



Francine S. Maclin

Francine S. Maclin, 75, passed peacefully with family at her side on Friday, December 12, 2014 at St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore after a lengthy illness.

Fran was the daughter of the late Marguerite and Frank Salerno. She grew up in Hawthorne, NJ, graduated from Hawthorne High and attended Douglass College, where she met her husband Thomas W. Maclin while building a float for the homecoming parade. During their 55 years of marriage they moved several times for Tom's career with DuPont. Her favorite assignment was their 4 years in Frankfurt, Germany, which gave them a base to travel extensively in Europe as well as to Israel and Egypt. After retirement, they made their home in Stone Harbor, NJ, where Fran was an active member of the community and worked part time at Hoy's 5&10; she enjoyed being part of the Hoy's team.

In addition to raising their 5 children, Fran found time to participate in many activities and organizations, including the National Organization of Women, Newcomers Club of Wilmington, DE, American Women's Club of the Taunus, Red Land Marching Band Boosters, Chain Locker of the Coast Guard, Seven Mile Singers, Military Officers Association, Wetlands Quilting Club, Stone Harbor Garden Club, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, bridge groups, gourmet groups, and church choirs. She was always happy to jump in and help out if something needed to be done, and she loved the many friends she made through her activities. Fran was a talented violinist, and loved to make and listen to all types of music.

Fran's family was the most important part of her life. She was a loving wife to her husband Tom, and a caring and supportive mother to her 5 children. 'Grannie Frannie' adored her 7 grandchildren and was proud and supportive of their many accomplishments. She loved to have family and friends visit in Stone Harbor, and nothing made her happier than to host a houseful of people she loved. Grannie Frannie loved family vacations, holidays, family celebrations, and happenings in which her children and grandchildren were involved. Her profound generosity, warmth and kindness will always be remembered by those she touched in her lifetime.

Francine was the beloved wife of Thomas W. Maclin. She was the loving mother of Thomas E. and his wife Kathleen of Doylestown, PA, Catherine of West Chester, PA, Richard and his wife Tara of Duluth, MN, Douglas and his wife Jeanine of Middletown, DE, Keith and his wife Michelle of Baltimore, MD. Francine was the proud grandmother of Russell, Gregory, John Thomas (JT), Jacob, Anna, Rowan and Abigail. Francine was the loving sister of Carolyn and brother-in-law Gregory Villamil of New York, NY, her sister Barbara and brother-in-law Arthur O'Keefe predecease her. Francine was the loving sister-in-law of Elizabeth and James Butler of Odenton, MD, and Russell and Jayne Maclin of Tavernier, FL. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral home visitations will be on Thursday, December 18, 2014 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Radzieta Funeral Home, 9 Hand Avenue, Cape May Court House, NJ and on Friday, December 19, 2014 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at St. Brendan the Navigator Parish, Maris Stella Church, 5012 Dune Dr, Avalon, NJ. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Brendan the Navigator Parish, Maris Stella Catholic Church, on Friday, December 19, 2014 at 11:00 am. Donations in memory of Francine may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011, or the Dementia Society of America, PO Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901, www.DementiaSociety.org,