



## Elsie Black Francis

August 1, 1926 - August 30, 2016

Elsie Black Francis, 90, of 509 Lakeside Drive, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at Roman Eagle Rehabilitation & Health Care Center after a decline in health for the past year.

Mrs. Francis was born in Danville, VA on August 1, 1926 a daughter of the late Grover Black and Pearl Presnell Black. She worked as a Spinner for Dan River Inc. and was an active member of Faith Memorial Baptist Church. She fulfilled her love for people by volunteering at local schools and DRMC. She loved walking and going to Curves. On January 31, 1946, she married Rufus H. Francis, who died on December 21, 1997. Survivors include three daughters, Patricia F. Spencer, and husband, Michael; Debra F. Dockery, and husband, Doc; Donna F. Goolsby and husband, David; a son, Dennis Francis, and wife, Kitty; nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. She was the last survivor of her generation being predeceased by four brothers, and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 3, 2016 at 11:00 AM at Faith Memorial Baptist Church conducted by the Rev. Daniel Lackey, the Rev. Austin Merricks, and the Rev. Seth Lackey. Interment will follow in Danville Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends on Friday evening at the Church from 6:00-8:00 PM and at the residence at other times.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that memorial donations be made to the Building and Grounds of Faith Memorial Baptist Church or to a charity of your choice.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is serving the Francis family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Faith Memorial Baptist Church  
7450 Martinsville Highway  
Danville, VA

## Funeral Service

SEP 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Memorial Baptist Church  
7450 Martinsville Highway  
Danville, VA

## Burial

SEP 3 (ET)

Danville Memorial Gardens  
510 Church Avenue  
Danville, VA

# Tribute Wall

WM

“ *Wendy Meadows lit a candle in memory of Elsie Black Francis*



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**Wendy Meadows** - September 02, 2016 at 10:25 PM

WM

*Donna....I am praying for you and your family to find comfort and strength through God during this difficult time. I know how hard it is with the highs and lows our emotions go through when we lose someone we love so much. Your mom was very special to many people. I will ALWAYS treasure the talks and fun I had with her over the years. The love she had for you and your family was truly unconditional and it shined bright with every smile and move she made. I will not be able to attend her funeral but know you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Heaven gained a wonderful Angel...now she is watching over you and rejoicing being "home". Love to you and the family!*

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**Wendy Meadows** - September 02, 2016 at 10:48 PM

MM

“ *Mark ^ Michelle Mann lit a candle in memory of Elsie Black Francis*



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**Mark ^ Michelle Mann** - September 02, 2016 at 04:51 AM

MM

*To the family of a wonderful woman. God needed another special Angel. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all during this hard time and many days after. Enjoy and treasure the love and the memories she gave you all. Big hugs to each of you. Sincerely Mark & Michelle Mann*

Michelle Mann - September 02, 2016 at 04:57 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elsie Black Francis.



September 01, 2016 at 07:58 PM

JH

“ Praying for your family's as you say I will see you later, never good bye. For you will see your sweet Mom in Heaven. God has said come home my good and faithful servant. No more pain for you. Love to you all from Grover & Judy Robertson Haymore.



Judy Robertson Haymore - September 01, 2016 at 07:29 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Elsie Black Francis.



September 01, 2016 at 03:29 PM

KM

“So very sorry for the loss of your beloved mother. May God give you peace during this difficult time.”

Prayers,  
Billy & Kathy Moore



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**Kathy Moore** - September 01, 2016 at 02:52 PM



“Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elsie Black Francis.”



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September 01, 2016 at 01:12 PM

ML

“I am so sorry to hear that Aunt Elsie passed away. While I have not seen her in a while I will always remember her as a loving caring person. She was so faithful to come and visit my mom (your aunt) Gladys, your Uncle Russell's wife. She spread love and warmth and really cheered me up in a very tough time. My plans are not firmed up at this time, but I hope to attend the services. You are in our hearts and prayers!

Love,  
Your Cousin, Marie Francis Lane



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**Marie Lane** - September 01, 2016 at 12:48 PM



*Ms kitty im so sorry for your familys loss you all are such a special family u r in my prayers lov u ms kitty*

**Lisa Rickman** - September 01, 2016 at 02:46 PM

DL

“ *Darlene Linens lit a candle in memory of Elsie Black Francis*



**Darlene Linens** - September 01, 2016 at 07:26 AM

CV

“ *Clara Vaughan lit a candle in memory of Elsie Black Francis*



**Clara Vaughan** - September 01, 2016 at 04:37 AM

CV

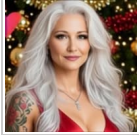
*I lit this candle in memory of a friend and neighbor of many years. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.*

**Clara Vaughan** - September 01, 2016 at 04:40 AM

DS

“ *She was a wonderful lady, I talk to her when she volunteered at the hospital and walked in the Mall. I pray that God will comfort the family at time.*

**Debra Simmons** - September 01, 2016 at 04:27 AM



“ Justin ..... William and I are thinking of you and your family, sending love, prayers, strength and comfort during this time. God has gained a beautiful Angel. I know Mema is looking down on you and saying Justin I told you always to be you and I will continue to be here for you ... We love you Justin....



**Ginny Morton** - September 01, 2016 at 03:34 AM



“ So sorry for your loss Debra, will be Praying for you and your family.



**Gary & Diane Edwards** - August 31, 2016 at 10:56 PM



“ Sheri Stallings lit a candle in memory of Elsie Black Francis



**Sheri Stallings** - August 31, 2016 at 10:24 PM



*I light this candle, in memory of this sweet lady! My thoughts and prayers are going out to her lovely family.*

**Sheri Stallings** - August 31, 2016 at 10:27 PM



Charley  
Charlene  
Axsom

“ *I light this candle in memory of sweet Elise Francis. As a child growing up on Lakeside Drive she was a wonderful woman and always made me feel welcomed in her home. Thoughts, prayers and lots of love for the family.*



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**Charley Charlene Axsom** - August 31, 2016 at 09:33 PM

RM

“ *Robin Moore lit a candle in memory of Elsie Black Francis*



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**Robin Moore** - August 31, 2016 at 09:29 PM

RM

“ *Deb and family so sorry for the loss of your mom. She will be sadly missed I know its hard to lose your mom but just know shes in heaven with Virl and Jr. looking down on you and your family. Sorry cant make it to the service but know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*With Love,*  
*Robin Guill Moore*

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**Robin Moore** - August 31, 2016 at 09:27 PM

DW

“ *Diane Waters lit a candle in memory of Elsie Black Francis*



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**Diane Waters** - August 31, 2016 at 02:57 PM