



Frances Gabriel Forsberg

August 23, 1927 - March 14, 2017

Frances Gabriel Forsberg, age 89 of Hot Springs and a permanent resident of Levi Towers, died March 14, 2017 after a brief illness in Laveen, Arizona. She was born August 23, 1927 in Hot Springs to the late George A. and Norma Jean Mowry Gabriel. Frances attended the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and graduated from the Chicago School of Radio Techniques. She was employed by several radio stations in various capacities and was a well-known radio broadcaster. Frances starred in many Community Player productions and was a member of St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, which her father was instrumental in constructing. After retiring from the Hot Springs Police Fines Department, Frances was a recreational cryptographer and traveler, and was a very active participant at Oaklawn Gaming. She was always young at heart and loved her family, her church, her friends, & a good game of Scrabble. Frances was creative, interesting and funny, seeking the good in the world and sharing it with others. Frances was always ready to help those in need with a meal, a ride, a smile or all of the above.

She is survived by her two daughters - Gabriel "Gabe" Forsberg (Howard Fischer) of Laveen, Arizona and Ellen Gray (Dr. John Gray) of Twin Falls, Idaho. She is also survived by one nephew - Mike Patterson (Betty or "B") of Great Falls, Montana; one niece - Missy Patterson of Ypsilanti, Michigan; and her godson - Chris Skrivanos of Hot Springs. Her sister Helen Patterson (William R. "Pat") and nephew, Steve Patterson (Linda) pre-deceased her. She has three grand-daughters: Stephanie Pinkston Brewer (Paul), Alexandra

Gray, & Theodora Gray; and Santa's Secret Helper "grandson" Cooper Jack Bull. There are two great-granddaughters - Amelia Brewer and Sophia Brewer.

The family sincerely thanks Diane Goltz, Susan Siegel, Lisa Harper Duranleau, Betsy Smith, Connee & Mike Ellis, David Loar (Levi Towers), Mildred Smith and other wonderful friends who helped her live independently all these years.

Visitation will be Thursday from 11:30 A.M. until service time at the Greek Orthodox Church, 502 Morrison St., Hot Springs, AR 71901.

Funeral services will be Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 12:30 P.M. at the Greek Orthodox Church with Father Nicholas Verdaris officiating..

Pallbearers will be John Gray, Howard Fischer, Chris Skrivanos, Peter Fotioo and Sam Stathakis.

Honorary pallbearers are Dr. James Suen of UAMS and the HS Police Department.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been designated to the Greek Orthodox Church, 105 Sherri St., Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901

Tribute Wall

MS

“ I haven't seen Frances in a few years and she used to tan with me when I owned The Tannery in Boardwalk village and what a sweet lady she was...Seeing her through the years she always remembered me as well as I remembered her. Such a sad loss. My heart goes out to her family.

MJ Sherer - April 04, 2017 at 04:57 PM

JP

“ A grand lady! Always greeted you with a smile, a good story and a positive attitude. Enjoyed working with her at P.D. Jerry Porter

Jerry Porter - March 21, 2017 at 04:29 PM

NH

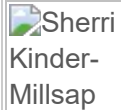
“ No one was quicker with a funny line or better at telling a joke than Gabbie. I can't count the number of times my sides hurt from laughing at one of her jokes. I'll miss her warm heart, her friendship, and the laughs.

Norman Hays - March 20, 2017 at 06:41 PM

GF

Thank you so much for capturing her so well.

Gabe Forsberg - March 21, 2017 at 08:55 PM



“ Frances was a pioneer in radio. She was the 1st woman on am radio here in Arkansas. Frances told the best stories (in character of course) and the funnest jokes. She told me once " through all the hard times in her life, including her surgeries, she never complained to God, she only thanked him everyday for her blessings she did have.

She use to tell me "Sherri , your just like me, and sometimes people don't understand you, but thats ok because I do". And then she would laugh that great laugh she had. That was one of the best complements I ever had. I learned and laughed alot with her. So with the same words she would say to me when I left, I say now to her, "Goodbye sweet baby, I love ya"

Sherri Kinder-Millsap - March 19, 2017 at 08:11 PM

GF

I'm so sorry that we've had a hard time connecting. Mama truly enjoyed you and I know you've been having a hard time with her passing. You are a sweetheart for caring so much for Mom and helping her live "independently" for so long.

Gabe Forsberg - March 21, 2017 at 08:57 PM

LB

“ Gabbie -- we will all miss you! Love, Lynn & Diane Brockman

Lynn Brockman - March 19, 2017 at 06:34 PM

GF

Thank you for so much for sending this out.

Gabe Forsberg - March 21, 2017 at 08:58 PM