



Frances Adams Duff

August 12, 1923 - April 16, 2012

Frances E. Duff (nee Coyle), 88, died peacefully in her sleep on Monday, April 16 in her home at Kingston Care Center of Sylvania. She was born August 12, 1923 to Charles J. and Mary (Zakrzewski) Coyle in Toledo. She graduated from Libbey High School in 1941 and worked for many years at Pathology Laboratories and Richards Bauer and Morehead Architects while she lived in Toledo. In 1985 she moved to Charlotte, North Carolina where she volunteered for many years for Opera Carolina and the Charlotte Symphony.

Fran spent over 20 years working for the Automobile Racing Club of America, traveling to races across the Midwest and the rest of the country in addition to her weekly duties as chief scorer at Flat Rock and Toledo. She was also one of the founding members of the Michigan Auto Racing Fan Club and served as its Vice President for many years.

Frances is survived by her husband Richard, children Laraine (Rick) Meidt, Alan Adams, Patrick Adams, Christine (William) Gardner, Mary Geronimo, and Amy Norwood, 18 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her first husband Paul Adams and her daughter Paula Krall.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Wednesday from 3- 7 Pm. where a Memorial Service will be held at 7pm.

Her family would like to extend Fran comfortable during her time there their gratitude to the staff at Kingston for their dedication to making.

Tribute Wall



“ *When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight.*

~Kahlil Gibran

The Simmons Family send their deepest condolences, very sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Bill Simmons and Family orelake771@chartermi.net##imported-end##

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“ *What a wonderful lady! I am very honored to have known and worked with Fran and her husband Dick over the years. Her passion for auto racing and life were always an inspiration to me. Thoughts and prayers to the family.##imported-begin##Larry Boos larryb@eldoraspeedway.com##imported-end##*

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“ *To the entire Adams family please accept my condolences on the passing of your mother. I lived across the street from you on Islington in Toledo and I have fond memories of how sweet your mother was to the kids in the neighborhood. God's blessings be with you.*

Larry Andrzejewski##imported-begin##Larry Andrzejewski andrze1112@gmail.com##imported-end##

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“ Our condolences to the family. We have many fond memories of Aunt Franny and the family including always seeing her at the racetrack. She always was so kind to give us free tickets to get in. She will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Rusty and Bonnie McCue Russboo@msn.com##imported-end##

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“ We are sorry to hear of Fran's passing. Although we have not seen her for several years, we always considered her to be a true friend to us and to the Michigan Auto Racing Fan Club. We fondly remember the night that she and Dick put us up in their home in Toledo, and Fran prepared breakfast for us in the morning before we returned home.
RIP Fran.##imported-begin##Willis & Marian Flokstra wulmarflok@yahoo.con##imported-end##

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