



Frances Mae Godwin

May 13, 1924 - May 12, 2022

Frances Mae Metz Godwin went to heaven peacefully in her sleep on May 12, 2022, at St. Andrews of Francis Place in Eureka, MO. She had moved from Poplar Bluff in 2016 to live with two of her daughters in Cedar Hill.

Frances was born August 13, 1924, in Poplar Bluff to Lynn Thomas and Columbia Martin Metz, Sr. She was the sixth of their seven children.

She was a 1941 graduate of Poplar Bluff High School, attended Park College, and was a graduate of the University of MO, Columbia, earning her BSED in Home Economics.

Frances and George ("Torchy") Orville Godwin were married November 26, 1947, at the First Presbyterian Church in Poplar Bluff. They were the parents of four daughters: Nancy (Rob) Bohle of Cedar Hill; Susan (Fred) Missey of Warrensburg; Judy (Curt) Viehland of Cedar Hill; and Sally (John) Gragg of Poplar Bluff.

The Godwins were career educators. Her heart was with kindergarten and first grade children when she taught in Valley Park, Antonio, Dittmer, and House Springs.

"Torchy" died in April 1979. In 1986, Frances moved back to her home town. Frances was an active member of First Presbyterian Church where she was an ordained elder, choir member, leader of the Presbyterian women's groups, and teacher of kindergarten classes. For many years, Frances opened the church by 7:00 am, praying at each pew, the pulpit, the choir loft, and each room, also making sure all the lights were on. She made the coffee, readied

the kitchen for fellowship hour, and went on to Sunday School.

For many years, she was a volunteer at Lucy Lee Hospital (now PBRMC).

In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by her parents, her siblings L.T. Mets, Jr., Gene Metz, Margaret Cotrell, Rose McDaniel, Mary Crowe Carter, and USAF Col. James Metz, and two nieces, Ann Crowe Essig and Maryjeanne Crowe Crawford, and a nephew Harry Ferguson.

In addition to her daughters, she is survived by nine grandchildren: Christine Missey (Tony) Roop, Tony (Chris) Viehland, Angela Missey (Dan) Hatch, Susan Bohle, Tracey Viehland (Jeff) Borgmeyer, Jason (Liz) Missey, Ryan Bohle, Seth (Leslie) Gragg, and Adam Gragg.

Sixteen great grandchildren; Brady, Cody, Nicole, Nick, Emma, Sophia, Milo, Noah, Jill, Sophie, Jenna, Lucas, Austin, Piper, Jack, and Remington.

Four great-great grandchildren; Melaina, Davina, Tessa, and Emerson.

Frances Godwin loved her Savior and was a faithful woman of prayer. Her final prayer, to go home to Jesus in her sleep, has been answered.

Visitation, Saturday, May 21, 2022, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Martins United Church of Christ in Dittmer, MO. Service will begin at 1:00 p.m. and graveside will follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Cedar Hill, MO.

Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at www.stlfuneral.com and follow details of this event and others in the community at www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

6300 SR 30
Cedar Hill, MO 63016
(636) 274-4100

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Martins United Church of Christ
7890 Dittmer Ridge Rd.
Dittmer, MO 63023

Service

MAY 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Frances Mae Godwin*

January 06, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *Such sweet memories....deep condolences to the family and loved ones.*

Marvelene Chatman Rush - May 22, 2022 at 07:01 PM



“ *Colin, Erin, Amy, Max, and Sean O'Brien purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Frances Mae Godwin.*



Colin, Erin, Amy, Max, and Sean O'Brien - May 20, 2022 at 09:54 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a wonderful women who raised some great girls*

Judy Emily - May 20, 2022 at 09:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frances Mae Godwin.*



May 19, 2022 at 12:01 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Frances Mae Godwin.*



May 19, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ *Mrs. Godwin was my Kindergarten teacher the first year Northwest offered Kindergarten. Our classroom was at the Baptist church in House Springs. I am so very sorry to hear of her passing. She was such a kind, sweet woman.*

Linda (Hoefler) Fowler - May 17, 2022 at 04:11 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Her smile, generosity and joy for life will not be forgotten. We were blessed to know her!*
Wendy Cox

Wendy Cox - May 17, 2022 at 09:47 AM



Sally - Condolences to you and your family. How fortunate you are to have such a wonderful mother. Keep your beautiful memories close to your heart and she will remain with you always.

Karen Clarkson - May 21, 2022 at 08:06 PM