from outside vendors for bakery products, fruit baskets, and floral arrangements until further notice.

Floral Arrangements can be purchased from our in house floral designers who

work under the most stringent sanitary conditions which include temperature checks, mask wearing, distancing and protective clothing.

You can call the florist directly at 718-948-2016 and place your order or do so directly form the website.

We must protect the families we serve, our own families and staff who operate the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Moravian Cemetery

2205 Richmond Road
Staten Island, NY 10306

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Service

FEB 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Clare Church
110 Nelson Ave
Staten Island, NY 10308

Tribute Wall



“ *Frances C Hvidsten*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *One year ago you left us to be with your parents and our Lord. You are dearly missed but will never be forgotten as you RIP until we all meet again.*

gladys disibbio - February 03, 2022 at 02:51 PM



“ *Dear Fran, you were one of the most kindest & caring person we have ever known. We are glad that we got to meet you and we will treasure your friendship. Thursday nights will never be the same without you and we will miss you at the diner sharing laughs and good times. Rest In Peace, dear friend. Maria, Bob & Maria T.*

robert ghazarian - February 09, 2021 at 07:25 PM



To the Sanfilippo and Hvidstein families ...please know that I always enjoyed speaking with Fran at Christmastime and glad that I got to talk with Donna this last year..RIP Fran ...you were a very special person and always made me laugh.

Chris Raccuglia - February 10, 2021 at 12:13 PM



I had the pleasure of working with Fran and she will always remain a special memory. Rest easy my friend.

Susan Tomaselli.

susan tomaselli - May 05, 2021 at 10:41 AM

AW

“ *this world will never be the same without you - love barb*

Aunt Barbara Winkler - February 08, 2021 at 06:13 PM

RS

“ *Fran as I prepare one of your recipe you will be in my thoughts as you always are. Now RIP Love Regina*

Regina Staubitz - February 08, 2021 at 12:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frances C Hvidsten.*



February 08, 2021 at 10:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frances C Hvidsten.*



February 07, 2021 at 06:14 PM

RR

“ Hi this message is from Rosalie and Ron Rivellini. Our condolences to John and her family. I've known Fran for 63 years as teenagers when she was dating my brother. Because of her I got my first Job at J P Morgan where I worked for 38 years. I was a working Mom and when Ron was 3 months old I called Fran in desperation because he wasn't sleeping through the night. I said I can't take it anymore. Her words, don't worry it gets better. It did. My son spent many a summer with her in Staten Island. She cared for him as one of her own. She always sent cards never missing a birthday or holiday. Last October I sent her a thank you note. I'm so glad I did. Last week il spoke to her on the phone for a few minutes. She sounded upbeat but it was not meant to be. She was a good Mom caring aunt and great friend. I'm sure we will meet again on the other side. Until then God Bless you lived a good life 🙏🌹🕊️

Rosalie Rivellini - February 07, 2021 at 03:18 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frances C Hvidsten.



February 07, 2021 at 02:13 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Frances C Hvidsten.



February 05, 2021 at 03:44 PM

SS

“ We have so many memories, we know fran for 58 years. I met fran coming into the Sanfilippo Family marrying charlie. I knew we would be friends forever. All the holidays were spent with our families, we always planned these together everyone had great fun. It was nice seeing the cousins together.

One other memory is her cards for every occasion were memorable with so many stickers we will miss them.

We ❤️ you fran. R.I.P. Sandy and Charlie

sandy & charlie sanfilippo - February 05, 2021 at 02:22 PM

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“ Laura Penfold (Santangelo) purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Frances C Hvidsten.



Laura Penfold (Santangelo) - February 05, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Frances C Hvidsten.



February 05, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frances C Hvidsten.



February 04, 2021 at 06:50 PM

DC

“ *Deniece Closs lit a candle in memory of Frances C Hvidsten*



Deniece closs - February 04, 2021 at 12:53 PM

JO

Rest in peace Fran. I will always remember how you made me and Paige feel and all the delicious foods always made. You will be missed



Jodi - February 05, 2021 at 09:50 AM