



Frances K Sykes

February 26, 2018

Frances Katharine Sykes (née Walters) of Harrington Park died Feb. 26, 2018. At the age of 92, she remained exceptionally vibrant, strong, opinionated, hysterically funny, joyful, super smart, active -- she played tennis until she was 90 -- and very beautiful. She leaves a legacy in her family as the nicest person any of us ever knew. She lost her beloved husband, Lou, in 2009 after 55 years of marriage. Frances was a Harrington Parker through and through. She grew up there, attended the Harrington Park elementary school and graduated from St. Cecilia's High School in Englewood. She was a forever parishioner of Our Lady of Victories Church, which her grandfather was intimately involved in building more than a century ago. Her father, John, was mayor and a co-founder of the Harrington Park Fire Department, where her brother, Bill, was a longtime volunteer. She herself was a decades-long dedicated member of the Harrington Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps. And, indeed, Fran and Lou built their first -- and only -- house in Harrington Park and raised their daughter there. They built a life of wonderful friends and neighbors and family that continues to thrive to this day. Frances is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Deirdre and Kevin O'Neil, her brother and sister-in-law, Jay and Jerri Walters, and generations of adoring nieces and nephews who all knew her as Aunt Sis. And we must mention, because she'd want us to: She had a fabulous time hanging out with and helping to take care of Kevin and Deirdre's dogs Roxie, Daisy and Ricky. Some might say she was their best friend. The family will receive visitors for a memorial visitation at

Barrett Funeral Home 148 Dean Dr. Tenafly, on Tuesday, March 6, from 4 to 8 p.m. There will be a Memorial Mass on Wednesday, March 7, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Victories, Harrington Park. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations in Frances's memory to the Harrington Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
148 Dean Dr
Tenafly, NJ 07670
(201) 568-8043
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

Memorial Funeral Mass

MAR 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Victories
155 Parkway
Harrington Park, NJ 07640