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Frances Chaffee Lyon, 92, passed away Thursday, December 28, 2023, at her daughter's home in Millsboro. Born in 1931 in Erie, PA, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Nora Chaffee. She and her husband George retired to Lewes, DE after residing for 30 years in Doylestown, PA.

Frances was a graduate of Andrews School for Girls in Willoughby, OH, outside Cleveland. After graduation, she was employed as an Executive Secretary to the presidents of two insurance companies. She then became the Executive Secretary to the Vice President of Research at American Meter Co., in Erie, PA, where she met George. She continued to work for American Meter Co. in Philadelphia, PA after marriage and until the birth of her first child. She returned to work after her children were older, most notably as the Executive Secretary to the Director of Special Education for Central Bucks School District in PA. This position involved additional duties including GED testing of prisoners at the Doylestown Prison and patients at the Eastern State School and Hospital in Bucks County, PA.

After her retirement in Delaware, she was a Founding Organizer of the Cape Henlopen Food Basket, Secretary for the Friends of the Lewes Library, Treasurer of the United Methodist Women, and a regular volunteer at the Conley's Church Soup Kitchen and Thrift Store. Known to her grandchildren and great grandchildren as "Gammy," she was an avid reader, an excellent gardener and cook. She recently sold her home in Lewes where she lived for almost 25 years.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, George Powell Lyon. Her surviving family members include daughters Janette (Scott) Benjamin, Laura (Paul) Gibbons, and Pamela (Peter) Lyon Kandora; grandchildren Allison (Ben), James (Samantha), Kirsten, Sarah (Brandon), Wesley (Brittany), Acadia, and Kai; and great grandchildren Finley, Cameron, and Marc.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Mrs. Lyon's memory to Lewes Public Library (111 Adams Ave., Lewes, DE 19958), or Delaware Hospice (delawarehospice.org/donate).



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Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



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Rebecca Lowe posted:

I had the honor, privilege, and joy to work with Fran when she was on the Board of Directors for the Friends of the Lewes Public Library. She and George were the quintessential library couple - frequent users who were generous of their time and support of the institution. Fran was one of the kindest people I ever met and I will always fondly reflect on the time we spent together.

January 5 at 4:49 AM



Jim Goodwin posted:

I knew Fran from attending Conley's Church and we worked in their soup kitchen along with Jean Clayton and Dee Springer. Fran loved George. I am sure they are together again in heaven with Jesus. My deepest condolences to her daughters and their families for their loss. Berta Goodwin

January 2 at 3:46 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Frances by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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