



Frances Thompson Knoizen

May 5, 1926 - June 26, 2024

Frances Thompson Knoizen, 98, of Weirsdale, died June 26, 2024. Born in Silver Spring, MD, she moved to south Lake Weir in 1982 with her husband, Rear Admiral Ken Knoizen.

Prior to marriage in 1949, she graduated from Meredith College and worked at the Library Of Congress. She was a history major and had a passion for all things historical. She had a major role in supporting Ken during his military career of 38 years. She hosted many receptions at their home(s), and was loved for her piano and singing sessions. "Good Night Ladies" was always last.

She was a member of the Navy League, and headed local Naval Officer's Wives clubs over the years. She was also a Gray Lady Red Cross volunteer during WW II.

Ken and Fran's first property on Lake Weir was purchased in 1955, and, as a military family moves every year or so, the lake property became "home" for the family. Each summer from 1956 until retirement in 1982, was spent at the "Lake". During these summer visits, Fran hosted family and friends. Among the daily activities were swimming, sailing (including lessons), water skiing, and folk dancing (thanks to Olie Olsen). One friend has referred to Fran as a "legend". " She made such a beautiful difference in so many lives and will be remembered with love".

During the other parts of the year, Fran was mother to Kerry and Kim, their adopted children. Ken was away on deployment so many times, she adopted

the role of both mother and father. During the school year in 1961, she took both children to the Mediterranean, following Ken's aircraft carrier from port to port, teaching them first and second grade.

Among her many volunteer roles since 1982 were docent at the Appleton Museum in Ocala, and Interfaith of Ocala.

Fran and others started Tuesday Time Out at the Weirsdale Presbyterian Church 35 years ago, and it continues to this day. Leading the singing and fellowship was a great joy to her. She was self-taught at the piano. She started the Lake Weir Cancer Luncheon at her home in 1985, and it grew to over a hundred attendees at the Lake Weir Yacht Club. Thousands of dollars were raised over the years. She was also one of the founding members of the Save Lake Weir Association, the first meeting being held at her home.

In June of 2015, Fran was humbled to receive a Point of Light for her volunteer work over the years. Point of Light was started by 41 st President George H. W. Bush, and only 365 are awarded each year.

Survivors include daughter Kim and family, and the family of son Kerry (deceased). She also had four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral Notice

Memorial services for Fran Knoizen will be held at 11 AM

Saturday October 26, 2024 at the Weirsdale Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, Fran requested memorial donations be made to the Weirsdale Presbyterian Church, designating Boy Scout Troop 113 or general fund, PO Box 269, Weirsdale, FL 32195.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Weirsdale Presbyterian Church
16303 SE 137th Court
Weirsdale, FL 32195

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Frances Thompson Knoizen.*



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“ *Aunt Fran was an inspirational influence in our lives. She was always inquisitive as well as knowledgeable and never hesitated to share. Beyond all of the water sports and dancing styles she shared with her family every summer, she taught me so sew. That is only ironic because my mom, her sister in law, was the quintessential seamstress. More recently, and not so ironic, I got to dance to some rock 'n roll with my 92 year old aunt at her beloved Yacht Club. These are just a couple of memories among many more that will color our lives and keep our aunt with us. I personally will always smile whenever she comes to mind.*

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