



Francine Joyce Latimer

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Francine Joyce Latimer died in her home on April 29 after a yearlong battle with smooth leiomyosarcoma cancer. Her warmth, compassion and intelligence will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.

Francine was born in 1949 in her mother's 7th month of pregnancy in Callicoon, New York, but raised in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where she graduated from Central Dolphin East High School in 1967. She attended the University of Pittsburgh, earning a Bachelor of Arts in German with a minor in French in 1971. After college she lived in several places including the Philippines and Hawaii.

It was in Hawaii that she discovered what eventually would become her career. While working as a travel agent with the Mackenzie Travel Agency, she was chosen to be trained in computer programming. Her people skills combined with these technical abilities proved to be her niche. She moved to Monterey California working as a computer programmer/system analyst at the Firestone Corporation.

She came home to the East Coast in 1979 and went to work for Compuware consulting. It was at Compuware that she met Harry Latimer and they worked together for about two years becoming close friends. In 1982, Harry with a partner started Lamarian Systems Inc. a software development company specializing in international trade documentation. She helped grow Lamarian Systems into a thriving company, serving as Vice President of Operations from 1982 to 1992. At the same time Francine and Harry's friendship developed into a romance and they were married in September, 1984. They eventually settled in Annapolis, Maryland and made a home there. Together, they traveled the world and shared in the struggles and triumphs of growing an international business. In 1990 they sold Lamarian Systems to Nynex which eventually became Verizon. They retired in 1992.

Outside of her professional career, Francine was a lover of (good) food and (great) wine. You would always find her alongside Harry teaching wine classes for Anne Arundel Community



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College and helping him search for wines for their serious wine collection. She was also a talented vocalist and was lead singer in several classic rock bands, including Red Right Return. Many Friday and Saturday nights you could find Francine on stage with the band, playing gigs all around the Annapolis area. All of these passions she shared with her husband Harry, whom she referred to as 'her bass player'. Francine also served on the board of directors of Annapolis Seniors Incorporated, was a member of the Annapolis Senior Center and the Admirals of Annapolis Yacht Club.

It's an often used phrase that someone is the 'nicest person you've ever met,' but with Francine it was actually true. She had an innate ability to relate to people and bring out the best in them.

Francine is survived by her husband Harry, her mother Ethel Yesser, her step-children Shannon Stoughton and husband Jason and Brande Myers and husband Scott, her five grandchildren Dylan, David, Stephen, Campbell and Braileigh, and three great grandchildren Sophie, Elijah and Noah.

A Visitation of Life will be held at Lasting Tributes Cremation & Funeral Care 814 Bestgate Rd. Annapolis, MD on Monday, May 9, 2016 between the hours of 2 - 4 pm and 6 - 8 pm. A Ceremony will begin the following morning at 11am at Lasting Tributes. Burial will be at Bestgate Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made at: <https://www.crowdrise.com/Team-Francine--The-Rockstar/fundraiser/shannonstoughton>




Events


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Visitation of Life


 **Monday**, May 9, 2016

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET


 **Lasting Tributes Cremation & Funeral Care**
814 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis MD 21401

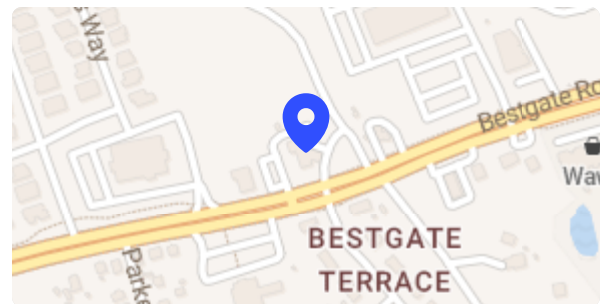


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 **Monday**, May 9, 2016


 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


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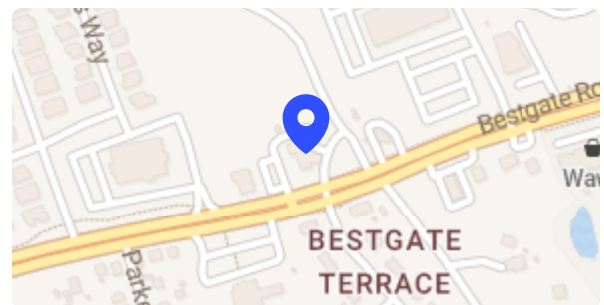


Ceremony


 **Tuesday**, May 10, 2016

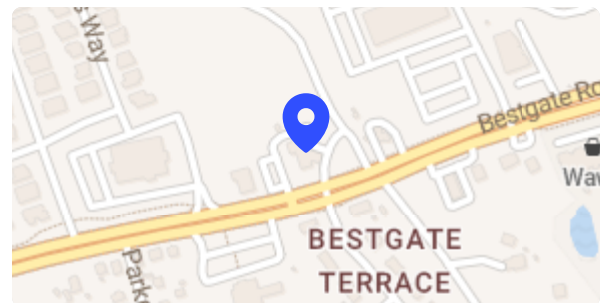
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Cemetery Details

 **Bestgate Memorial park**
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DW

David Webber posted:

Every day working with Francine and Harry over at the Lamarian head office in Landover was always an adventure. Smiles and wise cracks, good cheese and of course wine. Great times that we all miss. Business in America needs more Francines. Uncle Lamar knows that too.

May 28 at 6:06 PM



Joel Brandon lit a candle in honor of Francine.

I'll never forget teaching Francine voice lessons - she had so much talent, energy, and enthusiasm and introduced me to a lot of classic rock music! I'm glad I was able to know her, even for a short time.



May 14 at 5:14 PM

DL

Donna Lauer shared an album called **Francine with Friends**.



May 10 at 4:09 AM

MS

Marie Saccoccio posted:

Dear Harry and Family, Sending heartfelt condolences over the loss of Francine. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Fondly, Marie Saccoccio

May 9 at 2:14 PM

RC

Richard&Elizabeth Collins posted:

Harry, we were very shocked and upset to hear the sad news about your wife Francine and we want you and your family to know of our deep sympathy. She will be greatly missed for her friendly personality and a nice smiling.

May 9 at 1:16 PM



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MB

Marilyn Bandy posted:

God sends few special people to one's life. Francine was certainly one. Over twenty years ago we came together at work. Our relationship was one of laughter, fun, joy and always promise. We even sang together, though I can't sing! She always brought out the best in people. Though I was unaware of her middle name - I just knew it was JOY. Her optimism was infectious, her love of people profound, her caring of loved ones complete. God gave us something to aspire to - it was Francine and her consummate humanity...what a gift! Francine tried to coax me to sit on the dock with a glass of wine and a cigar! What a lady! I will forever hold many lovely memories of our times together and be thankful to God for choosing us as friends. Harry, as you heal, be bathed in the beautiful memories of your special lives together. So many couples have missed that connection. What a gift you have been blessed with. All who knew Francine have been touched by her and challenged by her spirit - I know she has prepared you until eternity when you will meet again. Know that you are loved by those left behind. Steve and I stand ready to help you in any way we can, at any time - for a meal, a chat, a chance to grieve, to reflect, just to be. Your family is held up in our prayers. Love, Marilyn and Steve Bandy

May 9 at 6:25 AM

RF

Roberta Fitzgerald posted:

A truly wonderful person whose full enjoyment of singing will be missed. Anna Fitzgerald

May 9 at 5:44 AM

CC

Cousin Claire sent a virtual gift in honor of Francine.

Dearest Fran...The essence of your beautiful soul lives forever in the hearts everyone you have met and touched. You will be forever missed... hugs & love, Cousin Claire

May 8 at 4:35 PM



TM

Tom And Birdie Moore sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Latimer family.

May 7 at 9:14 AM





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Douglass Parker posted:

So sorry to hear of Francine's passing. She was a special person. Harry and Francine were one of the most loving couples I've ever seen. I know she will be missed. Emilie and I send our best to Harry and the entire family.

May 6 at 4:31 PM



Mary Ellen Mason posted:

Francine is the strongest woman I have ever met. Her gentleness and compassion remarkable. She touched everyone she met and she was loved !Mary Ellen Mason

May 6 at 7:56 AM



Bruce Martell posted:

I am so sad. I have fantastic memories of Francine, discussions and laughs on the deck over a glass of wine, 4th of July fireworks, belting out songs with the band, always smiling and a great hostess. I will deeply miss her. With Love, Bruce

May 5 at 7:11 AM



John And Linda Latimer lit a candle in honor of Francine.

We will always remember Francine's big smile and the good times we had when you visited California. Love to you. Uncle John and Linda

May 4 at 10:24 AM



Cheryl Eccard posted:

Never have I met a more loving person. Her kindnesses went beyond what an ordinary person does in a decade, but every day. That beautiful smile, laugh and voice will forever be a memory and she love for Harry, her mother and children shall live on. "Love You" were always her parting words.Love YOU Fran and always will.

May 4 at 7:53 AM



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CH

Chrissellene posted:

I grew up with Harry. He is like my brother. When he told me about Francine, I can remember how 'in love' he was and how her essence glowed all over him. He was blessed to have found this extraordinary woman. Anyone who met or spent time with Francine knew what love and giving is about. Her heart was as big as our world and when we had the opportunity to share life with her we too felt loved. You are a star in our lives that shall continue to shine. Chrissellene & Dimitri

May 4 at 7:00 AM

LB

Lois Barth posted:

Though we didn't see each other often, I adored Francine. She was one of the most upbeat positive sweet natured people I know. I remember when my Dad got her up at one of the Bar Mitzvahs and had her sing. At the time she was so shy but then belted out, "We've Only Just Begun" What a spirit! Lois Barth

May 3 at 7:09 PM

DU

Dennis Ullman lit a candle in honor of Francine.

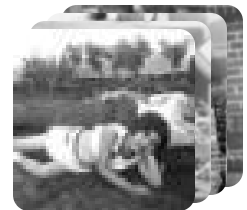
I miss your smile and laugh already...Your stand for love, integrity, and passion for life will live on forever. You literally touched the lives of thousands thru your teaching of fine wines, great music, and most of all compassion for humanity. For this the collective we are profoundly grateful. Love Cousin Dennis



May 3 at 5:31 PM

HL

Harry Latimer shared an album called **Older Pictures of Francine.**



May 2 at 3:07 PM

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May 3 at 1:40 PM



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Harry Latimer shared an album called **New Album Name.**



May 3 at 1:36 PM



Jackie Gallia Solsky shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

We were great childhood friends. Many family memories were made, and will never be forgotten. She will be missed. Sorry for your loss.



May 3 at 9:32 AM



Harry Latimer May 3 at 1:44 PM
Thanks For Sharing !



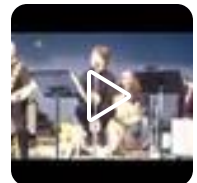
Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Latimer family.



May 3 at 8:38 AM



Harry Latimer shared an album called **Francine Singing !.**



May 2 at 3:11 PM



Joel Brandon May 14 at 5:09 PM
Looks like we need some footage of her ACTUALLY singing...right??



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Harry Latimer shared an album called **4 Weeks ago Francine Singing !!!**



May 2 at 3:07 PM



Louise May 5 at 6:28 AM

Amazing!



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Donna Lauer shared a photo to the **Francine with Friends** album.

May 10 at 4:09 AM



Francine's Fun pose with friends at Pollack Vineyard



Harry Latimer shared 6 photos to the **Older Pictures of Francine** album.

May 3 at 1:42 PM



Rose Latimer Brockman May 4 at 2:47 PM

Francine always had that beautiful smile !!! Lv Rose Latimer Brockman



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Judy, Jackie Gallia and Fran.



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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