



Frances Neff Taylor

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Frances Neff Taylor, 99 years old, of Highland, Utah passed away peacefully on December 21, 2022. She lived a long and rich life dedicated to service to others, especially her family. It is not lost on the family that she died on the date of the Winter Solstice, which is thought to be a time of ending and beginning, a powerful time...A time to forgive, to be forgiven and to make a fresh start. A time to awaken. Frances was born on September 4, 1923, to Eugene and Louise Neff in Honolulu, Hawaii while her father served as mission president of the Hawaiian Islands. Her childhood was a happy one, where, because of her parent's church service, she was able to have many unique experiences. One of her favorite times was when her parents served a mission in Palmyra, New York while her father opened the Bureau of Information at the Hill Cumorah. After Frances graduated from Marysville High School in California, she went on to study education at the University of Utah. She also did graduate studies at Columbia University in New York.

She taught English at Olympus Junior High for a short time. Later, she served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the French Mission which included France, Switzerland and Belgium at a time when sister missionaries weren't that common. While in Paris, she met her husband, Charles, who was studying there.

They were married shortly after she returned from her mission in the LDS Salt Lake Temple by David O McKay. Frances and Charles went on to have three children, Serge Neff Taylor, Ardis Christensen Padgett and Karen Taylor Brooks.

Frances spent time doing the things she loved best, serving her family and those around her. She was an incredible grandmother who spent hours shuttling her grandchildren around while their parents worked and did all the things that made their grandchildren's lives easier and richer. Frances had a talent for knowing what a person needed and then going about quietly getting it done.



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One of Frances' most avid passions was doing Family History. Frances had been given a book of orphans of the Civil War in Pennsylvania and she and Charles worked for many years finding the parents of these orphans and making sure the information was made available for family history purposes. Eventually, this book was published for others to do genealogy.

After Charles died, she served an LDS mission to Salt Lake City where she worked in the LDS Family History Center for 18 months. Up until a few days before she died, she was still indexing records, having indexed or reviewed over two million names. Frances was predeceased by her husband Charles Taylor, her son Serge Taylor and her grand-daughter, Lily. She is survived by her brother Wayne Neff (Joan) and her children Ardis Christensen Padgett and Karen Taylor Brooks (David) and her daughter in law, Julie Taylor, her grandchildren Kristin Taylor (Kurt Raffield) Kevin Brooks, Peter Christensen (Celeste) Stephanie Isaacson (Isaac) and Courtney Vevea (Nathan) and grandchildren, Rachael Christensen, Alicia Christensen and Max Christensen, Chaz Taylor, Phoenix Taylor, NJ Vevea and Taylor Vevea and Charlie Isaacson, William Isaacson and Rylie Isaacson.

A memorial service will be held in Florida at the Odessa Stake Center on January 14th at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to your local Hospice who took such loving care of her during her last days. Condolences can be sent to the family at www.premierfuneral.com.



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MY

Mary Yeager posted:

We were saddened by the news that Aunt Frances had passed. We last saw her in 2004, when we hosted a Taylor family reunion, at "Sleepy Hollow," which was the name affectionately given to the family cottage that George E. Taylor and his sons built along the Tunkhannock Creek, here in Pennsylvania. She was a lovely person and we will never forget her. Please accept our sincere condolences - Mary and Lawrence Yeager

January 7 at 8:41 AM

ET

Ernest And Evon Truckenmiller posted:

Sister Frances was a special Lady. After Bonnie and I were baptized into the LDS Church in 1964, we became well acquainted with Charles and Frances. Their open arms, as well as many others, made us feel welcome into the State College Branch in State College, Pa. About a year later, we started building the State College Branch Chapel. Frances was right there in her work clothes pounding nails with everybody else, working on what would become the Relief Society Room. A little later Br. Charles became the Branch President and I was called to be one of his Counselors. Only having been in the Church a little over a year and one-half, I am sure I was of little help to him. Charles and Frances were heavily involved in coordinating the feeding of the Work Missionaries until we finished building the Chapel. There is special place in our hearts for both Charles and Frances. Ernest and Evon (Bonnie) Truckenmiller Salem UT

January 3 at 10:34 AM

PG

Phyllis Greene posted:

I remember when my 6-year-old Kate decided to ride her bike on 56th street in Temple Terrace, unbeknownst to me. She was hit head-on by a car, and I was summoned by our apartment manager to the scene. Both of her femurs were broken (compound fractures). Someone handed me their phone to call my husband, as Kate was about to be airlifted to Tampa General. I was wondering how I was going to get to the hospital, when out of the blue appeared Frances! "Come get in my car," she said, and she whisked me off to the hospital. I was so grateful to see her. She wasn't just anyone, but a dear family friend. And at that moment, she was my angel!

December 29 at 7:09 AM

BH

Blanca Caceres Horn posted:

Frances was and is one of the most sweet and kind woman I have ever met. She always had a pretty smile and greeted every one and made them feel welcome

December 27 at 10:12 AM



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KB

Karen Brooks posted:

My mom was the most gracious and kind people I have ever met. She was always looking out for everyone else. I have had many memories flood my mind but I woke up smiling thinking of this one. When I was expecting Kevin, she came out to California to be with me. Kevin was not anxious to make his appearance anytime soon so mom suggested we ride the city bus for a half a day. So we got on the back of the bus where there seemed to be no shock absorbers and we ride around Westminster, California. We were both convinced that if that didn't shake him loose, he was there to stay. (Spoiler - it didn't work and Kevin was born via C- section a couple days later.) But mom was willing to ride in the back of an old city bus with her 9 month pregnant daughter for a half a day to try and get her grand baby to be born!

December 27 at 10:12 AM

MM

Marianne Miles January 7 at 5:30 AM

I met Frances about 12 years ago when I started during my family genealogy at the FHC in Lutz Florida. Her warm smile and sharing made me feel I was at the right spot doing genealogy. Along with our friend Lynn we shared many laughs and small talk which some times was better than sitting and looking at the computer. We exchanged small gifts at holiday time and one Christmas she gave us a small card, like a credit card, that said, Love You. I still have the card and smile when I look at it and think of the wonderful woman and friend Frances was and that I was blessed to know. Love to her Family.

CH

Carolyn Hall January 3 at 8:19 AM

Frances had that genuine friendly smile for all new move ins to Florida! She welcomed us and continued that every week. Heaven is blessed to have her. We send all our love to the family left behind. Carolyn Hall

JG

Joe Groom December 28 at 2:38 PM

Francis was my mentor in learning how to do genealogy research, before the advent of computers. She was kind, caring and genuine in her guidance. I loved and respected Francis and Charles and cherish my memories of the time we spent together. Until we meet again Dear Friends, Rest in Peace!

LD

Lucille Deperro December 27 at 10:34 PM

So beautiful, Karen. I always felt as though I knew your Mom. She was always so helpful to us at SDYC. My heart is heavy for you and all of your family. Your Mim lived a long, beautiful and giving life. She led the way. May you always spread her love and joy as you gracefully continue to do. Love, hugs and prayers, Lucille

SD

Shary Dyer December 27 at 3:33 PM

Karen, I feel as if I knew your Mom as knowing you as a kind and special friend was born of this lovely lady!



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Frances by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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