



Frances Adams Unger

January 26, 1917 - February 18, 2017

Frances Adams Unger, age 100, died peacefully under the care of Blue Ridge Hospice on Saturday, February 18, 2017.

She was born on January 26, 1917 in Gainesboro, VA to Ernest Washington Adams, Sr. and Mary Virginia Larrick Adams.

She attended Gore High School. Frances married Vernon B. Unger on December 7, 1940 in Jefferson County, MD at the Lutheran Parsonage. Vernon died on June 27, 1993. She was his faithful caregiver until the very end. Frances and Vernon had one daughter, Frances (Fran - Beekee) Unger Ring, (husband Tom – Frances' "favorite" and only S.I.L.) of Stephens City, VA, two grandchildren, Julie K. Ring of Stephens City, and Matthew T. Ring (wife Hannah) of Tupelo, MS, and four precious great-grandsons, Matthew II, Tyler, Asher James and Myles all of Tupelo. She leaves behind her special friend, Leon Sparks, and three wonderful care-givers – Joyce, Sandy and Denise. She has many nieces and nephews on the Adams and Unger sides of the family. She was predeceased by three brothers, Marcus Monroe Adams, Sr., Ernest Washington Adams, Jr. and Thomas Garland Adams. The Adams family has been life-long residents of the Gainesboro/Winchester area. Frances was a life-time member of Old Bethel United Methodist Church, the Albin Homemakers Club, the Fort Loudoun Chapter National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Shenandoah Region Antique

Car Club. She was honored in 2012 by the Fort Loudoun Chapter DAR as its first Honorary Regent. She was the oldest congregant of the Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging (Senior Center) and attended the Frederick County Center for 32 years. She was a breast cancer survivor – taking herself when she was 90 years old to radiation treatments. She also attended the Grace Brethren Church and Fellowship Bible Church with her family.

As a young girl, Frances enjoyed exploring the hills of Gainesboro and making mud pies in Hogue Creek. She also knew how to work, helping her mother by cooking and making bread to feed the thrashers and other farm hands whom helped make hay in the summer. They also made their own soap, butchered and washed their clothes on the washboard. Cleaning out the chicken coop was not a favorite chore. She was an active 4-H leader and loved to sew on her treadle sewing machine. She grew up with the Unger sisters, Evelyn, Hilda, Mary and Kate and was introduced to her future husband, Vernon, by knowing them. Frances and Vernon were married 52 years before he passed away.

Frances and Vernon worked very hard to make a living. They operated the Pure Oil Station in Winchester. Frances did inventory and kept the books for their station. Vernon also operated a trucking company and they owned and operated Unger's Angus House at Sunnyside in the 1950's – 1970's. In 1943 when Vernon was drafted at age 32 and went to Germany for WWII, Frances worked at Woolworth's in Winchester. Frances and Vernon wrote to each other faithfully while he was overseas. They were apart for 36 months. Frances was a loving care-giver to many. She had the gifts of mercy and hospitality. She loved to travel and planned coast to coast excursions to visit many "cousins" with whom she had connected. She had a great love for genealogy and her mind was full of information on family history. She was named for her aunt, Frances Belle Larrick Adams, and treasured the family information that Aunt Frances kept so beautifully. Frances and Vernon

traveled to many areas of the country in their antique cars. The 1927 Packard Touring car was their favorite. One memorable trip was to Plains, Georgia when Jimmy Carter was President of the United States. They participated in the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Parade and enjoyed taking celebrities in their antique cars.

Frances demonstrated her love for the Lord Jesus Christ by trusting Him as her Savior and loving her family that He gave to her. She always had a smile and a quick wit. She never met a stranger and was always trying to “connect” them to the family tree. She was a wonderful daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to many. She will be greatly missed.

At her request the family will receive friends on Wednesday, February 22, from 9:30 – 11:00 A.M. at Fellowship Bible Church 3217 Middle Road, Winchester. A Celebration of her life will be held immediately following the visitation at 11:00 o'clock with Pastor Jerry Harpool and Pastor Carl Chapman officiating. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers please remember Frances by loving your family as she so wonderfully did. Donations in her memory may be made to the Frederick County (Senior Center) – SAAA, P.O. Box 428 Stephens City, VA 22655. The family wishes to thank all of her many friends and family who recently celebrated her 100th birthday, a very special milestone in her life. The words of the Apostle Paul are appropriate in Philippians 1:21 when he writes “for to me to live is Christ and to die is gain”.

Tribute Wall

TB

“ Just found out of Frances home going. She was a dear and sweet lady and a pleasure to know.
Fran and Tom, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Tim and Lisa Butcher - February 23, 2017 at 10:15 PM

RA

“ Sorry, forgot to add that I regret that I will not be able to attend the service due to work obligations and my child's schedule.

Robyn Adams-Clark - February 22, 2017 at 08:26 AM

RA

“ Again, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. She was always very warm and kind to me. Unfortunately, I am not very close to any of my Adams relatives due to the fact that I have seldom been around any of them. However, I am proud to say that we were related. Frances was a wonderful woman and will be greatly missed.

Robyn Adams-Clark - February 22, 2017 at 08:25 AM

JC

“ She was a very special woman. Heaven has another angel. Jerry and Janna Cather

Jerry Cather - February 21, 2017 at 09:38 PM

AF

“ So sorry for your loss!!! I will cherish seeing her with you at church Fran...so radiant and stunning...thanks to you and your sweetheart for your wonderful care for her!! Wish I could make the funeral..have started a new job and won't be able to attend. His peace and joy... 100!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Stunning!!!! Angie Broderick Marcy & Family

Angie Broderick Marcy & Family - February 21, 2017 at 07:55 PM

SW

“ It is hard to top the comments made above. I second them. She was a woman for all seasons. My sympathy for your loss.

Sheila Roe Weissenberger - February 21, 2017 at 03:53 PM

GD

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Aunt Frances on Saturday. She made life fun and always had a smile. My condolences to Tom, Beekee, Julie and Matt. TAKE CARE !!! GOD'S BLESSINGS ALWAYS !!!!

Gerry Darr - February 21, 2017 at 06:07 AM

SM

“ With our love and prayers for you all! What a blessing Frances was to us!

Steve and Valerie McLaughlin - February 20, 2017 at 10:28 PM

WD

“ WHAT A WOMEN! SHE WAS A GREAT FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR. WE WILL MISS HER VERY MUCH. ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP OTHERS.

WILLEY & BEA DEMBECK

WILLEY G. DEMBECK - February 20, 2017 at 09:43 PM

CR

“ *What a beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady inside and out. If we all could only live up to the pure and beautiful example she gave of loving and caring about all people she met and came to know. I only knew her for about 15 years but she always treated you like you were family. I am so honored to have known her for the time I did. Love to all the family and may God bless you with as many years as she had!*

*Love and peace,
Cathy Ritter*

Cathy Ritter - February 20, 2017 at 08:20 PM

DK

“ *Fran (& Tom) - sorry for your loss. She was an interesting lady. My 3rd cousin twice removed. Take care.*

Danna Koelling - February 20, 2017 at 07:41 PM

TT

“ *We are sorry for your loss and know she was a wonderful woman.*

Tom and Annie Tudor - February 20, 2017 at 06:40 PM

RG

“ *We are so sad to hear of Frances' passing. She was a special lady. We have many fond memories of Frances, Vernon and BeeKee during our many excursions with the antique car club. We were so grateful to have been a part of her 100th birthday celebration. She is surely blessed to be with God and Jesus in Heaven. Our prayers go to the family for peace of mind knowing she has gone home.*

Richard and Diana Giles - February 20, 2017 at 06:31 PM

LP

“ Dear Fran & family:

Your mother & father were wonderful acquaintances/friends of my parents & I will always cherish the wonderful times we spent together at the Antique Automobile gatherings and picnics. Your mother was a Blessing to all. May God rest her soul.

"Linky"

Linda Hash Poole - February 20, 2017 at 06:19 PM

RP

“ Dear Fran and family, As one of your DAR sisters I want to send you heartfelt condolences. Everyone who knew your Mom loved her. In reading her obituary it is obvious that she loved life and made the most of it from childhood to her senior years. You must be enormously proud and happy to have had her as your Mom. My sincere sympathy to you in her loss. Robin Pedlar

Robin Pedlar - February 20, 2017 at 05:26 PM

RP

“ Fran and Tom you are in our prayers. May God wrap His arms around you a little tighter during these days and give you the comfort and peace on God can give.

God Bless

Rev. Gary and Debbie Palmer

Rev, Gary and Debbie Palmer - February 20, 2017 at 05:16 PM

EF

“ I am saddened to hear of Mrs. Ungers passing. She was a dear friend. She is now in the arms of her Blessed Savior and is no longer sick. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Earl and Robin Finney - February 20, 2017 at 02:49 PM