



Barbara Ann "Bobbie" Frye

September 19, 1931 - December 30, 2025

Barbara Ann "Bobbie" Frye passed away peacefully at home on December 30, 2025, in Tallahassee, Florida. She was born September 19, 1931, in Cleveland, Ohio, and grew up in Boston, Massachusetts. Over the course of her life, she lived in Stamford, Connecticut; Villars, Switzerland; Sarasota, Florida; and ultimately made her home in Tallahassee.

She earned her Bachelor of Science, Master's, and PhD degrees, all from her beloved Florida State University, where she taught courses in Biomedical Ethics and Humanities, as well as obtaining certifications in her field from Georgetown University and the University of Virginia. She was a respected scholar and educator whose work reflected her deep commitment to thoughtful inquiry, compassion, and moral reflection.

Bobbie made history as the first Hospital Ethicist at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, helping to shape ethical standards and practices in healthcare at a time when the field was still emerging. Her compassion, patience and understanding helped many families during their difficult end-of-life decisions for their loved ones.

Bobbie was deeply involved in the civic and cultural life of Tallahassee. She served as Chair of Springtime Tallahassee and later as First Lady of Springtime Tallahassee alongside her husband, Dr. O. E. Frye, Jr. She was Past President of the Tallahassee Symphony Society, reflecting her lifelong support of the arts; was a proud graduate of Leadership Tallahassee, Class 23; and a board member and former chair of Easter Seals. Her dedication to the community was recognized through numerous volunteer awards received during her life.

A master of organization with a passion for flower arranging, she loved entertaining and was the force behind countless social and community functions, where her detail-oriented nature ensured that every guest was cared for and every centerpiece was perfect. She leaves behind a legacy of beauty and meticulously planned memories.

A woman of faith, she was also a devoted Deacon and choir member at Christ

Presbyterian Church, where she found community, purpose, and joy in service and music.

She was preceded in death by her husbands Dr. O. E. Frye, Jr. and Dr. Jack MacDonald; her children Deborah Poe, Chris Poe, and Scott Frye; and her grandson Mikhail Frye.

Bobbie is survived by her children Leslie Frye, Robbie Poe (Stacy), and Josh Poe (Marni); her grandchildren Grayal Arden (Jake), Merina Eberhard (Chase), Kelsie Poe, Reese Poe, and Lane Poe; and her great-granddaughter, Clark Eberhard.

Bobbie will be remembered for her steadfast love and undying loyalty to her family and many friends, as well as her intellect, grace, leadership, strength, beauty, fierce independence, tenacity and unwavering dedication to ethics, education, and community.

Her legacy lives on through her family, her former students, and the many lives she touched. May her memory be a blessing to all who knew her.

A memorial service will be held Monday, February 23, 2026, at 1 pm at Christ Presbyterian Church followed by a reception for family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Christ Presbyterian Church at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z33D/campaign/C-169KQ>

and the Tallahassee Symphony at TallahasseeSymphony.org/about/donate. Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home 850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Christ Presbyterian Church
2317 Bannerman Road
Tallahassee, FL 32312

Tribute Wall

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“ *My prayers and condolences to all of you. I met Bobbie when Grayal was born. It was a pleasure to know her.*

*Sincerely,
Lauren Strong*



Lauren Strong - February 20 at 10:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barbara Ann "Bobbie" Frye.*



February 12 at 02:27 PM

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“ *Linda Williams lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann "Bobbie" Frye*



Linda Williams - February 07 at 10:24 AM