



## Faye Sacco

August 27, 1941 - March 21, 2014

### Obituary of Faye Sacco

Faye (fe') Sacco went Home to be with her Savior on March 21st. She was born in Frostburg, MD on August 27, 1941 to Beatrice and Samuel Sacco. She graduated from Beall High School in 1958 and from Lucy Webb Hayes School of Nursing at American University in Washington, DC in 1961. She lived in Maryland in Montgomery County, Kent Island, Ocean City and Annapolis until she moved to Westminster, SC in 1996 and then to The Villages, FL in 2007.

Faye practiced nursing in many fields including med-surg, public health, school nursing and held several advanced nursing designations. She was director of nursing for two outpatient hemodialysis programs, a peritoneal dialysis program and a hospital acute program in Annapolis, MD for many years. Her career closed in 2000 as a Home Hospice nurse at Hospice of the Foothills in Seneca, SC. She felt this experience was the most meaningful of her nursing career. Some of her other endeavors include: guest lecturer for the Nursing Program at Clemson University, modeling, dancing, investment counseling, owner and operator of a ladies boutique, and realtor.

Faye is survived by her loving husband, George Blaha of Santo Domingo, The Villages; daughter Carrie Ratliff (Jay) and 3 grandsons Price, Cooper and

Cade of Westminster, SC; stepdaughter Karen Llop, grandchildren Sadie and Michael Thomas of Atlanta; stepson David Blaha (Cricket) and grandchildren Bobby, Billy and Lulu of Alpharetta, GA; sister Donna (Corbin) Dozier of Pawley's Island, SC; niece Shene (Jim) Allen of Orlando, FL; nephew Tim (Kathy) Thomas of Mechanicsville, VA and Nescopeck, PA.

Faye loved dancing, fashion, music, decorating, all things Asian and was an avid Clemson fan. She also traveled widely to some 40 countries around the world, played piano, worked with teens during the racial integration years in the 60's and conceived, developed and instituted the adolescent clinic program for the Montgomery County, MD Health Department and School System. She was Vice-President of Les Debonaires Formal Dinner/Dance Club of The Villages since 2009 and enjoyed playing Mahjonn and golf.

She was the BEST mother, grandmother, wife, sister, and friend. Everyone who met her automatically loved her! She was the epitome of class. She positively influenced people throughout her entire life and those that were fortunate to know her would say they were better people for having known her. Her impact and inspiration were especially evident throughout the past year. Her attitude was positive, her words were eloquent and her faith was apparent. She taught us the treasure of peace within. She trusted her heavenly Father to place her exactly where she was meant to be, from the beginning of her earthly journey to her walk into the world to come, with her hand in His -- content in knowing that she was a beloved child of God, the King of the Universe. She never forgot the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. She used the gifts she received from Him and never missed an opportunity to pass on the love He had given her. She shared encouraging and meaningful Bible verses with loved ones as she made her journey with dignity, grace and beauty and she LOVED LIKE CRAZY. She loved her family, her friends, her life and The Lord her God. She let His presence settle into her being, giving her the freedom to sing and to dance and to love without

measure. She will be greatly missed until we are together again!

No service is planned; however Memorial donations may be made to:  
Cornerstone Hospice 601 Casa Belle The Villages, FL 321652 or to Dollars For  
Scholars Carol Lutgen 904 Walker Loop The Villages, FL 32162.

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# Tribute Wall

DP

“ Dear George and family, Dick and I would like you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Faye was such a wonderful lady and was always so thoughtful and kind to everyone. No words can ever express how sorry we are for your loss. For Faye, we are so happy that her suffering is finally over and she is so happy to be with her Lord and Savior. Thinking of you, Dick & Mary Pugh

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**Dick & Mary Pugh** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ We met Fe' and George while living in the Villages. We became friends and admirers of this most delightful couple. I have followed Fe's journey with great sadness but, at the same time, so proud to have known such fierce soldier in God's army. She will be missed by many but loved forever.

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**Dick and Mary Corliss** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Faye was so special to me. I worked with her, laughed with her, cry with her, and loved her so very much. God has her in His arms and she is smiling and giving those wonderful hugs to the family who have been waiting for her. She will always have a special place in my heart and mind as I remember the strength she had. I know the garden in heaven is brighter because she is there. I will miss her.

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**betty palmer** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Carrie, Jay and family. I am so sorry for your loss. Faye was such a smart, talented and beautiful lady. I can only imagine how much she will be missed. My heart is so sad for you. Love and prayers for your hearts to heal.

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**Marty Harrell** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Faye is known to me as one of my high school best friends. This past year she has been a total inspiration. In all her many accomplishments, especially Carrie, she has attained personal and spiritual greatness. Told her the cherished updates have been titled "Her Story My Keepsake" and she will be forever remembered.

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**Sandy Kamauf** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ I have known Faye since 1958 when we began nursing school together. We "grew up" together as she says - doing all the hospital rotations and learning so much. She was a wonderful roommate and friend. I feel blessed that we discovered her in the Villages and we were able to renew our friendship. Her courage, determination and faith were are to be admired. I will miss her.

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**Glee Wahlquist** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I met Faye through another friend and the day she came into my life I felt blessed. I believe our Lord picks friends for you to meet and lets you go from there. Faye was the kind of person who you met once and felt like she was there for you always. I did not see Faye in her last days but I did talk with her and read her emails. She was a total inspiration to us all. She will be missed but never ever forgotten.

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**Joyce Helveston** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ I feel so privileged to have had Fe in my life, and to have known her. I do love her like crazy.

Laurie Lerner - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I've only known Faye for 6 months, but it has felt like a lifetime. Each time she entered my home to bring me a sewing project it was with a bright smile and lots of enthusiasm. She was a pleasure knowing. With sadness in my heart I say goodbye, but know she is with our Father looking down on us.

Bennetta Magagna - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



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GA

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of this lovely woman. Please accept my condolences. (John 5:28,29) Until you meet again. God Bless.

G Anderson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ To George - we were so sad to hear about beloved Fe - at the Les Debonaires Gala's Fe always looked like a "star" - our thoughts are with you now and forever. Sinceley from Betty & Joe Lynch

Betty & Joe Lynch - Les Debonaires - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FD

“ Knew Faye during her hospice work in Westminster, SC back in the 90's. She was an incredibly caring person, gifted in so many ways. Behind her outer beauty there was another inside her, that lifted others to new heights, especially those who were ill and in need. She often worked in pain herself, never leaving her patients without her loving support. What a loss for everyone who knew her. The only consolation is knowing God needed this "special angel" somewhere else. And she truly was just that.... a "special angel". I know she is still among us!

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**Felix D'Avanzo** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Dearest George. My heart goes out to you. Fe was so much fun, full of life and brought smiles to us! We are here for you. Would love for you to join us for Easter! Much love, Adele.

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**Adele Ilop** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Dear George, Carrie and all the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sadness with Faye's death. I followed Faye's journey through email this past year and found her to be just remarkable in her approach; and a true inspiration to all who were fortunate to have known her.

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**Becky Custis** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ Dear George & Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. In the 4 years we have known Faye from our neighborhood, we can truly say that she was a beautiful person inside and out. She will be sorely missed. She is now at peace with our lord and savior. at peace with her lord and savior.

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**Paul McDermott & Aida Elg** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NZ

“ Faye and I became friends through Connie Waldron's dance group about 8 years ago and have enjoyed all our adventures along the way which included MahJongg and various outings for lunch and the Les Debonaires dinner/dance club. She was a true friend to everyone she met....a beautiful down-to-earth and very intelligent and classy lady who I respected and loved. This beautiful lady has been a true inspiration to everyone and I admire her greatly. She will be in my heart forever. I miss her so much already. From what I know of Carrie she will be following in her mom's footsteps.....I know how proud she is of her special mom.

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**Nancy Zurak** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM