



## Mary Frances "Fran" Buford

June 11, 1949 - August 3, 2020

Mary Frances (Fran) Buford, 71, passed away, Monday, August 3, 2020 at the Margaret Dozier Hospice House at Big Bend Hospice.

A graduate of Leon High, Class of 1967, Fran received her BA from Florida State University in 1972. She later attended Florida A&M University, receiving her degree in nursing. She pursued a career in pediatric nurse case management in Tallahassee before moving to Salt Lake City in 2012 where she worked in nursing until retirement in 2018.

In her free time, she loved exploring Salt Lake City and the surrounding areas, watching FSU football, and being a Grandma (Beebo).

Her mother and father, Marion and Albert L (Jack) Buford, her brother Julius (Juicy) Buford, and her niece Leslie (Buford) Vause preceded her in death.

Fran is survived by her daughter Jackie Sauls Doyle (Adam) of Texas, brother Jack Buford, Jr. (Tanny) of Tallahassee, grandchildren Charlotte Doyle and new grand baby due in September, nieces and nephews Lewis Buford (Georgia), Alice Buford, Alycia Lynn Buford Boudreau (Brett), Darien Buford Gallian (Levi), Brian Proch (Julie), Stephen Sauls (Celeste), Jimmy Sauls (Annie), Laura (Sauls) Terry (Randy), and Marianne Sauls (Chris).

Due to covid-19, a celebration of Fran's life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests charitable contributions be sent to; Lustgarten Pancreatic Cancer Research Foundation ([contactus@lustgarten.org](mailto:contactus@lustgarten.org)); Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308; or a charity of your choice.

Rocky Bevis of Bevis Funeral Home of Tallahassee (850/385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

# Cemetery

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## Oakland Cemetery

Tallahassee, FL,

# Comments

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“ I just heard about Fran yesterday. My thoughts and prayers go to her family, especially Jackie and her family. I knew Fran when she lived in Tallahassee, it was such a shock when she up and moved out to Utah. But I knew from FB that she was very happy there.

May her memory be eternal.



**Stamie Joanos** - August 09 at 04:30 AM



“ I knew Fran when I worked at Select Health in Salt Lake City. What a character she was-- so full of fun! She deeply cared for her patients. She will be missed and was loved by many of us.

**Jackie Mulcock Phillips** - August 18 at 12:31 PM

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“ I served Fran breakfast at Village Inn. She was a delight to see. She always asked about my life and shared hers with me especially how much she loved her daughter. Deeply sorry for your loss

**Samantha** - August 08 at 12:45 AM

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“ Even though I did not know Fran long, she definitely impacted me. She was a lovely person and such a firecracker! I am so glad we met and became friends. Her beautiful zinnia flowers brought us together in our neighborhood in Utah. She is greatly missed everyday! My thoughts and prayers to her family, Love Cathy Nelson

**Catherine Nelson** - August 07 at 06:16 PM

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“ So sad to hear of your mums passing Jackie.. I still remember the great time we all met up and had a great day out with Ann and Tracy and Toby.. so long ago now but it is a fantastic memory meeting everyone.  
Rest in Peace Fran xx

**Steve Blay** - August 07 at 01:24 PM

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“ Fran was one of the funniest people I have ever known. When we would be together at the little beach house she would tell some of the funniest stories about situations she had experienced. I never saw her that she wasn't smiling and happy. I rode cross country with her when she moved to Utah to help with the driving. What a fun trip we had laughing and singing all the way. Got lost once but that was actually good because we got to see the Earthship houses outside Toas. I am sorry I didn't get back out to Utah to visit when she got settled. Truly beautiful country. I know she would have shown me everything. Rest in Peace my friend. No more pain and suffering. Love you.

**Evelyn Shellenberger** - August 06 at 04:52 PM

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“ To Jackie and the family  
My prayers are with you all. Fran was a very nice and funny lady that I worked with for about 7 yrs at TPF.. I remember her as that one that would push you to do your best even when you thought you couldn't do it. May your memories of her be a blessing to you.  
Della B. Johnson

**Della Johnson** - August 06 at 04:23 PM

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“ Frannie and I were born on the same day at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital when it was located at Dale Mabry Field. Our mothers got to know one another in the maternity ward. My mother said we were twins. And indeed we did grow up together in the public schools of Tallahassee. We lost touch after high school graduation. Occasionally I would hear about her activities in nursing. She was a very loving person and I know she will be missed by many.

**Pamela Bethea** - August 05 at 08:44 PM



“ My, Tallahassee Lassie. I've known my dear friend for fifty-years. I'm going to continue to love her and pray, hope to see her again. I've been searching for her since the day she left for Shands Hospital in Gainesville. Fran was like the best sister. My wish for her family and friends is to remember her infectious laugh and directness and devotion. With utmost Love,  
Walter W. Alford-Apopka, Florida.

**Walter Wayne Alford** - October 01 at 06:03 PM