



Frances E. Gathers

May 3, 1934 - September 10, 2022

Frances E. Gathers, 88, of Sligo, passed away on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at her daughter's home in Sligo surrounded by her family.

She was born on May 3, 1934 in Knox Township; daughter of the late John Lee and Nora Mae Dill Swartzfager.

Frances married William "Melvin" Gathers Sr. on May 5, 1955, who preceded her in death.

She owned and operated her own antique store in Sligo known as Hannah's House. Frances was also a quilter and seamstress, and made draperies for Erma's House in Clarion.

She was a member of the Saint Richards Catholic Church in Rimersburg where she was a part of the Rosary Association.

Frances enjoyed card club, bingo, and going on car rides.

She is survived by her children, Susan Risher, William Gathers Jr., and Pat Stewart and her husband, Jay, all of Sligo, and Robert Gathers and his wife, Cindy, of Shippenville; 5 grandchildren, Kelly, Allen, Andy, Matthew, and John; and 3 great grandchildren, Emerick, Henry, and Gabrilla.

Frances is also survived by her siblings, Helen Selker and Mary Jane MacKinley, both of Clarion, Nina Hunt of Sligo, and Irene Watson of Virginia; her sister-in-law, Deloris Wenner of Sligo; and 2 brothers-in-law, Thomas Shafer of Tennessee and Connell Gathers of Sligo; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Frances was preceded in death by

her daughter, Mary Gathers; a granddaughter, Sherry Kifer; her sisters, Lenora Shafer and infant sister, Patricia Ann Swartzfager; and her brother, Thomas Swartzfager.

The Burns Funeral Home & Crematorium, Inc. in Rimersburg is handling the arrangements.

Family and friends will be received from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at the Saint Richards Catholic Church in Rimersburg where Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11 a.m. with Rev. William Kuba, pastor presiding.

Interment will follow in the Saint Eusebius Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in Frances' honor to the Southern Clarion County Ambulance Service, 10515 Route 68, Rimersburg, PA 16248.

Online condolences can be sent to the family by visiting www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Saint Eusebius Cemetery

East Brady, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Richard's Catholic Church
Purity Avenue
Rimersburg, PA 16248

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RK

“ Sorry to hear about your mom. You all are in our prayers



ron & cheryl kinnan - September 13, 2022 at 09:35 PM

MG

“ Just wanted to say that I worked with Frances at Jo Ann Fabrics... way back when. She was such a sweet lady; soft spoken and kind. I will say she taught me a lot about sewing and I enjoyed working with her. My condolences to the family.....

Michele Gensler - September 12, 2022 at 07:27 PM

JS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you face this troubling time. Frances was truly a gift from above. we all enjoyed her while growing up, and her delicious baked goods when we would sneak across the street to visit! So sad to see those times gone, and grateful for the memories. Sunday church and card parties with 500 bid! I will always cherish the memories of growing up as her neighbor!!!

Joyce stanford - September 12, 2022 at 12:12 PM

AP

“ So sorry for your loss. Your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Allen & Kathy Peters - September 12, 2022 at 08:22 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Frances E. Gathers.*



September 12, 2022 at 08:08 AM



“ *To know Francis was to love her ❤️ She was like a second Mother to my brothers and I. She had nothing but love and kindness for people and she has taken a piece of my heart with her 🌹❤️ Fly high Beautiful Angel till we meet again...
My deepest heartfelt sympathy love and prayers to the family. Love you all.*

Linda Gates - September 11, 2022 at 08:06 PM