



Frances C. West

January 31, 2026

Frances (Caulfield) West, 88, went to be with Our Lord on January 31, 2026. Born and raised in McKeesport, she was the daughter of Richard J. and Margaret C. (McCarren) Caulfield.

Frances was a loving wife to David L West for 43 years. She felt her greatest accomplishment was being a mother to her four children: Erin (Mark) Garstka, David (Anna) West, Margaret (James) Hemmerle, and Carolyn (Gary) Zinzell. She was the faithful grandmother of Alexis (Phil) Buchsbaum, Kathleen West, Carmen West, Michael (Catherine) Hemmerle, Sarah (Mark) Weifenbaugh, Stephen (Roseo) Hemmerle and Elizabeth Zinzell; and proud great grandmother of Zoey, Eris, Leo, Nathan and Sophia.

Frances was preceded in death by her siblings: Margaret (the late Dave) McCusker, Patricia (the late John) Balzer, Rosemary (the late Ted) Smith, Shirley (the late Art) Barnes, Sara Jane (the late James) Butler, Richard (Margie) Caulfield and John (Leila) Caulfield. She is survived by her sister Kathleen (Jan) Van Der Weerd, sister-in-law Joyce (Mike) Toia as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A member of St. Bernadette Catholic Church, Fran was a woman of great faith, kindness and strength. She delighted in her Irish heritage, demonstrated a quick wit, and was a loyal friend to all. She was a long-time member of North Huntingdon AARP Chapter #3221 and an active participant in events at the Monroeville Senior Center. Her hobbies included classical music, crocheting, puzzles and word searches. Though cagey with a buck, she was

lucky in playing bingo and on occasional, trips to the casino.

The family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to her many caregivers, including AGH HOSPICE STAFF AS WELL AS COMFORT KEEPERS COMPANIONS.

Family and friends will be received on Wednesday, February 4th, from 2-4 and 6-8 PM at the GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100). A

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish at St. Bernadette Church, 245 Azalea Drive, Monroeville, PA at 10 AM on Thursday, February 5th.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to The Blood Cancer United, P.O. Box 22324, NY, NY 10087.

Cemetery Details

Good Shepherd Cemetery

733 Patton St.
Monroeville, PA 15146

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gene H. Corl Funeral Chapel Inc.
4335 Northern Pike
Monroeville, PA 15146
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Visitation

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

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Funeral Mass

FEB 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish at St. Bernadette Church
245 Azalea Drive
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Tribute Wall



“ *Gene H. Corl Funeral Chapel Inc. created a Mass of Christian Burial for Frances West in memory of Frances C. West*



Gene H. Corl Funeral Chapel Inc. - February 04 at 01:15 PM

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“ *In honor of Frances and David West: To make a donation to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society as mentioned above, it has been renamed as Blood Cancer United. They no longer have an office in Pittsburgh. Donations can be mailed to Blood Cancer United, PO Box 22324, NY, NY 10087, or memorial donations can be made online at bloodcancerunited.org.*

Rosemary Nilles - February 04 at 11:54 AM

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“ *My most memory of Fran was the moment she took me food shopping when we lived in McKeesport. I was new in the States and also as a member of the Caulfield family 😂... point black, she asked me how can I point up with her brother John? And I was surprised 'coz I don't know how to interpret her question, so I just said "it goes to one ear then out the other ear"! She looked at me and burst into laughter and said "he found his match"! Then we went home... I'll sure miss her and our phone calls 🥺*

leila caulfield - February 02 at 02:07 PM

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Dear Leila, thank you so much for sharing this sparkling memory. I too have great memories of aunt Frances. For instance our water battles around their house in 1988, the time she pulled a panty over her head and made a funny face, the fact that she called me 'honey', our rare yet touching phonecalls, the last time mom and I visited in 2022 and she instantly made me aware we're family, her unique sense of humor. Even though there's an ocean between us, the few times I've met Frances in my life felt close, loveable and unforgettable. She encouraged me in anything I was up to, and I am thankful to have known her. May she rest in peace.

Love, Ellen van der Weerd, the Netherlands - oldest daughter of Kathleen van der Weerd-Caulfield

Ellen van der Weerd - February 04 at 01:11 PM