



Frances Ella Martin

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Frances “Fran” Ella Martin Born July 2, 1910 left this world December 17, 2016. She was preceded in death by her parents George W and Ella May (Higgins) Martin, brothers William “Bill” Martin, George L Martin, sisters Mary Ester Isabelle “Belle” Engelgau, and Aileen Catherine Martin and a close cousin Colonel William “Bill” Higgins.

Fran is survived by an niece; Gail (Raymond) Kanipe; nephews Dr. George L (Debby) Martin, Jr, and Ronald R (Michelle) Martin and Irwin (Harriet) Engelgau ; Godchild and great niece, Amy Kanipe; great nieces Heather (Matthew) Hall, and Shana (Peter) Versteegen and great nephew Wesley L (Alicia)Martin and great-great nephew, Roland Martin, Hunter Hall, Greyson Versteegen and great-great niece Emalene Hall.

Fran graduated from Saint Clair High School and worked as an executive secretary for several major companies during her career. She was a lifelong member of Saint Mary’s Catholic Church in St Clair Michigan.

Fran was known for her sense of humor and generosity. Fran was an amazing cook and hostess. She was a caregiver to her parents, sister and brothers in their time of need.

A Mass will be held at 11am Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at Saint Mary’s Catholic Church in Saint Clair, Michigan with Father Mike Zuelch officiating. Internment follows the Mass at Saint Mary’s Cemetery.

In honor of Ms. Martin, memorial contributions may be considered to Saint Mary’s Catholic Church 415 N 6th St, Saint Clair, MI 48079. To leave a message of comfort to the family please visit: www.lcfandson.com



Events

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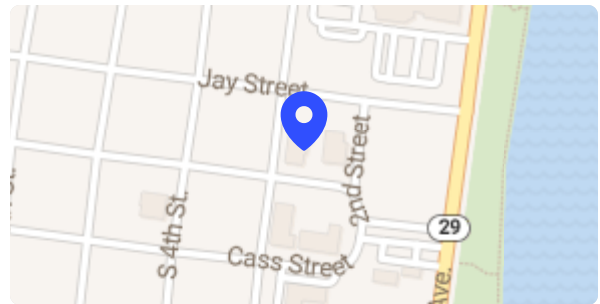
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Funeral Mass

 **Wednesday**, December 28, 2016

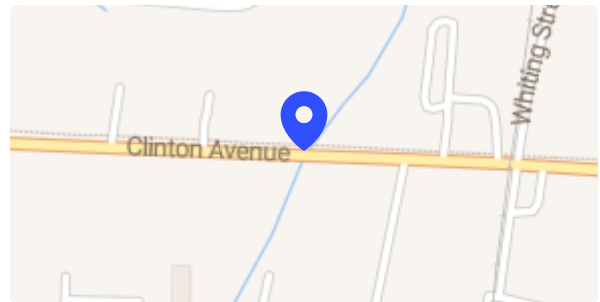
 11:00 AM ET

 **L.C. Friederichs & Son Funeral Home**
214 Trumbull St, Saint Clair MI 48079



Cemetery Details

 **St. Mary's Cemetery**
Clinton Ave., St. Clair MI





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ML

Maureen Higgins Lauterbach posted:

I met Fran several years ago while visiting my dad on Harsens Island. Dad, Jeanne, Fran, and I all went out to lunch at that lovely old hotel / restaurant across from the river. I remember it had an indoor pool, but it has since closed. Fran was lovely and we seemed to have an instant connection. She was very interested that I lived in Alaska, and kept up with my travels. During lunch Dad, being the staunch Republican, said something negative about President Obama. "Stop," I said. "I like Obama." Fran turned to me and said, "You like Obama, Maureen? I do too." Then she went on to say, "But you know who I'd really like to see as president?" "Who?" I questioned her, curious. "Hillary Clinton," she said. I often thought about that conversation during this past year. I had been looking forward to calling Fran the day after the election so I could celebrate, albeit verbally, that she had lived to see the first woman elected as president. Sadly, that did not happen. I will miss her. She was an inspiration. Maureen Higgins Lauterbach

December 28 at 8:37 AM

SV

Shana Versteegen posted:

Humor, compassion, and stubbornness - all qualities I have always admired in Aunt Fran. My childhood is filled with memories of many amazing Holiday dinners laughing until our sides hurt, fun visits to Michigan, and morning conversations about the latest celebrity happenings with my 99 year old aunt. She will be missed however she sure did get the most out of life!

December 24 at 1:26 PM

GK

Gail Kanipe posted:

I have started to write aunt Fran's obituary several times. I can't get past mentioning her great sense of humor without stopping to think of the scores of funny jokes that she's told us over the years. Simply saying that she was a wonderful cook cannot begin to express how many wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners that she cooked for us and what a magnificent turkey she made that would put Martha Stewart to shame. Memories come back of her telling my brother to baste the bird every time he walked by it, and also her wonderful recipe for stuffing that included popcorn. I will share that at a later date. I will stop and take the time to write her obituary, but I will never be able to come up in a few words what an amazing person she was and how glad I am that she was my aunt.

December 22 at 4:52 PM



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AK

Amy Kanipe posted:

I remember being little and asking Aunt Fran if she had a coat because I was all set to get on the plane and fly to Michigan with her, and I knew it would be cold. I remember crying as I watched her plane leave and wishing I could go with her. I love you and will miss you Aunt Fran, and I know you will have a coat waiting for me. Until I see you again...

December 22 at 4:31 PM

BL

Barb Lump posted:

What a terrible loss in the passing of our dear Fran. We will miss her unique wit, spunk, and wonderful stories of her long interesting life. There was never a dull moment whenever we spent our times with her. Joanie and Barbie doll will miss our Frannie baby ever so much, but will be comforted to know Fran is now with her family in heaven having all the blueberry muffins she wants. Love you Frannie! Joan and Barb

December 22 at 1:36 AM

GK

Gail Kanipe December 22 at 4:25 PM

Thank you Barb, Fran thought the world of you and Joanie.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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