



Frances D. Chamberlain

January 5, 1942 - September 28, 2025

Frances D. Chamberlain, née Amodeo, of Pisgah Forest, NC, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 28, surrounded by her children. She was 83. Born and raised in Yonkers, NY, Fran was the daughter of Anthony Amodeo and Loretta Salerno. She graduated from Commerce High School and her early careers as both a hair stylist and an administrative assistant at her children's elementary school allowed her to successfully raise her "three boys." Fran and her late husband, Richard T. Chamberlain, relocated to the mountains of Western North Carolina nearly three decades ago, after more than twenty-four years in Mamaroneck, NY. Fran, who had a number of loving monikers (E.g., Franny, Aunt Franny, Babes, Nannie, and Grandma, to name a few), cherished sunny days near the ocean, having tanned and dog paddled at beaches up and down the East coast, from Maine's Old Orchard Beach to Holden Beach in North Carolina. Her love of music included the big band

sounds of the 40s and doo-wop oldies of the 50s, with Elvis Presley being one of her enduring favorites. In addition to being an avid reader, Fran's pastimes included painting and playing both board and card games - particularly with her grandchildren. When not watching reruns of Gunsmoke or engaging in healthy competition for the fastest answers during Jeopardy, Fran enjoyed Mexican food and raising a glass of red wine with her family and friends. Her fortitude (she defeated breast cancer!) was balanced by her soft-spoken ways, and Fran demonstrated her love of others through her cooking: the number of pasta meals she made with her special homemade spaghetti sauce and unrivaled meatballs could likely qualify her for the Guinness Book of Records. And nothing satisfied the sweet tooth like her famous Pfeffernüsse cookies she shared every Christmas. Fran's geniality was evidenced in many ways, including the outdoor haircuts she gave freely to neighbors during the height of the pandemic; it's no wonder friends and caregivers called her "so sweet."

In addition to her late husband and parents, Fran was predeceased by her sisters Dorothy (Cavallo) and Anne Marie (Claisse), and brothers Frank and Michael Amodeo. She is survived by her three sons, Brian (Beverly) Chamberlain of Rock Hill,

SC, Keith

(Karen) of South Yarmouth, MA, and Brendan (Tracy) Chamberlain of St. Augustine, FL,

her grandchildren, Ian, Emily, and Riley Chamberlain, in-laws Leroy and Regina

Orchanian, and Laurie Mulford (North Carolina), and Elizabeth Chamberlain and

Beverly Chamberlain (New York), along with many nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass and interment will take place at Sacred Heart Church of Brevard, North

Carolina, on Saturday, December 13, at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to consider donating to the Foundation of

Community Hospice & Palliative Care at thefoundationcares.org/give.

Tribute Wall

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“ I really loved Fran, she was such an inspiration to me, I will never forget how much she loved watching Gunsmoke every day and she loved to eat good food to be so tiny she could really put some food away,,I was one of her caretakers and I guess I got to attached because this is really hurting my soul. But I know I will see her again,,RIP my sweet friend,,love Susan Nanney

Susan Carole Nanney - December 11, 2025 at 07:56 AM

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Brian Chamberlain - December 03, 2025 at 06:38 PM

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“ Our thoughts are with you all as you lay your mom to rest. With love,
Barbara and Burt

Barbara Savage - December 03, 2025 at 01:07 PM

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Thanks so much Barbara and Burt. Your thoughts are much appreciated. As is the picture. Love that smile.

Brian Chamberlain - December 03, 2025 at 06:43 PM

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Barbara Savage - December 03, 2025 at 12:59 PM

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