



Francine Burke Curran

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Francine Burke Curran, 72, formerly of Lawrence and Methuen, died after a long battle with dementia on Monday, June 18 at Wakefield Center, Wakefield, MA. She fought to the end.

She was born on November 17, 1945 to the late Mary Josephine (Keenan) Burke and Francis Burke. She leaves behind her children Stacey Curran and her husband Shawn Conway of Wakefield, son James Curran and his partner, Nia, of Hawaii, her daughter Courtney and her husband, Michael Leahy of Wakefield and her daughter Colleen and her husband Matthew Mehigan of Wakefield as well as her former husband, James Curran of Lawrence. She was a loving, candy-dispensing grandmother to Maeve and Norah Conway, Patrick and Kathleen Leahy and Elinor and Bridie Mehigan, all of Wakefield. She also leaves her St. Patrick's School friends since first grade: Rita Murphy, Jacqueline Murphy, Mary Lou Curtin and Susan O'Keefe, as well as her friends Joseph Sipsey and Sharon Petralia. She leaves numerous nieces and nephews, whom she loved.

She was pre-deceased by her identical twin sister, infant Camillus, and sisters, Sally Welch and her husband Joseph, her sister Marijo Secord and her husband Donald, and her sister-in-law Elizabeth Curran Cuddy.

Before her illness, Francine loved talking to strangers in the supermarket line, going out to breakfast, renting a cottage at Salisbury Beach and buying apple cream pies from Mann's Orchard. She hated spiders, loved hosting parties and changed her matching outfits three times a day. She went to Korbanis and the bank more than anyone ever needed to. She could talk on the phone for hours and she couldn't keep goldfish alive. She rearranged furniture way too often and picked a living room rug the same color as her dog, so she wouldn't be bothered by his shedding. She sang song lyrics in conversation and drank at least four Coca-Colas a day. She could type a ridiculous amount of words per minute, and she will haunt her children for forgetting how many. She hated to cook, and liked to say she raised her kids in restaurants. Birthday cake was her favorite food. She was a cancer survivor who bragged about her radiation tattoos.



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Services will be private. Cremation is being handled by Breen Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please eat birthday cake when it isn't your birthday, get something monogrammed, make people laugh or give someone an apple cream pie. For online condolences and other information please visit us at www.breenfuneralhome.com.



Tribute Wall

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MS

Moe O'shea posted:

I grew up with Fran and her and I used to save up for a birthday cake a month from Swifts bakery and sauce sandwiches from Jims subs. She was my best friend growing up in South Lawrence and going to St Pats High School.. I have many memories of those high school years and before w Fran. Her passing saddens me greatly. Thanks for the memories Fran. "Moe" O'Sullivan O'Shea

June 25 at 6:07 AM

LJ

Lynn Jacques posted:

Deepest sympathy to the Curran Family

June 21 at 3:40 AM

CH

Cheryl posted:

Fran was a second Mom to me growing up. I have so many memories with the Currans and some of the best times of my life were spent on Frye Rd and Salisbury Beach with the Curran Clan. Fran was a one of a kind woman and one of the funniest people I've ever known. Love to all of you. She was a very special lady

June 19 at 5:04 PM



Linda Turco lit a candle in honor of Francine.

You were a great person Fran. Our deepest condolences to all the family, our thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time. Mike and Linda Turco

June 19 at 4:29 PM



JM

Jane Moffatt posted:

My condolences to the family. I just want to tell you that that is the greatest obituary I have ever read. Her family should be so proud. It was just beautiful.

June 19 at 12:29 PM



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JM

Judy Martell posted:

So sorry for your loss, I shared many of those birthdays cakes with your Mombrought back nice memories, your in my prayers Judy McGowan Martell

June 19 at 9:56 AM

MC

Maureen Conway posted:

Fran was a caring mom to her children, a loving "Ma" to her grandchildren and will be missed by all who knew her...Our prayers to her family...John and Maureen Conway

June 19 at 7:28 AM

LF

Leahy Family posted:

our deepest sympathy to Francine's family. we loved seeing her at family gatherings and loved her wonderful sense of humor. she loved all her family deeply, children and grandchildren and friends. we will miss her. with love and sympathy, Pippy & Billy Leahy

June 19 at 6:34 AM



Anonymous posted:

While I do not know your Mom, I do now from this amazing obituary. You have done her proud and shown who she is for all who know and don't know her. My deepest condolences for your loss. My deepest joy for your amazing memories.

June 19 at 6:05 AM

JO

John Ouellette posted:

Stacey, Jim, Courtney and Colleen: I just want to express my sincere condolences on the passing of your mom. I ate many meals in her kitchen. I think most of them were from Bishop's. John Ouellette

June 19 at 6:00 AM



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JF

Joanie Figueroa posted:

My dear friend Francine, you brought joy and laughter to many people. I will certainly miss our chats, and all the fun times we shared. May you rest in peace, sweet lady. Love, Joanie

June 19 at 1:53 AM

MP

Michael Petralia posted:

God bless you Fran. You were like a second mother. So many memories growing up. Will never forget Salisbury beach growing up. With love, Mike Petralia

June 18 at 4:48 PM

NA

Nancy Ed Ataide posted:

Stacey & family. We are deeply sorry about your Mom's passing. We believe she & Marijo are together once again. Prayers, hugs. Ed & Nancy Ataide

June 18 at 4:21 PM

CO

Colleen posted:

I will always remember how she opened up her house and welcomed our family and friends for so many different celebrations in my life: my rehearsal dinner, my kids' Christenings, our annual family Christmas party... so many memories! Sending love to you all! Rest in peace, Auntie Fran.

June 18 at 4:12 PM

DR

Deb Roussell posted:

Loved you great Aunt Francine, haven't seen you for many years but the love has always been there. Please say hello to M.J. and the rest of the family from Deb Roussell

June 18 at 3:49 PM



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Sharon Petralia posted:

Many the day I picked up Heavenly donuts for our kids, brought them to the beach for kids to hang out together while Fran and I went to breakfast and shopped at Salisbury Discount! Both of them!!! Sadly miss my dear friend! Stacey, Courtney and Jimmy so sorry for your loss! Will always remember with love all our days together! SHARON Petralia

June 18 at 3:06 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Francine by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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