



Frances Koppang

July 23, 1934 - February 3, 2009

Frances Koppang, 74, Bismarck, ND, died Tuesday, February 3, 2009, surrounded by her family at St. Alexius Medical Center in Bismarck. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Saturday at Faith Lutheran Church, Bismarck, with Rev. Chris Alexander officiating. Visitation will be held from 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm Friday at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a prayer service will begin at 7:00 pm. Frances Lorraine Davidson Koppang was born July 23, 1934, at Portland, ND, to Edwin and Bernice Lunde Davidson. She graduated from Portland High School and attended Mayville State University for one summer before teaching in rural schools. She later returned to college and attended Bismarck State College and completed her Bachelor's degree in business at the University of Mary in 1978. Fran taught in rural schools near Hatton and Portland and then became a stay at home mother for several years. During those years she was active as a volunteer with Girl Scouts, 4-H, and her children's school activities. She went back to work at Patterson Land Company and in the Registrar's Office at the University of Mary. She also worked for the Bank of North Dakota for several years. She returned to college to complete her degree and then worked for the State Development Credit Corporation and the First Presbyterian Church. She retired from the First Presbyterian Church in 1999. Fran was a long-time active member of Faith Lutheran Church in Bismarck and her church Bible Study Circle. She was a volunteer for the Senior Health Insurance Counseling Program SHIC

and the AARP Tax Aide Program to assist low income and seniors. She was a volunteer with MedCenter One Auxiliary and Foundation for several years. Fran had a strong commitment to helping others who needed assistance. Family was very important to Fran and her favorite thing to do was to spend time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were a source of pride and joy to her. She enjoyed travel, entertaining, quilting with her friends, her pinochle group, her lunch groups and just spending time with family and friends. She is survived by four children: Angie Koppang, Vermillion, SD; Chris Doreen Koppang, Bismarck, Lorraine Ken Weber, Alexandria, MN, and Kathy Mark Baerlocher, Bismarck; 12 grandchildren, Wendy Arik Spencer, Melissa Koppang, Jessica Gilge, CJ Koppang, Cory Koppang, Courtney Koppang, Alyssa, Amanda and Norah Baerlocher, Lucas Weber, Brandon and Joey Pam Fischer; six great-grandchildren; and one brother, E. Norman Betty Davidson, Needles, CA. She is also survived by two brothers-in-law; six sisters-in-law; and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and Alton Koppang.

Tribute Wall

SV

“ *Angie, I am so very sorry to read of your mother's passing. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. God's Blessings! Siri*

Siri Vollan - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Dear Angie, My thoughts are with you and your family. I know how much your parents meant to you and I'm so sorry for your loss. With sympathy, Marcia*

Marcia Morrison - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *I always enjoyed visiting with Fran in the office whenever I had business at the church. We could get so silly. It continued on as I ran into her at Perkins a few years ago, and it was like no time had passed. She will be missed.*

Rev. Donna Monteith - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Frances Koppang*

Mark - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My deepest sympathy to all of Fran's family. Fran was such a great lady. So kind and generous, and oh so friendly. You liked her the minute you saw her. She was a great friend and co-worker in the AARP Tax Aide work. She loved that work helping to file tax returns for the low income and elderly people in the Bismarck-Mandan area. I am a State Coordinator over the AARP/VITA sites and that is how I got to know her. She will be missed by all.

Judy M. Steinhouse - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ So sorry to hear about your mother. Loved her laugh and cheery nature. She will dearly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family.

Jan Brown - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Angie, Chris, Lorraine, Kathy and your Families - Your Mom had a most caring and giving heart. She touched many lives, and her volunteer work especially in her "senior" years was admirable. Each of you should know how proud she was of you and how grateful. Rod and I each had the opportunity to work with her, at BND and Mary College.

Rita and Rodney Anheluk - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ I am so sorry for the loss. I have such fond memories of your mom , from when I was young and playing at your house with Lorraine, as I grew up. These past few years visiting with her at Centennial school always brought such a smile. I will miss her deeply. My prayers are with all of you.

Vicki Peterson Modin - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ So sorry to hear about your Mom. I always enjoyed visiting with her and catching up on children and grandchildren. I will be unable to attend the service because of a class I teach on Saturday morning. Thoughts and prayers will be with you. Rosemary

Rosemary Person - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Frances Koppang*

March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *So long Frances ..till we meet again. You will be missed beyond measure.*

Martha Haaby - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go to the family and friends of Fran. We will always remember her friendly and smiling face as she greeted and visited with us many times as she passed our home near her's. We were sad to read about her death . . .*

Dean & Valerie Peterson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Glod bless each and every one of you: Chris, Angie, Kathy & Lorraine & all the children and grandchildren of Fran. This is yet another sad moment where one of our childhood parents, that we shared, has passed away. I recall the days when we were all growing up on Ave E, Curtis, Couch, etc. Fran was one of the neighborhood moms who we all could count on as a parental shoulder. Her genuine, caring characteristics carried through to my girls long after my "direct" Ave E connection dissolved. It's no secret . . . she will be missed by all. I can't even begin to imagine what your family is going through losing both parents, Al and Fran, so close together. In know you will band together and be there for each other. Your annual weeks at Detroit Lakes will be a blatent reminder of the family values and memories that were created by your parents. While it may be difficult this next summer, you are blessed to be able to share those memories for many years to come. Although there will be an distinct, empty void . . . their spirit and memories will always be there with you. Please accept my deepest sympathies with the passing of your Mom, G-mom, and great G-mom.

Jayden Veil - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Angie and family: Our prayers and thoughts are with you, sending you love and hugs. Bernie and Sherry

Sherry Houdek - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Angie, My deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother. It is difficulty time for you and your family. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. Doreen Gosmire

Doreen Gosmire - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ I was so shocked to read about Fran's death in the paper. I know Fran from Curves Exercise Center. We would work out at the same hour. She was always so positive and cheerful - even at that hour of the morning. I will miss her.

Barb Tietz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ My best wishes to you and your family.

Larry K. Bright - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Kathy and Family, My deepest sympathy to you! Your Mom was an awesome person. Every time Frances saw Brittany, she would give her a hug just as if she was her own granddaughter. I will miss seeing her at all of the girls' events. Danette, Brittany, and Family.

Danette Hausauer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ To Fran's Family: Fran was such a beautiful person, both inside and out. She was such a blessing to so MANY people....she was dearly loved and will be missed. Cindy Sheldon SHIC Director

Cindy Sheldon - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Angie, Sorry to hear about your loss. Just want you to know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. All your friends in Huron.

Darci Love - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM