



Nora "Tootsie" Elizabeth Francis

November 24, 1931 - October 5, 2020

Mrs. Nora Elizabeth Francis "Tootsie", age 88 of Johnson City, Tennessee died Monday, October 5, 2020 at Dominion Assisted Living. She lived in Johnson City her entire life and was married to but one man, Robert Lee Francis, who preceded her in death after 66 years of marriage. Tootsie's parents, Rev. Cecil and Carrie Barnett Swartz partnered in founding the Church of Jesus of Johnson City in 1952. She faithfully served as a founding member of the church, Tootsie was a bookkeeper and treasurer for 72 years. She voluntarily held this role without salary, believing it her calling and thus her service to the Lord. She also loved to give gifts and gave to all she knew expressing her love and care to others.

Tootsie and her husband were giving people, always willing to see the needs and give to those around them. At their 50th wedding anniversary party, they requested not to receive gifts, but instead gave gifts to all who came. Then, at their 60th anniversary party, in lieu of gifts they requested canned goods to be donated to a local charity. Family and friends always knew they were welcome to join the Francis household for a meal at any time, with an extra table setting often placed at meals.

Tootsie's legacy of her devotion to Christ, her family and her compassionate and generous heart will always be remembered. She was a hard worker, overseeing the Francis rental properties with her husband, and believed people deserved a second chance. She valued peacemaking rather than conflict and believed forgiveness was stronger than strife.

Tootsie enjoyed her family and friends. She is lovingly remembered as a caring mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She lived a life of integrity, showing mercy and compassion and faithfully serving the Lord. She is preceded in death by her parents, Cecil and Carrie Swartz; two brothers, Harold Swartz and Johnny Farner; and three sisters, Joyce Grobb, Shelby Buck and Aletha Davis;

Tootsie is survived by two sons, Rickey Lee Francis and wife, Kim of Duffield, VA and David Francis of Johnson City; one daughter, Linda Delores Mann of Bristol, VA; four grandchildren, Richard Francis of Dungannon, VA, Jason Mann and wife, Elisa of San Antonio, TX, Jona Osborne and husband, Don of Bluff City and Elizabeth Smith and husband, Joey of Powder Springs, GA; three great-grandchildren, twins Luke and Nate Osborne and Layton Smith; Mrs. Francis is also survived by three sisters, Margaret

Campbell and husband, Bobby and JoAnne Patterson and husband, Dennie and Frances Jackson.

A special thank you to the staff and especially the R.A.'s at the Tapestry Wing at Dominion Assisted Living who have cared for Tootsie since June of 2016. Also a special thanks to Caris Hospice for their care as well. Also Phyllis Stimes being the angel that was mother's buddy.

Graveside services for Tootsie will be conducted at 1:00 PM Thursday, October 8, 2020 in the Roselawn Memory Park with Rev. Tom Swafford officiating. For those attending you are asked to meet at the cemetery by 12:50 PM. The family asks that masks be worn and practice social distancing. In lieu of flowers the family asks that contributions be made to the Church of Jesus, 809 W. Main Street, Johnson City, TN 378604

Condolences may be made online at www.wadugger.com. Woodall-Anderson and Dugger Funeral Home, 108 W. Watauga Avenue, Johnson City is serving the Francis family. 423-928-2245

Cemetery

Roselawn Memory Park

S. Roan Street

Johnson City, TN, 37601

Events

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Graveside Service

01:00PM

Roselawn Memory Park

S. Roan Street, Johnson City, TN, US, 37601

Comments



“ My family got to know "Tootsie" during my Mother-In-Law, Nancy Jewell's, time in the Tapestry section of Dominion Senior Living. Tootsie ALWAYS gave me a hug and told me she loved me every time I visited. My love and thoughts go to her family during this difficult time for them.

Karl Gibson - October 12, 2020 at 11:24 PM



“ Aunt Tootsie was a wonderful woman. I always remember her being so happy every time we saw her. Whenever we would drop by, she always wanted us to come in and visit, and we would talk for hours! She never let us leave empty handed either. She was so giving and always wanted to give us something. I look forward to meeting again in heaven!



Kimberly Owens - October 07, 2020 at 11:28 PM



“ My WONDERFUL SISTER AND FRIEND. A Friend from early childhood all thru our lives. Please know my Love for our time together is Great!

Frances Jackson, Sister and Friend - October 08, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ JO ANN PATTERSON lit a candle in memory of Nora "Tootsie" Elizabeth Francis



JO ANN PATTERSON - October 07, 2020 at 10:02 PM



“ Portia Summers lit a candle in memory of Nora "Tootsie" Elizabeth Francis



Portia Summers - October 07, 2020 at 10:01 PM



“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Tootsie but have heard wonderful things about her from her son David whom I cherish as a friend. I pray that her family finds peace in knowing she is now in the Masters loving care. God bless and comfort you all with strength from on high!!

Ricky Clark - October 07, 2020 at 05:41 PM



“ So sorry for the family's loss. Such a sweet lady.



Diana Smith Chesser - October 07, 2020 at 02:45 PM



“ I have known aunt Tootsie for as long as I can remember. I grew up playing Barbie dolls for hours on end with Linda when we were little girls. I always loved going to their house even as an adult as it was always filled with love and laughter. It is so hard to lose people that we love, but God has a better plan and he is taking her home, where she will feel pain no more and rejoice in his presence. God bless all of you and give you comfort and strength now and always.

Treva Jackson - October 07, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ Tootsie was one who lived the life humbly and dedicated to her Lord. She loved her family and her church. She was a great mentor to many. I know now she is shouting in heaven with those gone on before her with her glorified body.

Pastor Kim Casey - October 07, 2020 at 10:09 AM



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“ Theresa Garland lit a candle in memory of Nora "Tootsie" Elizabeth Francis



Theresa Garland - October 07, 2020 at 09:14 AM



“ I have know Tootsie since I was 13 years old. She has always been a perfect example of a Godly woman. I have never in my life heard her say or do anything that was not Christ like. If you needed anything She and Robert would do what they could to help. She was a prayer warrior, a teacher and a faithfull servant even with alzheimer's she stayed true to Christ. She loved to read the word of God and tell everyone about her precious Savior. I have went to her many times for advice. No matter what the question was her answer was always based on the word of God. She truely lived what the Bible says. She was an awesome cook and taught to cook some of her dishes Sunday afternoons at her house. I loved her little laugh. She was a mother and a friend. Love the family as well.

Theresa Garland - October 07, 2020 at 09:14 AM



“ Not enough accolades could be said in regards to "Tootsie". A very Godly woman and so loving. As her daughter said to me she is at peace mentally and not suffering pain any longer. She is one that I have no doubt will make Heaven her home!! Prayers and love for all the family!



Glenda Pounds - October 06, 2020 at 11:34 PM



“ We will always remember Tootsie and her sweet laughter and kindness. We will all miss her. Just know that you all in our thoughts and prayers.
Cendy and Garry Fritts

Cynthia J. Fritts - October 06, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ Lori Smith lit a candle in memory of Nora "Tootsie" Elizabeth Francis



Lori Smith - October 06, 2020 at 07:01 PM



“ Thank you, Tootsie, for the love and kindness you shared with me through all these years. I love you and your family. You helped me through so many times. I thank God for putting you and your family in my life. You have worked and stood for our Lord for so long. Now you will receive your rewards for being a faithful child of God. Love you forever.

Henrietta Abel - October 06, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ Sincere condolences on the passing of your sweet mother. Thinking of you and all your family.

Mary Lynn Lancaster - October 06, 2020 at 11:28 PM