



Francine (Harmon) Howshan

May 15, 1943 - November 11, 2018

Francine “Harmon” Howshan, age 75, passed away peacefully with her best friend and husband of 55 years by her side on November 11, 2018 at Emerson Hospital in Concord, Massachusetts.

Francine was born in Methuen, Massachusetts on May 15, 1943 to the parents of Francis K. and Mildred (Flanagan) Harmon also of Methuen. She grew up in a large Catholic family on Center Street, with her many family members and cousins, many of whom were like sisters.

Francine was a 1962 graduate of Tenney High School where she met and married her high school sweetheart and former basketball star, David L. Howshan who graduated from Tenney in 1963. They married on September 14, 1963. After high school, Francine went on to hair dressing school and received her license from the Fazio School in Lawrence where she met one of her life long best friends. She was a talented hairdresser that worked at several reputable hair salons in the Merrimack Valley. She also cut and styled her family member’s hair for years. When they started their family, Francine chose to stay home and raise their 3 children and was very active in their extra-curricular activities. She was instrumental in the formation of the South Lawrence West Girls Softball Program where she was the “1st” Vice-President of the Girl’s League and served on the Board of Directors for years. She coached both her daughters’ little league teams, the Indians and Royals. Her proudest moment came when she coached the Senior League All-Star Team to the Mass State Champs! She was an avid bowler and participated in the women’s league at Stadium Lanes in Lawrence. As her children got older, she re-entered the work force as a documentation specialist at Gould-Modicon, Bard, GCA and GI Dynamics. In the workplace, Francine met some life-long friends that became more like family. She was a very knowledgeable, hard-working employee that had a long and successful working career which ended in December 2013. She most recently was a member of the Concord MA Lions.

Francine was the Matriarch of her family...family was everything to her... from the

unconditional, forever kind of love for her best friend, her husband, Dave...to the protective love of her 3 children...to the love that had no end for her 6 grandchildren...she loved deeply and she loved so many...and in return she was loved by all that were blessed and fortunate to know her.

Francine possessed many wonderful attributes...her kind heart was good as gold and she was the most classy, generous person you'd ever meet...always giving selflessly of her time to help others and openly welcoming all into her home...whether it be to cook her delicious home cooked meals, host a holiday party or summer cookout by the pool, take in to her home another family member or one of her children's friends that she adopted or to give the many thoughtful gifts she gave...she most definitely was a "one of a kind", extraordinary, remarkable woman. Of all her attributes, her strength stands out the most... she was by far the strongest woman we knew...and throughout her battle with liver disease it was that strength, along with her deep love for her family that kept her fighting until the very end. She will be deeply missed by her family and all the hearts she touched. Although she left us sooner than we'd like...her legacy will forever shine on in her children and grandchildren and in the hearts of all that loved her.

Preceded in death were her parents, Francis K. Harmon and Mildred (Flanagan) Harmon of Methuen, MA; her husband's parents, Alfred Howshan and Effie (Kaled) Howshan of Methuen, MA; sister, Mary L. (Harmon) and her husband Michael Afienko of Methuen, MA.

Francine is survived by her husband, David L. Howshan of Concord, MA; her three children, Catherine L. Roland and husband Kenny (deceased) of Lockhart, TX, David L. Howshan Jr. of West Palm Beach, FL, Christine Belanger and her husband Kevin of Haverhill, MA; six grandchildren, Cameron M. Belanger, Kendall M. Belanger, Kennedy C. Roland, Kadyne M. Belanger, Benjamin Howshan and Brody Howshan; sister, Thomasine Flanagan of Littleton, MA; uncle, James Howshan of Concord, MA; cousin, Donna Rossi and husband Roy of No. Andover, MA; several cousins, nieces and nephews.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our family members and friends for the outpouring of uplifting and kind words, thoughts, prayers and love that was shown to us throughout this difficult time. We are grateful and blessed to be surrounded by so many wonderful people that we have shared so many beautiful memories with. In addition, we would like to extend our sincerest thanks to the doctors and wonderful caring nurses that provided expert care, compassion, and love to Fran while at Emerson Hospital in Concord, MA.

Services will take place at Breen's Funeral Home at 122 Amesbury Street in Lawrence,

Massachusetts on Sunday, November 18, 2018 from 4:00-7:00. A spiritual service will be held immediately afterwards at 7:00 p.m. The funeral service will be held on Monday, November 19 at Breen's at 10:00 a.m. Burial will be private and take place at a later date. For online condolences and other information please visit us at www.breenfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery

Events

Private.

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NOV **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc. - Lawrence
122 Amesbury St., Lawrence, MA, US, 01841

NOV **Service** 07:00PM

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NOV **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ My sympathy on the loss of Francine to your family. I worked with Francine at GCA for many years,
She was a wonderful person, and caring person. I will pray for her and for your family.
I am sorry i could not attend the service on Nov 18.
It was a surprise to hear her passing away from my boss at Teleflex Phyll Peterson. She will be missed, but her memory leaves on. May God bless you all and give you the strength to move on.
Michael DePascale

Michael DePascale - December 01, 2018 at 06:13 PM



“ Please accept our sympathy on the loss of your wife, mother and grandmother.
Geoff and Elaine Fay Taylor

Geoff and Elaine Taylor - November 20, 2018 at 02:46 PM



“ David, I am thinking of you and your family with sincere sympathy today as I have since reading of the loss of your beautiful wife Fran. I only knew her through your posts, but the love you and she shared was so evident. I am so sorry and I know you will go on with wonderful memories of the life you shared. May she rest in peace. <3
Ellayne Elias

Ellayne Elias - November 18, 2018 at 10:56 AM



“ Rest in Peace Mrs. Howshan. For the Howshan family, sending thoughts and prayers. I hope your countless positive family memories can ease your pain and sorrow.

Scott McDonald - November 17, 2018 at 01:03 PM



“ Margaret M. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Francine (Harmon) Howshan.



Margaret M. - November 17, 2018 at 08:12 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francine (Harmon) Howshan.



November 16, 2018 at 10:00 PM



“ While I did not know her for very long I quickly learned what a beautiful person she was - very dedicated to her family and friends. Find comfort in all the beautiful memories you made together. That would make her happy as she watches over you.
Joan Parcewski, Lions

Joan Parcewski - November 16, 2018 at 08:27 PM



“ From Mary Russell & Sarah Regalado purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Francine (Harmon) Howshan.



From Mary Russell & Sarah Regalado - November 16, 2018 at 04:14 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francine (Harmon) Howshan.



November 16, 2018 at 02:18 PM



“ Fran was a wonderful, happy, funny and welcoming person. As a friend of her son, Dave Jr., I was one of many to whom she opened her home. We shared many of meals, memories and laughter in her Lorenzo Rd home. She was always at our hockey games during our Lawrence Youth Hockey days cheering us on. She always made me feel like family. Fran, AKA, " Mrs Howshan" to me, will be greatly missed.

Joe Parolisi Jr.

Joe Parolisi - November 15, 2018 at 10:42 AM



“ Such a beautiful lady Fran was. Knew her since high school and she was always so friendly and pleasant. She will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers go out to her entire family. RIP Fran and soar with the angels

Bunny Thompson - November 15, 2018 at 08:41 AM



“ Met Fran and Dave in high school and have been friends ever since. Fran will be in my heart forever. Their children and grandchildren are an extension of their love and kindness. They are just as kind and thoughtful as Fran & Dave. Love you all!

Ginny Silvestro - November 14, 2018 at 06:09 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francine (Harmon) Howshan.



November 14, 2018 at 06:02 PM



“ I met Fran from the dances studio with my daughter Jennifer. From then on we where always together at everything they did.i will miss you Rose hellowell

rosemarie hellowell - November 14, 2018 at 01:16 PM



“ Boston TRACON Environmental Unit purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Francine (Harmon) Howshan.



Boston TRACON Environmental Unit - November 14, 2018 at 10:09 AM



“ Eric Uliano purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Francine (Harmon) Howshan.



Eric Uliano - November 14, 2018 at 08:59 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Francine (Harmon) Howshan.



November 14, 2018 at 08:56 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francine (Harmon) Howshan.



November 14, 2018 at 08:52 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francine (Harmon) Howshan.



November 13, 2018 at 10:00 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Francine (Harmon) Howshan.



November 13, 2018 at 08:30 PM



“ With Love, The Parks Family lit a candle in memory of Francine (Harmon) Howshan



With Love, The Parks Family - November 13, 2018 at 07:12 PM



“ My beautiful, sweet friend Francine. She meant the world to me. She was the sister I never had. Fran was always there if I needed her. All I had to do was call. From our meeting at Fazio's Institute of Beauty until her last day on this earth, we became lifelong friends. Then there was Sandi Pedrick & we became best friends & dubbed ourselves The Golden Girls of the North. Always together, always there for each other. 55 years wasn't enough time to have Fran in my life. I will miss her every day. Rest in peace my sweet friend. I love you.

Clara Nussbaum - November 13, 2018 at 06:42 PM



“ What a beautiful life Mrs Howshan led, she was always nice, she brought up beautiful children, my dear friends, I always was welcome at her home, she was wonderful, God Bless the Howshan Family, God Bless Mrs Howshan she was a beautiful person, she will never be forgotten
Love your friend Eddie Boyle

Eddie Boyle - November 13, 2018 at 04:20 PM