



Frances Brunsteter

June 8, 1929 - April 20, 2016

Fran's life and times

Fran Brunsteter, artist, teacher, entrepreneur and so many other things, passed away peaceably on Wednesday, April 20th, 2016.

Frances Ellen McCauley Brunsteter was born to Worth Byrd and Elizabeth Roberts McCauley on June 8, 1929 in Oklahoma City, joining sister, Jane, in the family. Fran spent her early years in OKC which included attending Classen High School through her junior year. In June of 1946, shortly after WWII ended, Fran, Jane and their mother sailed to Europe to join Worth in Munich where he was serving as Chief Attorney involved in the U.S. government's occupation of Germany for the purpose of reestablishing the country's military court system and based in Nuremberg. This occurred two years after Lt.Col. McCauley had landed on Utah Beach in Normandy on D-Day. Fran enrolled in and graduated from the American High School in Munich and during free time experienced skiing the Bavarian Alps and doing a good bit of hunting wild game, taking many "bucks" of various species. In 1947, Fran's parents immersed her in Paris for attending Alliance Francaise, learning the French language and preparing for studying art at the Sorbonne. Her time in Paris was brief, however, as a result of civil strife underway and she returned to Munich but her study of art proceeded as did her study of French until she returned to Oklahoma in the fall of 1948.

Fran met Richard Earl ("Dick") Brunsteter at the University of Oklahoma where Fran was in the first of several generations in the family to follow who joined Pi Beta Phi. They married on November 24, 1950. After college, they settled in Alva, Oklahoma which became their permanent home, first on Murray Drive and later on Lake Drive. While raising a growing family, Fran attended Northwest Oklahoma State University and obtained a Master's degree followed by teaching English and Art at Alva High School for a number of years. After retiring from her faculty position, she opened "The Frame" in Alva and conducted a successful original art framing business into the early years of the current millennium. She was passionate in her support of the Alva Mural Society in bringing many artists and murals to the community as well as her frequent involvement in the annual Nescatunga Arts Festival. Fran was an active member of PEO, Chapter AL, sang in the choir at First Presbyterian Church where she served as Deacon and Elder at

various times, and often joined her friends' "Walkie Talkie" walking group. She welcomed family and many guests (often large gatherings) into their home over the years. Dick passed away in December, 2006 and Fran continued living in Alva until 2011 at which time she moved to Brookdale Assisted Living in Oklahoma City in order to be more centrally located to her children and their families.

Fran's sister, Jane, of Bristow, Oklahoma, passed away in June, 2015. Fran is survived by her five children and their families, Elizabeth (Steve) Parkhurst of Alva, Leslie (Roger) Williams of Shawnee, Kansas, William Worth "Dub" (Betsy) Brunsteter of Oklahoma City, Leigh Ann (Roger) Gaddis of Ada, and Kelly (Anthony) Misuraca of Edmond. She was, is, and will always be "Mam-ma" to 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to The Alva Mural Society or the First Presbyterian Church.

Cemetery

Alva Municipal Cemetery

1698 Flynn Street

Alva Municipal Cemetery, OK, 73717

Events

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Service

02:00PM

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First Presbyterian Church

628 Church Street, Alva, OK, US, 73717

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Wharton Funeral Chapel - April 26, 2016 at 03:52 PM



“ I had always felt that Dick and Fran were part of my family.



Jon Linder - June 29, 2016 at 02:37 PM



“ Kathy Walters Racette lit a candle in memory of Frances Brunsteter



Kathy Walters Racette - May 02, 2016 at 12:49 PM



“ My deepest sympathy on your loss. Fran was a classy and gentle lady... She stood up with me when I re-joined the Presbyterian Church in Alva, OK. May god wrap his loving arms around your family during this difficult time...RIP my friend... Kathy Walters Racette

Kathy Walters Racette - May 02, 2016 at 12:52 PM



“ Please accept our condolences on your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Freoderick and Wendy Jungman

Wendy Jungman - April 29, 2016 at 03:58 PM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frances Brunsteter.



April 27, 2016 at 11:07 AM



“ My deepest condolences to all of Fran's family. I worked for a time for both Dick and Fran. She was always so kind and giving. A truly wonderful person. She will be missed. - Jenni Worley

Jenni Worley - April 27, 2016 at 08:45 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frances Brunsteter.



April 26, 2016 at 03:49 PM



“ Fran was indeed a classy lady. I remember her wearing her hair in a Grace Kelly-like French roll, when most of the rest of us were doing good to wad our hair up in a bun. She knew how to do things the right way, how to cook Chicken Cordon Bleu, social graces that I hadn't learned. I remember having a 3-minute egg for breakfast at the Brunsteter home and not knowing what the heck to do with that egg. I know you will all miss her terribly and I hope that you can find joy in your memories of her.

Teresa Russell

Teresa Russell - April 26, 2016 at 09:10 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Frances Brunsteter.



April 25, 2016 at 07:47 PM



“ "Aunt Frannie" continues to be an inspiration to me as an artist and teacher. God speed. Lawrence Worth Jones

Lawrence Jones - April 25, 2016 at 11:15 AM



“ Fran was a very pretty gracious lady. I always admired her when she taught and when she had the frame shop. She was a wonderful talented person and I love the many pictures and medals she framed for us. Prayers and comfort to the family. May God bless all of you.



Virgil and Lavon Wiersig - April 25, 2016 at 11:06 AM



“ I remember the fun times with Fran in Walkie Talkies, a group of us who talked as we walked. On birthdays, we celebrated at different homes and brought birthday cards to the ones having birthdays. The snacks were always delicious and we laughed a lot, about having to walk more after we ate the delicious food! Fran was a delightful, gracious and generous lady. Loved very much by everyone who knew her! Love and prayers to all of you. Ruth Ann Gatz

Ruth Ann Gatz - April 24, 2016 at 09:08 PM



“ Fran was a very classy lady. She always spoke kind of every one . She was love by many



Brenda - April 24, 2016 at 08:34 PM



“ Mrs. Brunsteter was a wonderful, beautiful lady. My dad always called her a "10". She was always such a joyful person to be around. For my senior high graduation, she framed my picture, tassel and announcement in a one of a kind arrangement. I have always treasured that gift. Her generous spirit and warm heart will be greatly missed, but they will live on in her children and grandchildren and great-grands. May you all be blessed by your memories and with the knowledge that she is now in Heaven with her beloved Dick. Donise (Sterba) Cinnamon



Donise Cinnamon - April 23, 2016 at 04:33 PM