



## Francine Cannella "Fran" Hudson

November 3, 1945 - May 24, 2012

Francine Cannella "Fran" Hudson, 66, of Tallahassee and formerly of Tampa, passed away Thursday, May 24, 2012 in Tallahassee, following a lengthy illness.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 4:00 PM, EDT, Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Tallahassee. Burial will follow at Roselawn Cemetery, also in Tallahassee. A prayer vigil for family and friends will be held from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM, Monday, May 28th at Blessed Sacrament.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in memory may be made to the Fran Hudson Memorial Scholarship Fund, which will be established in her name at Trinity Catholic School, 706 East Brevard Street, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

A native of Tampa, Fran graduated from the Academy of the Holy Name in Tampa, and moved to Tallahassee in 1963 to attend Florida State University, where she received a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in 1966. She taught at Trinity Catholic from 1967 until 1971, and returned to teach again in 1981 and later became Assistant Principal, the position she held at her passing.

Her community involvement included the activities of Delta Kappa Gamma, the education sorority at Florida State, as well as being part of the "Super Woman" social group in Tallahassee. She and her family were also longtime residents of Dog Island.

Fran was formerly a longtime communicant of the Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas

More and later became very active in the Church life at Blessed Sacrament; where she served as a Eucharistic Adorer and Eucharistic Minister.

Survivors include the same wonderful man she married 45 years ago, Eddie Hudson, also of Tallahassee; the two joys of her life, her children Christopher D. Hudson (Aidan) and Deanna H. Edwards (Scott), of Tallahassee; two brothers, Norman S. Cannella of Tampa and Theodore Cannella of Cabbage Key; and four grandchildren, Cullen B. Edwards, Macy M. Edwards, Tyler J. Morales and Gabriella M Morales, all of Tallahassee.

Fran was preceded in death by her parents, Norman O. and Angie S. Cannella.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Cemetery

815 West Piedmont Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 28.** 7:00 PM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church  
624 Miccosukee Rd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

## Service

**MAY 29.** 4:00 PM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church  
624 Miccosukee Rd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ I was one of Mrs. H's students when she was at Trinity. She was always one of my favorite teachers and after I moved away for college and work I was always glad when our paths crossed whenever I was back in Tallahassee. I was deeply saddened to hear of her passing, as she was one of those constants, one of those people you always think will be there. Please be assured of my prayers for her repose, for the comfort of the family, and for her friends, in this sad time. God bless you all.

*Matthew Alderman*

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**Matthew G. Alderman** - June 02, 2012 at 11:45 AM

AC

“ Allison Clow lit a candle in memory of Francine Cannella "Fran" Hudson



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**Allison Clow** - May 30, 2012 at 09:56 AM

KD

“ Fran will forever be in my heart.

*Karen Dennis*



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**Karen Dennis** - May 30, 2012 at 08:47 AM

ME

“ Dear Mr. Hudson, Deanna and Chris,

*I was a student at Trinity from Kindergarten to 8th grade and Mrs. Hudson was my 8th grade teacher. When I called Trinity a few months to set up a meeting to enroll our 3 year old daughter, I was delighted to hear she was the Assistant Principal.*

*When my wife and I got to the office the day of our meeting someone called Mrs. Hudson to let her know we had arrived. They told us “Mrs. Hudson loves to see all of her former students and doesn’t miss a chance to meet with them when they come back.”*

*As we toured the campus that day she proudly proclaimed to the students in every class we visited that she had been my teacher and I was an alumnus of Trinity. During our meeting you couldn’t help but notice how much pride she had in the school and how much she cared for each of the students. When our meeting was over my wife and I left the school with a great sense of assurance knowing that Trinity was where we wanted our Sally Kate to grow up.*

*Trinity Catholic School has lost a great member of its family. But I know when Sally Kate starts PK3 in the fall and in the years to come Mrs. Hudson will be watching down with that same big smile she had in April and her spirit will live on forever.*

*May God bless all of you in this difficult time, our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

*Marcus Edenfield*

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**Marcus Edenfield** - May 29, 2012 at 05:10 PM

RN

“ *Retha B. Nero lit a candle in memory of Francine Cannella "Fran" Hudson*



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**Retha B. Nero** - May 27, 2012 at 04:56 PM

RN

“ *Dear Hudson Family,  
I met Fran some three + years ago and what a blessing she was to the Title 1 Family.  
She was always so positive and had a dying love for the children at Trinity Catholic School. Her presence will be missed at our quarterly meetings but her kindred spirit will forever be in our hearts.*

*We pray for God's strength and peace as you endure this tremendous loss in your lives.  
Our deepest sympathy and prayers.*

*Retha Nero and the Title 1 Family  
Leon County Schools  
Title 1 Private School Program*

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**Retha B. Nero** - May 27, 2012 at 04:54 PM

MP

“ Dear Hudson Family,  
We are so sorry not to attend the services for Fran. We are in West Palm Beach for two weeks. However, we will have many masses said for her. She was the teacher for our son Nick, so many years ago. He is now 31 years old. As a past teacher myself, I recognized her outstanding abilities in teaching at our first meeting. And as a friend, she was a delight. Another angel has her wings this day. We share her loss and put her on our prayer list. Marti, Larry, Nicholas and Marzena Pytel

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**Marti Pytel** - May 26, 2012 at 01:18 PM

CF

“ Cathy Freesmeier lit a candle in memory of Francine Cannella "Fran" Hudson



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**Cathy Freesmeier** - May 26, 2012 at 11:34 AM

CF

*Dear Hudson Family,*

*Fran made a remarkable impression on me from the first day I met her at Trinity some 17 years ago. Her presence at Trinity made one know that our children were well cared for during their day at Trinity. She always welcomed me and all with her kind and warm caring smile. She is truly a person who is beautiful inside and out. Our community has lost an extraordinary pillar which no other can compare. I lit a green candle in memory of Fran because green represents growth and that is what Fran did for so many of us. She helped children, parents, family, friends and coworkers grow by her own example. My children were fortunate to have Fran as a role model. We all thank God for sharing Fran with us. God bless each of you in the days to come.*

*Cathy Freesmeier*

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**Cathy Freesmeier** - May 26, 2012 at 11:55 AM

TC

“ *Terri And Randy Cannon lit a candle in  
memory of Francine Cannella "Fran" Hudson*



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**Terri and Randy Cannon** - May 26, 2012 at 10:49 AM

JS

“ Dearest Eddie, Deanna, and Chris,

*We all share with you in this great loss. Fran was such a beloved and compassionate friend, teacher and role model; but foremost, she was a lover of God and family.*

*The last note I received from Fran was to wish me well and to let me know she was going to catch up to me in the grandchildren department. She was thrilled with the thoughts of a new baby for Deanna, and also of Chris' upcoming marriage.*

*When I got the phone call from you Eddie, telling me to pray for a miracle I thought back to our times together. Stan and I cherish the fond memories of visiting with you and Fran at Dog Island, and racing the boat back to the mainland to beat a storm. I think of the celebrations and dinners we had together, almost always at some waters edge.*

*Living next to and teaching with Fran for a month helped us forge a bond. Our experiences together in Taiwan and Hong Kong were truly memorable. There was not a day that went by where we didn't laugh and pray over our adventures, nor forget about our loved ones at home. She loved you all so deeply and worried about you as only a wife and mother can.*

*I hope that the knowledge of Fran's love, and the peace she has found, helps you endure the heaviness in your heart.*

*We love you and will miss our beloved Frannie.*

*Judy & Stan Suckell*

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**Judy Suckell** - May 26, 2012 at 09:48 AM

EM

*“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Fran. She was a wonderful and inspiring woman. Her love of the children at Trinity Catholic School and devotion to education was unsurpassed. She was proud of school and students. Whether it was a trip to the office or a simple hello through the school: she always made you feel like a member of the Trinity School Community. We will miss her greatly.*



*The Munroe Family*

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**Ellen Munroe** - May 26, 2012 at 09:17 AM

TG

*“ We love you Fran and we will miss you. I learned a lot from you just by watching you.  
My prayers are with your family.*

*Thaís González.*

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**Thais Gonzalez** - May 26, 2012 at 08:42 AM

SA

*“ We were saddened to hear of the loss of Fran to our Trinity Family. A great loss to this community. Our sympathy to Eddie and the family.*

*Mike and Silvia Alderman*

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**Silvia Alderman** - May 26, 2012 at 08:12 AM

MM

“ Dear Mr. Hudson, Chris and Deanna,  
I, along with all of the Trinity/Blessed Sacrament Family am  
devastated by the loss of Mrs. Hudson. She was my 5th grade  
teacher, and was a great assistant principal for my girls. She was a  
wonderful, Faithful person who left a huge impression on countless  
people.  
You will all be in my prayers.  
Mark Mitchell

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**Mark Mitchell** - May 26, 2012 at 06:50 AM

CM

“ Dear Eddie, Deanna and Chris,  
We were so sorry for your loss. Fran was a special lady who  
touched the lives of so many. She will live on in the hearts of all who  
knew and loved her. Please know you are all in our thoughts and  
prayers.  
Love,  
Claudette and Rick

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**Claudette McCann** - May 26, 2012 at 06:43 AM



“ *My Dearest Eddie, Chris, Deanna, and family, my heart hurts as well, Our Fannie will truly be missed by so many. I thank God for giving me the privilege of being a part of Fran’s life. Her true journey is just beginning. Fran was like my second mom and I will always hold and cherish my memories of her close to my heart. Fran was my calmness before my storms so many times. There will never be another Fran; God broke the mould because he knew she was one of a kind. So many words that I could use to describe her but, the one that reminds me most of her is Unique. Fran had an awesome way of showing her love for her family and everyone that she met. She was a great teacher here on earth and I can’t imagine the teacher that she will be in heaven. Love is eternal, and those we love shall be with us throughout all eternity.*



#### *High Flight*

*Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth  
and danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings.  
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth  
of sun split clouds - and done a hundred things  
you have not dreamed of; wheeled and soared and swung  
high in the sunlit silence. Hovering there  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air;  
Up, up the long delirious burning blue  
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace,  
Where never lark nor even eagle flew;  
And while, with silent lifting mind I've trod  
The high, untrespassed sanctity of space  
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.*

*I am always here for you guys and I will continue to pray daily for my Hudson family.*

*Sue Patterson*

**Sue Patterson** - May 26, 2012 at 05:55 AM

SK

“ *God's peace and consolation to all of Ms. Hudson's family.  
Will remember her at Mass and in my daily prayers.*

**Steve Kujawa** - May 26, 2012 at 04:35 AM

SG

“ *Fran will be forever in my heart. Susan Gallivan*

**Susan Gallivan** - May 25, 2012 at 10:04 PM

JS

“ *Hello Ed. I just received word of the death of Fran. My heart is broken, as yours must be. The Lord took her to Himself, and she is at peace now. You share my special prayers at this time. I did see and speak to Fran when I was in Tallahassee in April. Please know of my thoughts and prayers at this time. Lovingly and with peace  
Sr. Josette*

**Josette Capozzi, SSJ** - May 25, 2012 at 09:36 PM

TH

“ *We just met Mrs. Hudson this school year but knew right away how special she was.  
Our hearts, thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.  
Sincerely the Harbour's  
Jason, Tracy and John*

**Tracy Harbour** - May 25, 2012 at 05:05 PM

SP

“ *Sonya Penley lit a candle in memory of Francine Cannella "Fran" Hudson*



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**Sonya Penley** - May 25, 2012 at 03:19 PM

SP

*We were so blessed to have Fran in the lives of our children. She was so kind, understanding and caring. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her and her loved ones.*

*The Penleys - Jason, Sonya, Lexi and Sophia*

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**Sonya Penley** - May 25, 2012 at 03:26 PM

JG

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family, Fran was a beautiful person. We all were blessed to know and work with her.*

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**Jeannette Grantham** - May 26, 2012 at 06:44 AM