



Frances Ellen Merritt-Farley

April 9, 1928 - November 16, 2024

Frances Ellen Merritt-Farley, age 96, of Ludlow, passed away on Saturday, November 16, 2024, at her home. She was born on April 9, 1928, in Ludlow, the daughter of Glennen and Frances (Birt) Walker. Frances married Kenneth Merritt on January 30, 1948, in Gibson City, and he preceded her in death on March 10, 1982. Later, she married John Farley on April 9, 2002, in Paxton, and he preceded her in death on November 11, 2002.

She is survived by a daughter, Gloria (Lou) Frank of Ludlow; a daughter-in-law, Diane Merritt of Hanson, KY; a granddaughter who was loved like a daughter, Kimberly Braaten of Ludlow; four grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; and ten great-great-grandchildren.

Along with her husbands, Kenneth and John, Frances was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Steven Merritt, who passed away on March 18, 2024; a granddaughter, Jennifer (Merritt) Zarate, who passed away on February 8, 2014; three brothers; one sister; an infant great-granddaughter; and her beloved dog and companion, Missy Sue, who passed away on October 8, 2024.

Frances worked as a Nurses Aid at the former Heartland Healthcare, Ford Co. Nursing Home, and Asta Care until the age of 75. In her younger years, she gave back to her community by making clothing, baking pies, and babysitting.

She also enjoyed western dancing with her late husband, Kenneth. Frances was a member of Ludlow Christian Church.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of her life, for close family and friends, will be held in Kentucky at a later date. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Tribute Wall

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“*Fran was a wonderful woman and cousin. I enjoyed coming over to see you and talking about the family genealogy and stuff. You will be greatly missed. Hope you, LaDonna, and Hattie are having a wonderful time being back together up there.*”

Laveta Iverson - November 21, 2024 at 04:32 PM

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“*Frances was one special lady...she will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers to the family. I am going to miss her!*”

Lisa Pearman - November 21, 2024 at 08:56 AM

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“*Sending heartfelt condolences to the family and all who knew and loved Aunt Sissy... Special prayers for Sissy, Anna, Mary and Lorri... I know your hearts are broken but have comfort in knowing, it's not goodbye but see ya later!*”

Janece Appleton - November 18, 2024 at 11:09 PM