



Frosene VanDyke

September 15, 1945 - April 5, 2022

Frosene VanDyke, 76, of St. Louis, MO passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. Frosene was born on September 15, 1945 to the late Angelo Galakatos and Cleopatra (Ellis) Galakatos. Frosene is survived by her two children, Stacy (Edward) Chermol of Philadelphia, PA and Jeffrey (Elke) VanDyke of Ann Arbor, MI; as well as her five adoring grandchildren, Nicholas, Noelle and Michael Chermol, and Christopher and Brooke VanDyke. She is also survived by her brothers Andrew and George (Priscilla) Galakatos, as well as many aunts and uncles whom she cherished. Frosene devoted her life to her children and made the loving decision to stay with them at home until they moved on to college. She then earned her real estate license and was a successful agent in the Pittsburgh area. A few years later, she pursued her dream of earning her degree as a physical therapy assistant. She cherished this role as it enabled her to help hundreds of seniors regain their independence. Although she loved her career, in time she made the selfless decision to care for her mother and father when they were unable to care for themselves. No matter where she was or how much time she had, she treasured her time with her grandchildren, and her precious little puppy, Zoey. Family and friends are invited to celebrate Frosene's life on Friday, April 15, 2022 at the St. Nicholas Church 4967 Forest Park Ave, St. Louis, MO 63108 with services starting at 9:00 A.M. Following the service, burial will take place in the St. Matthew's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name may be made to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

Tribute Wall

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“ I had the privilege to be one of the her two escorts when she was crowned Miss Southwest in 1963. I'm the one to her right in the photo Judy has posted. We were friends all through grade school and high school. My first date was with Frosene in about the 6th grade we went roller skating at the old Arena in St Louis.. When we held hands while skating I took that to be a commitment and she must be my girlfriend. However she was destined for a much more significant relationship and married Bruce Van Dyke while attending MU. In 1972 I received a telephone call late on a a Saturday night from one of my Vietnam buddies. He said he is at a party in Pittsburgh and met a girl from St Louis. He told her he only knew one person from St. Louis from his Army days and that was, "Tom Young". She told him we happened to grow up together and were very good friends. He put Brice on the phone and that's how I met Frosene's husband. She was a special person and good friend.

Tom Young

Tom Young - April 11 at 12:17 PM

JD

Tom, thank you for the memory and your kind thoughts.

Jeff Van Dyke - April 11 at 09:48 PM



“ So sorry to learn about Frosenes passing. I only knew her in high school where she was always kind and friendly to everyone. She was a beauty then inside and out. I hope she had a wonderful happy life. Nita Waninger Steck

Nita Steck - April 09 at 11:31 PM

JV

Thank you for the kind words Nita. She will be missed.

Jeff VanDyke - April 11 at 09:50 PM

JM

“ “Miss Southwest” 1963
Southwest High School



Judy Zdellar McGrath - April 09 at 02:04 PM

JV

Thank you for posting this picture Judy. I had been unable to locate one.

Jeff VanDyke - April 11 at 09:54 PM

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“ Frosene was not only beautiful but she was one of the nicest people you could ever meet. We had reconnected in the last year or so through messenger and you could tell she hasn't changed a bit. So sorry for your loss. Larry Lalumondiere

Larry Lalumondiere - April 09 at 08:26 AM

JV

Thank you Larry. She spoke very highly of you. Glad you got to reconnect.

Jeff VanDyke - April 11 at 09:55 PM