



Frances Patricia Rideout

September 22, 1926 - December 7, 2022

Frances Korhumel Rideout, 96, passed away peacefully on December 7, 2022. A lifelong Toledoan, Fran was a beloved teacher, mother, grandmother, and friend.

Fran was born on September 22, 1926 to Francis P. and Gertrude A. (Mayers) Korhumel. She graduated from St. Ursula Academy, and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in education at Bowling Green State University and the University of Toledo, respectively. At BGSU she was a synchronized swimmer and a member of Delta Gamma, remaining active in the sorority for the rest of her life. Fran married her college sweetheart, Les Rideout, in 1950 and they raised their family in south Toledo.

Fran was a dedicated teacher, beginning before her five children were born and then continuing after they were all in school. She particularly enjoyed her many years teaching sixth grade at Arlington Elementary. Any outing with Fran was likely to include an affectionate encounter with one or more of her ex-students. After retirement, Fran tutored many children, as well as adults for whom English was a second language.

Fran was passionate about issues important to her. One friend describes her as "a formidable force in a diminutive package." She was a proud feminist and a role model to her own and other children, and often spoke out on social justice causes as well as matters of personal concern such as saving the South Toledo YMCA from demolition.

Fran had many interests, a curious nature, and boundless energy. Her

grandchildren remember their Nana's frequent admonition that "bored people are boring!" Fran maintained friendships throughout her life that had begun as a child or teenager, setting an example that her own children have happily followed. She also welcomed many new friends, often of disparate backgrounds, over the years. Her greatest friend and companion was her sister Marg (Chamberlin), and the two shared nearly all of life's experiences together.

Fran was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help church. She was baptized and married there, and also attended its elementary school, as did Fran's five children. The OLPH school library was named after Fran on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Her activities in support of the OLPH church family included singing in the funeral choir and serving as a lector at Mass and an organizer of the church's memorial luncheons.

Fran was active in alumni activities at St. Ursula Academy, and she received the school's Humanitas Award in 2013. She was a great reader and an active member of book clubs and the AAUW (American Academy of University Women), as well as an impeccable speller. Fran was an expert seamstress and quilter. She sewed clothing for herself and her children when they were small, joking that her last hurrah was the wedding gown she created for her daughter in 1984. She was also an avid card player. She excelled at bridge, and her grandchildren especially loved playing Scrabble as well as the card game Patience with their Nana.

Fran grew up vacationing with her extended family at various lakes in Michigan's Irish Hills. When she had her own family, the tradition continued, and the Rideout children cherished their annual trips with their cousins and other relatives and friends, especially to Bear Lake near Hillsdale. Fran realized a dream in 1995 when she and other family members together bought a house on Lake Somerset. Another generation of children (and their parents and friends) delighted in frequent trips to the lake for summer fun, winter sports and endless board games.

As Fran grew older, her enthusiasm for life and openness to new experiences

continued. She loved to travel, and after retirement took many trips with her friends, both in the United States and abroad. Her family recalls her willingness to participate in whatever new adventure was proposed, with her regular response being "I want to do that!" Her grandchildren enjoyed challenging her to stand on her head, turn a cartwheel, or swim across Lake Somerset until well into old age.

Fran's husband Les Rideout died in 1997. She is survived by her children, Joe Rideout (Bev), Leslie Wood (Jim), Mark Rideout, and Patty Rideout (Mark Newton.) Her youngest child John Rideout passed away on November 18, 2022. She is also survived by grandchildren Ellyn Rideout (George Aljoe), Brian Rideout (Blair) and Christy Schirra (Jeremy), and Ben Newton (Tess Meklir) and Lauren Newton, as well as step grandchildren Matt, Mellissa and Wes Wood, and 7 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother George Korhumel, and is survived by her sister Marg Chamberlin, brother Frank Korhumel (Barbie), and numerous nieces, nephews and others for whom she was always "family."

The family would like to thank the staff at Ohio Living Swan Creek who provided Fran with wonderful care and support over the past several years. A visitation will be held at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Road in Toledo on Thursday December 15 from 4:00-7:00pm, followed by a memorial mass at OLPH on Friday December 16 at 10:00am. Special messages for the family may be left at CoyleFuneralHome.com. Donations in Fran's memory may be made to St. Ursula Academy or OLPH Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Vigil

DEC 15. 6:30 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

DEC 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
2255 Central Grove
Toledo, OH 43614

Tribute Wall

SK

“ Mrs. Rideout was a dear friend of our mom, Julie Donahue. Fran was always so kind. I have so many wonderful memories of my mom and all the ladies and it brings a smile to see the photos. Please send hugs to the family. I am thinking of you all. Sarah (Donahue) Krafty

Sarah (Donahue) Krafty - December 15, 2022 at 03:48 PM

JK

Fran was a close friend of my Mom Arlene Florian and Aunt Marilyn Reilly. I remember her smile, energy and sense of humor. She inspired me to become a teacher. Hugs to all of her family.
Janet Florian Koschalk

Janet Florian Koschalk - December 26, 2022 at 11:35 AM

CV

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - December 15, 2022 at 02:08 PM

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - December 14, 2022 at 11:03 PM

DO

“ I have fond memories of my days at OLPH School (1970's) and had her son John in class. Fran was always present in the lives of her children and a great volunteer. Her personality invited you in to her life and you felt very welcomed. Prayers for the Rideout family of sympathy and comfort.

Sr. Donna Frey (Sr. DJ in those days)

Donna Frey, OSU - December 14, 2022 at 12:12 PM

JF

“ Jenni Moody and family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Frances Patricia Rideout.



Jenni Moody and family - December 14, 2022 at 08:43 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Frances Patricia Rideout.



December 12, 2022 at 12:31 PM

JE

“ I cannot say enough positives things about Mrs Rideout. She was a wonderful teacher, very nurturing but with great expectations and constantly encouraging. She was so active that ,although both my children graduated years ago from Arlington, I ran into her frequently. She was everywhere! She even encouraged me when one of my children deviated from a path that she knew he would return to one day. And He did! I will be forever grateful for her for both my children. I prayed every year for the teacher they would have and both benefited from her leadership. Rest well dear Fran.

jennifer - December 11, 2022 at 03:19 PM

MH

“ Bill Henning, Ellie Henning, and I will miss seeing Fran at Ohio Living Swan Creek. She was such a special friend to my toddler daughter, Ellie, who loved to run across the hallway to visit Fran and play in her apartment while we were visiting Grandpa. Even during the time of Covid, Ellie would always look for Fran through the window of the assisted living dining room so that she could give her a big wave. Fran and Ellie always greeted each other so fondly! One of my favorite memories of Fran is of her getting down on the floor to play with my toddler daughter, and my father saying, “Boy, Fran, I hope when I’m 80 years old I will still be able to get up and down off the floor like you are.” Fran brightly smiled and retorted to my father, “Bill, I am 92 years old!” She was spry and a lover of children all the way into her 90s! We will miss her. Love to your family.

Mary Beth Henning - December 11, 2022 at 01:42 PM

TT

“ Mrs. Rideout was a fantastic woman!! 🙌 I'll always remember how amazing she was as my 6th grade teacher. Couple fond memories was the cross country ski trip we had and I was amazed by her energy. I crossed paths with her years after school ended at the grocery store. And we spoke. The energy, the love and smiles she had while we reminisced when I was younger was simply beautiful. Such a special lady. ❤️ To read everything she did throughout her life is a complete inspiration. ✨ 🙏 My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and everyone that loved Mrs. Rideout.



Tiffany Tierney - December 11, 2022 at 08:37 AM

TR

“ Mrs. Rideout was my favorite teacher at Arlington. I loved the class outings to the local library, crafts for the NICU babies, and the outing to Ottawa Park to learn how to cross country ski. I ran into her a few years ago when she went to support one of her former student at the student's book signing.

Traci - December 10, 2022 at 11:25 PM

AL

“ Mrs. Rideout was my absolute favorite teacher. I can't tell you how many times she helped me in school, and not just with school related issues. I would frequently go back to visit once out of Arlington. The last time I saw her was probably in the late 90s, or early 2000s, and she still knew who I was. I had even met her late son John at the vet clinic I had worked at, and had a great conversation about her. Many, many wonderful memories. RIP Mrs. Rideout. You will be missed immensely.

Angela Larson - December 10, 2022 at 09:28 PM

TS

“ Mrs Rideout was my all time favorite teacher. So many fond memories of her in 6th grade. Best time was when she came back to teach after the teachers strike. R.I.P Mrs. Rideout, you will be very much missed. Thanks for some great memories, Todd Somers.

Todd Somers - December 10, 2022 at 08:20 PM

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“ She was my absolute favorite teacher at Arlington. I had her in both the 4th and 6th grades and fondly. I remember Weekly Reader News shows, her reading stories, fun art projects and talking her into doing cartwheels.

Melissa Yockey (Leach) - December 10, 2022 at 07:56 PM

CH

“ My memories are my wonderful 1st grade teacher and when attended her wedding at OLPH on the hill by Harvard school I remember crying because I did not want her to leave her class and from then on we have been in contact and all our family notes ..a beautiful lady and an utmost wonderful teacher ..I learned so much from this precious lady and she loved I became a teacher ..I will truly miss her but there will always be a special place in my heart for her ..do your teaching above and know they are so lucky to have you ..take care and be at peace and know many will miss you..love you my precious First grade teacher ..Christina (Navarro) Hulbirt ❤️



Christina Hulbirt - December 10, 2022 at 01:27 PM