



Frances LaNieve Sexton

March 16, 1942 - May 18, 2017

SEXTON, FRANCES LANIEVE - 75, of Knoxville, TN, completed her earthly race on May 18, 2017 after an extraordinary 18-year battle with cancer. Frances was born on March 16, 1942, to the late Leslie and Frances LaNieve. A 1959 graduate of West High School, Frances attended Mary Baldwin College and the University of Tennessee, where she was a member of Chi Omega sorority; she received a B.S. in psychology in 1963.

In 1982 Frances received a degree in computer science from U.T. and began working for Martin Marietta at Oak Ridge National Labs as a computer analyst. She was a past president of the Knoxville Junior League. In 1996 she and her daughter Susan Worthington co-founded The Southern Market, which she helped to manage until 2015.

A longtime member of Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, Frances was a devoted servant of Jesus, a diligent student of Scripture, and a compassionate friend to all who knew her. She will be remembered for her radiant, contagious smile, her humble spirit, and her unwavering faith. She was both tough and tender, strong and soft, tenacious and trusting. Her family, friends, nurses and even strangers were consistently drawn to the light in her, and she always pointed them back to Jesus.

Frances is preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Charles F. Sexton Jr. She is survived by her brother Leslie LaNieve and his wife Nadine Martin of Warren, NJ; her daughter Susan and her husband Mark Worthington of Knoxville; her daughter Anne and her husband Rev. Walter Henegar of Atlanta, GA; grandchildren Elizabeth Callaway (Callie) and Alexander Sheets Worthington, of Knoxville, and Abigail Sexton and Emily Jane Henegar of Atlanta; nieces Hardwick Sexton Kappler, Aimee LaNieve Spiers, Nicole LaNieve, and nephew Callaway Sexton. A funeral service celebrating Frances' life and anticipating her resurrection will be held at 2 pm Tuesday, May 23 at Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, followed by visitation with the family at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Atlanta Westside Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 93511, Atlanta, GA 30377.

Comments



“ My heart goes out to all the family. Having known her parents and her family, I know what a wonderful woman Frances was in every way. She was truly a delight to know, and I know how proud her parents would be today of all the many things Frances did to make this world a better place to live! I have many fond memories of this outstanding woman, who will be missed by many.
Fondly,

Andrew Morton

Andrew Morton - May 21, 2017 at 08:04 PM



“ I remember Frances as a smart and always smiling young girl. She made us feel special. She was such a trouper through this terrible disease. Thankful she was at our last reunion. She looked beautiful.

Mary Shaver - May 21, 2017 at 08:38 AM