



Frances M. Vargas

June 7, 2026

Frances M. Vargas (nee Stefanowicz) passed away peacefully on June 7, 2026 surrounded by her loved ones. Frannie was 85 years young. She was born and raised in South Philadelphia with her fondest childhood memories being visiting her grandmother on Stonehouse Lane in "The Neck" with her siblings and cousins, where they would catch tadpoles and run around barefoot chasing chickens and pigs. She would later credit this "rural upbringing" for her love of country music saying, "I grew up country." She would head down the shore for Wildwood Days where she'd love to fish, crab, take boat rides, and she loved "Fascination" on the boardwalk where she would "Roll the Ball", try her luck on the slot machines of Atlantic City, where she won many a jackpot. Frannie "Got the Royal", Four of a Kind, and later took a liking to scratch offs with her favorite saying being " one of these days, I'm gonna hit the biggie."

She kept up with all the current Country Music hits, watching video countdowns each week, and often predicting the number one hit. She had a keen ear for future stars such as Jimmy Allen, Morgan Wallen, Shaboozey, Ella Langley, and many more... she knew everyone before they were famous. She even wrote a letter to Country Weekly back in 2009 where they published the entitled "Sexy Blake" as in Blake Shelton, where she went on to say that she liked him better with long hair.

She had so much energy not even a year ago, when we went to see our friend's band, "The Strange Angels" and she danced her tail off, always

knowing how to have fun. She leaves us with so many great memories, hilarious stories, and will forever be missed and dearly loved.

Fran was the beloved wife of the late Edward, affectionately known as "Pablo" or "Pop" and devoted mother to Tommy (the late Laurie), Nancy (Matt), Eddie (Bernie) and Tara (Pat). Fran was the loving Me-Mom and Granny Frannie to Laurie (Mike), Gregory "Snoop" (Danielle), Zachary (Chelsea), Madison (Travis), Matthew (Laura), Christopher (Daniela), Eddie, Lina, as well as being sadly missed by her great grandchildren, Owen, Kiel, Ella, Vaida, Livia, Hannah, and Eddie. She was the loving sister of the late Dolores (the late Jack), the late Arthur (the late Marie), the late Theresa (the late Sonny), the late Elmer (Pat), and Patti Terway, (the late Rick) . Frannie also leaves behind her many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Relatives and friends are invited to her Viewing and Funeral, Tuesday, June 16, 2026 after 8 AM until 10 AM at the Rogers Funeral Home, Inc., 1426–30 South 3rd St., Philadelphia PA 19147 followed by her Funeral Mass at 10:30 from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 1404 S. 3rd St., Philadelphia PA 19147 Internment will be Private.

Share Online Condolences at www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN **16**. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Rogers Funeral Home
1426-30 South 3rd Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147
(215) 468-4632
<https://www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com/>

Flowers are to be delivered by 3 PM MONDAY 6/15

Funeral Mass

JUN **16**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
1404 S 3rd St
Philadelphia, PA 19147-6099
(215) 465-4050

Tribute Wall

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“ All our love, the Sifari family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Frances M. Vargas.



All our love, the Sifari family - June 12 at 06:50 PM

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“ All our love, the Sifari family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances M. Vargas.

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“ Dawn Z. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Frances M. Vargas.



Dawn Z. - June 12 at 06:08 PM

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“ My sweet Aunt Frannie was a soft-spoken gentle soul. Yet, she could always level a conversation into hysterics with her witty one-liners. Although our gatherings were restricted by distance, she made a significant impression on my kids, who met her in-person only a handful of times. My kids were genuinely saddened to hear of her passing. Sending much love to the Philly family. Heaven is blessed with another angel. Love, Dawn from NY

Dawn Zamborsky - June 12 at 06:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Frances M. Vargas.



June 11 at 09:31 PM

MK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of Frances and her family growing up. My grandfather lived next door to them, and my Mom went to Bingo with her mother and father. Frances personally was very pleasant and warm and was very sociable of her three sisters and was laughable too. She and her family were good people, I am glad to see her life was well spent.

Maryanne Killian - June 10 at 12:22 PM