

# FRANCES "FRAN" ELLEN BORNYEK YOVETICH BRANT



Frances "Fran" Ellen Bornyek Yovetich Brant, 81, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on Friday, June 14, 2024, with her daughters Nancy Yovetich Kraut and Barbara Yovetich Pane and her partner of more than 30 years, Ken Sherry, by her side.

Fran was born on July 19, 1942, to Helen Rohosky Bornyek and George Bornyek in Duquesne, PA. After graduating from Divine Redeemer Academy in 1960, Fran went on to graduate with an RN in nursing from Braddock General Hospital in 1963.

In 1965 Fran fell in love with and married George Yovetich, a Serb from Pittsburgh's Southside. Together they had 2 daughters and relished their 16 years together. The two enjoyed family life and all the fun that Colony Manor (McMurray, PA) had to offer in the late 1970's and early 80's, until George's untimely passing.

Fran worked for more than 30 years, nursing newborns through the elderly. She successfully led the Kane Hospital chapter of the Pennsylvania Nurses Association union during challenging labor negotiations in the 1970's. She rounded out her career as the American Parkinson's Disease Association coordinator at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School and then at Allegheny General Hospital.

Fran loved children, golfing, and a good glass of wine. She volunteered as a baby holder/rocker for the Children's Home of Pittsburgh. She was good at making and keeping friends and making people feel welcome. For many years Fran and Ken hosted Friday "Wine Time" with friends at the Village of Shadyside. She was also on a first name basis with the valets at the Rivers Casino.

Fran was predeceased by her brothers William and Leonard Bornyek, her second husband-Robert (RJ) Brant, and her beloved grandson, Lorenzo Pane. In addition to her daughters and life partner, Fran is survived by her cherished grandchildren Hannah Kraut (28), Nicholas Kraut (23), and Francesca Pane (16) and brother, George Bornyek.

Fran's positive outlook on life was inspirational, especially in light of the losses she faced. "We're so lucky" was her mantra with her family.

The memorial will be held at Calvary Episcopal Church in Shadyside on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 2pm, preceded by a 1pm visitation and followed by a reception. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Trevor Project, Allegheny College, or to your own favorite charity.

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