



Franrica Payne

March 14, 1943 - February 17, 2023

Franrica Faye Payne, 79, of Ottumwa, Iowa passed away on February 17, 2023 at her home surrounded by family and friends. She was born on March 14, 1943 in Ottumwa, Iowa to Vernon T. and Evelyn Fern Hanna Spurgeon. She married Ben Simonson on June 12, 1972 in Bethany, Missouri. He passed away on May 4, 1977. She married Philip Payne on July 2, 1979 in Kirksville, Missouri. He passed away on October 23, 2005.

Franrica attended AIB in Des Moines and worked several jobs in the Ottumwa area. Her last job at Bridge View Center was one of her favorites. She was an active member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary O.B. Nelson Post #3 of Ottumwa for over 40 years and helped with many meals and other legion functions. She loved spending time with her family, working in her garden, playing BINGO, embroidering, and working on crafts. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by two sons, Marty Simonson of Des Moines, Danny (Melissa) Simonson of Ottumwa; seven bonus children, Monte (Diane) Simonson, Brenda (Gary) Szakacs, Mona (David) Veach, Frank (Cheri) Payne, William (Carol) Payne, Connie (Dan) Cavanaugh, Mary Ann Southworth; three grandchildren, 20 bonus grandchildren; many bonus great-grandchildren; sister, LaVetta Schmied of Naperville, Illinois; brother, Stuart (Maria Luisa) Spurgeon of Toledo, Oregon; two nieces; and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands; companion, Darrell Adams; and three bonus children, Rosemary Payne, George Payne, and Sam Payne.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastor Bill Hornback officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Lawn Cemetery in Ottumwa. Visitation will begin at noon on Tuesday with the family present to greet friends from 5-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

A memorial has been established to the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary O.B. Nelson Post #3.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Lawn

3002 N. Court
Ottumwa, IA 52501

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
304 West Jefferson Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537
(641) 664-3421
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation with Family Present

FEB 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

FEB **22**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Hayden Frederick*
Fran was very close to my grandmother Jewel Frederick and she was all i had left of her she will be missed dearly love you Fran “Rest In Peace” love Hayden



Häyden Frederick - February 22, 2023 at 10:21 AM

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“ *If you knew Franrica Faye Spurgeon as she grew up, the term “ornery” would be in any conversation of which she was the subject. Franrica grew into a devoted daughter, sister, wife, and mom. When anyone talked to her, that mischievous twinkle was always in her eyes. Life turns from days to months to years and family members move on to new horizons. One bond will always be there between the four of us Franrica, as our mother and your daddy were much loved sister and brother! We will remember and miss you. Corinne, Betty, and Brenda (Johnson)*

Brenda Johnson - February 21, 2023 at 04:36 PM

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“ *Franrica was a kind and loving person, and also one who could provide a humorous side of any situation.*

Aunt Evelyn was blessed to have Franrica to provide assistance and support. She loved her family and was proud of their achievements... being glad to keep us up to date with their busy lives.

Although we cousins are scattered across the country, we always have wonderful memories of spending time together when visits allowed.

Franrica was a dear person and will be greatly missed. Our condolences to her family and we offer our prayers for peace and comfort.

Don and Paula Friend

Don Friend - February 21, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Franrica Payne.*



February 20, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Franrica Payne.*



February 20, 2023 at 04:10 PM



“ *Ed Menuis lit a candle in memory of Franrica Payne*



ed menuis - February 20, 2023 at 06:41 AM



“ *I'm going to miss you and our little chats. RIP my friend! Donna (Jerry) Hickenbottom*

Donna J Hickenbottom - February 19, 2023 at 08:21 PM