



Ms. Frances Lysonski

January 3, 1946 - July 6, 2020

Ms. Frances Lysonski, 74, of Pittsfield, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, July 6, 2020. Born in Pittsfield, MA, on January 3, 1946, the daughter of the late Albert and Blanche Handerek Smegal, she graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1963 and then studied at Berkshire Community College where, among other things, she loved theater. Later, she graduated from the former North Adams State College class of 1968 with her degree in Mathematics.

Fran worked an impressive number of jobs and careers in her life. In her younger days, she was employed at the well-known Macks Drug Store in Pittsfield. Her first professional job was as a math teacher for Clarksburg Elementary School and then for Lenox Public Schools. She even worked for a time in the auto shop at Sears and Roebuck. Then she continued to work while raising her family as a substitute teacher. Finally, she retired after many years working in the records office on the Berkshire Medical Center campus.

Frances was very active in her community. She was a communicant of the Holy Family Church in Pittsfield up until its closing day, and then became a communicant of St. Joseph Church. Frances could always be found volunteering with her family at the Ward 5A voting polls, just like her mother. She enjoyed celebrating Polish traditions and holidays including cooking banquet sized meals for all who attended. None were left hungry in her care. Her hobbies included love for all kinds of arts and crafts and sewing. Fran was known for her kind heart, loving generosity, and was well known in her wide social circles.

Fran is survived by her children, Bridget Lysonski, David Lysonski, Christopher Lysonski and his partner, Jaclyn Marcotte, and Deborah Lysonski, as well as their father, her former husband, Richard Lysonski. She leaves behind her brothers, Fr. John Smegal, Albert Smegal, Sr. and his wife Judith as well as two grandchildren, Ariana Lysonski-Phillips and Charles Lysonski. Frances was predeceased by her firstborn child Richard, Bridget's twin brother.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Ms. Frances Lysonski will be private. Public calling hours will be held on Sunday, July 12, 2020, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA, 01201. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: St. Joseph Church and the Pittsfield Fire Department in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North

St., Pittsfield, MA 01201 in her memory. Donations may also be sent to the Help Lysonski Family website at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/22c2rzm1io>.

Events

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

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Dwyer Family Funeral Home

776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA, US, 01201

Comments



“ Bridget and family, this is Debbie L from High School. So very very very sorry for the loss of your mom. Prayers and love to you, peace and light.

I'm at truthfirst1@protonmail.com if there is anything I can do.

Love you

R Lusignan - July 17 at 01:41 PM



“ Fran's family, my heartfelt condolences to you. I was saddened to have read of Fran's tragedy. I knew Fran thru a good friend and she was always smiling and full of life. She will be missed. (((hugs))) RIP Fran!

Matdi Goldman - July 14 at 08:17 AM



“ Dave and family, We are all so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was such a nice caring person. It was always a pleasure to see her and have a nice talk. Our family will remember her fondly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. The Hamm Family

Howard Hamm - July 13 at 04:54 PM



“ To Dave and Bridget sorry for your loss of your Mom. I knew her when I worked at BPS.
She was such a pleasant person.

Sharon McClellan - July 13 at 11:26 AM



“ Sharon McClellan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Frances Lysonski



Sharon McClellan - July 13 at 11:24 AM



“ The Leonard’s of Amherst send our sympathy and prayers to you all during these difficult time. Francis had a smile on her face whenever she visited St. Brigid’s Parish for an event or a special mass. She always was so friendly to our family. She cared about people and that attitude was a wonderful treat of hers. God bless you all

John Leonard - July 12 at 07:43 PM



“ So sorry about Frances's passing. Jim says "she was as sweet as the candy she sold at the Capitol Theatre and remained that way. He worked with her there. Great work ethic and values of religion to pass to her remaining family. Brothers Al Smegal and Judy and Fr John long remaining friends. Hugs Marge & Jim Nixon,

Marge & Jim Nixon - July 12 at 12:09 PM



“ 126 files added to the album LifeTributes



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - July 12 at 10:00 AM



“ Fr. Smegal, We are so very sorry for you and your family. I know how much she meant to you.
Ron and Kris Waskiewicz



Kris Waskiewicz - July 12 at 08:35 AM



“ We first met Fran when she started attending mass at North American Martyrs church when her brother Fr John was administrator. She was a very outgoing person and we kept running into Fran in later years at various polka events in the Berkshires. She enjoyed getting out and enjoying life. It is sad to know that she is gone and we extend our sincere condolences to her family and especially Fr John. Rest in peace Fran.

Jim and Donna N Lanesborough, Ma

James Neureuther - July 11 at 04:47 PM



“ Dave, Bridget & Family,
We were so very saddened to hear of your mom's passing. Catherine met your mom at the polls when we moved to Ward 5 and always remarks how she remembered her after only one very brief meeting during a day when she saw a few hundred people. That story sums up only a fraction of the kind of person she was. She will be greatly missed by our community and of us blessed enough to know her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Paul, Catherine & Betty Perry

Paul Perry - July 11 at 01:17 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ms. Frances Lysonski.



July 11 at 01:05 PM



“ This whole week I've been thinking about the memories of Fran. She was so good to my family in the time I've known her. My condolences to the Lysonski and Smegal family because this is a wonderful soul that's no longer here. She's heavily missed by everyone that has known her. As I've said many times, she was one of a kind and someone I was blessed to have known.

Joseph Patrick Berry - July 11 at 08:53 AM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Your mom was the sweetest! Always a kind word for everyone. And she was so incredibly proud of you guys! She updated me about all of you every time I saw her, bursting with pride and love. You were her greatest blessings! May sweet memories soothe your soul.
Cathy Salvini

Cathy Salvini - July 11 at 08:25 AM



“ My condolences to The Lysonski family. I worked with Fran at the Medical Arts Center, always a friendly Hello! May God Bless you RIP Fran

Steve Haile - July 10 at 10:08 PM



“ The Lysonski Family,
Please accept my deepest sympathies during this difficult time. May you find comfort in your loving memories of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Sincerely, Ellen Krupka

Ellen F. Krupka - July 10 at 05:16 PM



“ Dave and family,
So very sorry this has happened. She was such a nice lady. Always a smile or a laugh when we saw each other. A truly huge loss to you all.
Lori Cote

lori cote - July 10 at 11:42 AM



“ We are so sorry for this unexpected loss, many memories of your mom from the CYC and Sacred Heart . You all are in our prayers.
The Touhey Family

Barbara Touhey - July 11 at 08:09 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. She always put a smile on my face. She was such a good person. God bless you all during this difficult time.

Vin Marinaro - July 10 at 07:38 AM