



## Mary Frances Flynn

November 20, 1922 - January 28, 2018

Mary Frances O'Briant Flynn, known fondly as Mary Frances or "MOF" died in Lexington, KY

surrounded by those who loved her and with her daughter Cathy constantly by her side.

Mary Frances was born in Durham, North Carolina, the daughter of Herbert and Fannie Lee O'

Briant and she was the older sister of Shirley O'Briant Wheeler (all of whom predeceased her).

Mary Frances graduated from Duke University as a registered nurse. At Duke, she met Charles

Shirey Flynn, who also graduated from Duke University medical school. They married in Durham on June 24, 1944. She remained a lifetime, avid Duke basketball fan even after moving

into the heart of Kentucky wildcat territory. We are sure she would like to thank Coach K for

letting her see the Blue Devils win five national championships.

Mary Frances and Dr. Charlie moved to Bluefield, where Dr. Charlie had a long, well-respected

OBGYN practice. Mary Frances worked in the office with him for many years until he retired.

Mary Frances loved Bluefield and all of her beloved friends there. She was an avid bridge player,

hosting bridge parties (as long as it was not duplicate) and an active member of Westminster

Presbyterian Church. After Dr. Charlie's death in 1995, she continued to remain active in the

community with the Church and her investment club. She was known for her North Carolina

accent and manners. Mary Frances was always gracious and the consummate hostess, no guest

was ever without an offer of food or a cold drink (and the drink always included a cocktail

napkin, because one must never let a guest have cold fingers).

Mary Frances is survived by her daughter, Cathy (Naumann), and her son-in-law Hans, and by

her son Charles and daughter-in-law Pam; four grandchildren Mary Beth Naumann (Kevin Compton), Erich Naumann (Brittany), Christi (Flynn) Bird (Brad), and Chuck Flynn (Megan);

six great grandchildren Adrienne and Harrison Shields, Christian and Carter Naumann, Avery

and Delaney Flynn; and her nieces Cindy Wheeler, Patsy McCowan, Beth Board, Lynn Smith,

and nephew Al Wheeler.

Her family would like to thank her neighbors at Three Springs and everyone at Glenwood Park

in Princeton, Mayfair Village in Lexington, and at Central Baptist for how much they loved and

cared for her.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Bluegrass Hospice Care Unit at Baptist Health Lexington, 2312 Alexandria Drive, Lexington, KY 40504, in memory of Mary Frances.

We are so grateful to have had her presence in our lives for so long. She lived life as it should be. Fully. Graciously. With humor. And with love.

A service to honor Mary Frances will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2005 Washington Street, Bluefield, WV 24705 on February 3, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., with a reception to follow.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Monte Vista Park Cemetery**

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**Service**

02:00PM

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Bluefield, WV, 24701

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Westminster Presbyterian Church

2005 Washington Street, Bluefield, WV, US, 24701

# Comments

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“ What a lovely lady! Mary Frances always had a smile and a welcoming word. She never failed to greet Charlie and me as we entered the sanctuary at Westminster. I cherish our friendship and send my deepest sympathy to son Charlie and the family. Mrs. Charles Sacre (Charlotte)

**Charlotte Sacre** - February 14, 2018 at 11:01 PM

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“ Just wanted the family to know how sorrowful I feel for your loss. I remember Mary as a sweet and gracious lady who definitely loved the Lord. Will be praying for all.

Janet H.

**Janet Heaton** - February 04, 2018 at 09:52 AM

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



January 31, 2018 at 05:22 PM

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“ I had the honor to get to know Mary Francis over the last couple years while she lived at the "Ville" in Lexington, Ky She was one of a kind. She was a feisty, strong-willed, determined woman, and we loved her very much! But I must also say that she had one hell of a daughter. Cathy is to be commended for her 100% total devotion to her mother in every way. We love her as well along with Hans, Mary Beth, and Kevin. It really does take a village to create a secure, comfortable, environment for a parent and I believe that Mary Francis had just that. She will be missed.....Judy G.

**Judy Gates** - January 30, 2018 at 11:03 PM

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“ Mary Francis was such a special person in my life, I will never forget her. She was a favorite of mine and I loved her very much. I will miss her calling me mom. My thoughts are with her family.

**Sandra Adkinson** - January 30, 2018 at 12:21 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Flynn when I worked at GlenWood Park Retirement Village. She was so gracious and a joy to be around. I know she will be missed by her family. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

Beverly Thomas

**Beverly Thomas** - January 30, 2018 at 11:14 AM

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“ Mary Frances was just the sweetest little southern belle... Always welcoming anyone who came along to visit... I loved how she smiled and how her eyes lit up as she told stories... God gained an angel... So sorry for everyone's loss. We love you guys. Vicky, Gary, and girls

**Vicky Walters** - January 29, 2018 at 11:27 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Frances Flynn.



January 29, 2018 at 10:44 PM

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“ Doc and Mary Frances always made me feel so welcomed in their home. Not a guest, but family. Although not a Duke fan, I so enjoyed watching basketball games with them. Mary Frances always remembered what I liked and always had a room and a drink waiting for me when I was in Bluefield. I loved her and her beautiful smile and North Carolina drawl. One sweet lady! God carried her home...I can celebrate that!

**Mary Lou Ray** - January 29, 2018 at 08:00 PM

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“ One of the sweetest people I have ever had the pleasure to know! Loved her so much. Will miss her. I will always remember how she smiled and said "I'm so glad to see you!" every time I walked through her door. GOD GAINED A PRECIOUS ANGEL, I LOST A WONDERFUL FRIEND. I will see her again some day. I will forever miss her smile and the twinkle in her eyes.

**Donna Johnson** - January 29, 2018 at 07:15 PM



“ Sorry to hear of your lose; our Prayers and Thoughts are with you and the family. May she Rest In Peace!

**Larry A. Ledford** - January 29, 2018 at 09:13 PM