



## Frances Pavlovics

April 29, 1948 - January 24, 2026

Once upon a time on a cold dark night, this world lost one of its brightest and best: the wild and wonderful Frances Pavlovics. She passed swiftly on January 24, 2026 at the age of 77 after spending the day with her very best friend, doing so many things that she loved.

Fran left us after filling her years becoming a longtime partner, true love and royal pain in the butt to her adoring late husband Ainars; a fiercely supportive and proud mother to Elynnor (Tom) Kant and Emily (Tom but not the same Tom) Spring; a loving and challenging sibling and sibling in law to Marie (Richard) Grice, the late Jeannette (Frank) D'Alleva and Christine (Harry) Radtke; and the absolute hands down no contest GREATEST Grammy and Mimi to her grandchildren Zigmund Kant, Oswald Kant, Nathan Spring, Hannah Spring, Jake Spring, and Molly Spring. I'm not kidding, no one was better, you can look it up. Just as important, she managed to become a scholar, a college graduate, a working professional and a strong and independent woman to be reckoned with.

Born in Detroit in 1948, Fran has lived through and experienced some of the most altering cultural shockwaves of her generation: the civil rights movement, gender equality, Cold War, actual war, depressions, recessions, sex, drugs and rock n roll. Through it all she maintained her opinions and views however unpopular and always believed that every human deserved a voice and a

place in the world she shared with them.

Following her graduations from Denby High School, the University of Michigan, and Georgetown Fran's working career spanned decades in her chosen field of physical therapy and then massage therapy. Never one who could idle, she stayed busy until the batteries wore out working with clients out of her home office, keeping her home and gardens immaculate and enjoying good food, wine, laughs and a black manhattan here and there with the people she loved. Although she drove us all nuts, her death leaves such a void that I am unsure it will ever be filled, and perhaps it shouldn't. RIP to a truly lovely lady, the world is better because she was in it.

Visitation for Frances will be held on Thursday, January 29, from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. and on Friday, January 30, from 10:00 a.m. until time of service, 11:00 a.m., at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (four blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak.

Following the funeral, please join the family for a luncheon at The Great Dane Pub, 112 S. Main Street, Royal Oak, MI 48067.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to the Outreach on 7th program through Royal Oak First United Methodist Church. Your donation supports their primary lunch program, along with providing essential pantry items and clothing to those in need. Donate on line at Outreach (<https://secure.myvanco.com/YNPG/campaign/C-13CNN>) or make check out to Royal Oak First UMC, note "Outreach on 7th" and mail to 320 W. 7th Street, Royal Oak, MI 48067.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **29**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

## Visitation

JAN **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

JAN **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Elynnor, Emily and families, I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom. Wishing you all some comfort in the happy memories to help ease the pain. I will be thinking of you.

Megan Maxwell - January 31 at 07:18 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Frances Pavlovics.



January 29 at 06:16 PM

DK

“ Dee , Jim, JC and KD planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances Pavlovics.

Dee , Jim, JC and KD - January 29 at 06:16 PM

VF

“ Violet Link and Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Frances Pavlovics.



Violet Link and Family - January 28 at 10:18 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Frances Pavlovics.



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January 28 at 07:09 PM



“ Maja S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances Pavlovics.

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**Maja S.** - January 28 at 03:53 AM



“ The Nagey Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Frances Pavlovics.



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**The Nagey Family** - January 27 at 06:26 PM

LS

“ Sending love and light to all the family. Reading reflections of mom made me chuckle at times. She adored all of you.  
I am truly grateful our paths crossed. Your mom helped me through some tough times when I was a young mother. I will fondly think back on her always wearing the color Black Licorice on her toes and just buffing her nails short and shiny so she could be in her element of touch. She gave the best massages.  
Your mom was my first real introduction to holistic healing. Her smile laugh and an occasional streak of color in her hair made her so unique. She is reunited with your dad so I hope that brings you some comfort through I know she will be greatly missed.  
I will enjoy my last bag of Fran Cakes from the farmers market in her honor. Sorry I am not in the country to say a proper goodbye but will send her my love out to the sea. Be gentle in the days ahead and continue to make her proud.  
Love Laura Stehlin

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**Laura Stehlin** - January 27 at 12:25 PM

JF

“ Jessica, Lynn Phillips & Bird Dogz fam purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Frances Pavlovics.



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**Jessica, Lynn Phillips & Bird Dogz fam** - January 27 at 12:24 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Frances Pavlovics.*



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January 27 at 10:25 AM



“ *John, Teri, Megan and Jack Shaffer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances Pavlovics.*

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**John, Teri, Megan and Jack Shaffer** - January 27 at 07:28 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Frances Pavlovics.*



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January 27 at 07:28 AM



“ *The Throop's purchased the Simply Elegant Spatiphyllum for the family of Frances Pavlovics.*



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**The Throop's** - January 26 at 10:47 PM

HR

“ Hal, lisa, Grace and Regan purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Frances Pavlovics.



Hal, lisa, Grace and Regan - January 26 at 09:03 PM

HR

“ Hal, lisa, Grace and Regan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances Pavlovics.

Hal, lisa, Grace and Regan - January 26 at 09:03 PM

VF

“ VanLehn Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances Pavlovics.

VanLehn Family - January 26 at 08:49 PM

VF

“ VanLehn Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Frances Pavlovics.



VanLehn Family - January 26 at 08:49 PM

YF

“ Your Host Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Frances Pavlovics.



Your Host Family - January 26 at 08:47 PM

ML

“ *Mark, Sara, Lily, Carmen and Lia purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Frances Pavlovics.*



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**Mark, Sara, Lily, Carmen and Lia** - January 26 at 07:55 PM

TS

“ *Fran was so very special to us. We considered her a very close friend. We feel lucky to have shared time with her. Her passing is an absolute shock and a tremendous loss for everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her*

*John and Teri Shaffer*

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**Teri Shaffer** - January 26 at 06:29 PM

HR

*She was great. We had a standing joke. I always called her my second favorite sister-in-law (I only have one) and I was her third favorite brother-in-law (she had two others), but I was working my way up the list. She will be missed. You couldn't find a better wife, mother, grandmother and most of a person than Fran. God bless you Fran.  
Harry*

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**Harry Radtke** - January 27 at 01:16 PM

PB

*What are special friend ! We bonded as you prepared me for my first knee replacement. God bless you. Phyllis*

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**Phyllis BeGole** - January 28 at 07:31 AM

TB

*Saddened learning of Fran's death. Am forever grateful to Fran for providing warmth, support and a temporary home when shelter was needed. A remarkable hostess of grand Holiday Season parties welcoming family, friends and their guests too! Blessings to her entire family.*

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**Ted Braude** - January 28 at 10:31 AM

NR

*It's harder to make friends as you age. Fran was the exception and became an almost instant friend. She sparkled and lit up every conversation with intelligence, humor, and love of people. Our book club laughed and bonded over "the books", but even more so over sharing our lives. We will miss you. Love to her family.*

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**Nancy Rockman** - January 29 at 12:38 PM

TG

*Sending hugs to Elynnor, Emily and families from Idaho. I am thankful to have seen your mom Fran, my Friend, Sensei and confidant on my last visit to the Detroit area, Saddened by her sudden passing. Tammy Gualdoni*

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**Tammy Gualdoni** - February 01 at 03:43 AM