



Frances Ann Jensen

April 10, 1937 - September 6, 2024

Frances “Fran” Jensen passed away on September 6, 2024 at Bergan Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska, at the age of 87. She was a loving wife to husband, Jack Jensen, and mother to their children, Deb, Sue, Mike and Dave. She had a full life with seven grandchildren and one great grandson.

Fran was born in Omaha, NE April 10, 1937 to Frank and Anna (Rinda) Sedlacek. They lived on a farm at 49th & Kansas where they raised animals and several acres of crops. She has a sister Alyce and a brother, George, who passed away from pneumonia when he was an infant.

Fran graduated from Holy Name High School in 1955 and then completed business school. She earned a position at Northern Natural Gas as an Executive Secretary. Fran met Jack Jensen and they dated for several years. They would go to Sokol Hall most weekends to polka, which we all had to learn when we were young. When Jack proposed to Fran he said, “Marry me or I will buy an airplane and be single forever.” Fran decided Jack was the one and they were married on June 10, 1961. This date was intentional as Fran’s birthday was April 10 and Jack’s birthday was March 10, so their anniversary had to be on the 10th. When Fran was six months pregnant, she left her position at Northern Natural Gas to become a full-time homemaker and care for her family.

She was best known for her delicious cooking and entertaining. Her fried chicken was the most requested dish. She was also famous for her popcorn balls and sugar cookies. Every Christmas she would make around 1500 cookies for family, friends, and schools.

Fran and Jack owned a cabin on Ridgewood Lake in Fremont, Nebraska where they spent many summers with their children, family and friends. Fran's love for cooking and socializing made it a favorite place for everyone to have fun. Some kids loved it so much they decided to make it their home away from home and Fran welcomed all with open arms. She'd even spend the night in a tent with the kids on the islands at the lake.

Fran was very involved with the Catholic Church as she sent all four kids to St. Pius /St. Leo grade school. She also volunteered as a 4-H leader and taught kids the important skills of cooking and sewing. While her sons were at Creighton Prep, Fran spent many years volunteering to cook meals and help when needed. She also chaired their annual fundraiser event "BASH" for several years. Fran was a great cheerleader for Mike in soccer and Dave in football. She always had her rosary on the sideline with several other mothers praying for a win.

When grandchildren arrived, Fran was very much a hands-on grandma. She would do anything to help or spend time with them. She loved teaching them how to cook and bake their favorite foods, which usually was something sweet. She would help with homework and attend all their athletic events. She was the most caring and giving mother and grandmother anyone could wish for.

Fran is preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Anna Sedlacek, her infant brother, George, her husband, Jack, and her granddaughters Jessica Haith and Brecken Jensen. She is survived by her children and their families;

Deb (Tom) Trappe, Jamie Haith and great grandson Justice, Susan (Marty) Anderson, Parker & Sammie, Mike (Kristi) Jensen, Abby & Colt and David (Gigi) Jensen, Kaylin & Kalli and sister Alyce Roggenbach.

In Lieu of Flowers, Memorials are suggested to Creighton Prep School or St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Previous Events

Visitation with family

SEP 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
20500 W. Maple Road
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Funeral Ceremony

SEP 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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20500 W. Maple Road
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Cemetery

SEP 17. 2:30 PM (CT)

Omaha National Cemetery
14250 Schram Road
Omaha, NE 68138