



## Frances Lester

December 10, 1923 - January 1, 2017

Frances Lester, 93, longtime Moses Lake resident died Sunday January 1, 2017 in Columbia Crest Rehabilitation Center surrounded by her beloved family. Frances was born December 10, 1923 in Prosser, WA to Frank and Falisatia Gress, the 5th child out of 7 siblings.

Frances grew up in Prosser, WA and then moved to Spokane to attend beauty school, living with her sister Barbara and husband Ernie. Following beauty school she returned to Prosser to care for her mother. She attended a Saturday night dance where she met a young Navy guy, Allen Clark Lester, who soon became her husband. They settled in Prosser having two sons Gerry and John. The young family then moved to Moses Lake in 1954 and had their 3rd child, Michele.

Fran was a stay at home Mom where she honed her cooking and baking skills, becoming an extraordinary domestic goddess. When Michele started high school, she decided it was time to enter the workforce and worked at Carnation Inc from 1970 - 1987.

She was a devout Catholic and member of Our Lady of Fatima where she was involved in the Altar Society and other ministries until she was unable to get out and about. Mom and Dad loved the outdoors and enjoyed many camping trips to the mountains and lakes throughout Washington with her children and grandkids. Many family trips were driven to Georgia over the years to visit family. Frances was loved and cherished by all of her grandchildren (10) and great grandchildren (14), she loved teasing them as much as they loved

teasing her. She was mom to many and loved by all. If you remember only a few things about our mom, we hope it would be that she was a very faithful woman, didn't leave her room without her hair done, lipstick and pearls on, and always a smile on her face.

Frances is survived by her son John (Marion) Lester and Michele (Lind) Bingham all of Moses Lake, grandchildren Jim (Cheryl), Sam (Hilary), Becky (Josh), Laura, Heather, Lee, Julio, Ryan (Cristie), Lindsey (Gilbert), and 14 great-grandchildren.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents Frank & Falisatia Gress, brothers Dan, John, Eugene; sisters Barbara, Cecilia, Clementine, and Teresa; her husband Allen and son Gerald Lester.

The family would like to thank all those that cared for our mom over the past few years when she was unable to live on her own. A special thank you to the nurses and doctors taking care of her at the hospital the last week and a huge thank you to the aides, nurses and all the workers at Columbia Crest.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be held at 9:30 a.m. with the Memorial Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 10:00 a.m., Friday January 6, 2017 in Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 200 N. Dale Road, Moses Lake. Interment will immediately follow the Mass in the church columbarium. You are invited to join the family for a luncheon provided in the Fatima Center (CCD Center) adjacent to the church.

In lieu of flowers a donation to Our Lady of Fatima building fund would be her wish.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 6. 9:30 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Holy Rosary)  
200 North Dale Road  
Moses Lake, WA

## Service

JAN 6. 10:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Mass of Christian Burial)  
200 N. Dale Rd  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall

SC

“ *Spence & Annette Clark lit a candle in memory of Frances Lester*



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**Spence & Annette Clark** - January 08, 2017 at 06:03 PM

SP

*Our sincere condolences to all her loved ones.*

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**Spence** - January 08, 2017 at 06:04 PM

JB

“ *My dear dear Franny, I am so sorry for your family but happy for you that you are with our wonderful Lord now. We had some amazing times together and I will never forget your love, kindness and graciousness you gave our community and world. I love you Fran and always will. Judy Baker*

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**Judy Baker** - January 08, 2017 at 11:54 AM

BW

“ *Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all, we were so sorry to hear of the loss of Frances!*

*Brian & Tami Wilson*

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**Brian & Tami Wilson** - January 06, 2017 at 04:03 PM

JJ

“ Joe Nelson Lester Jr lit a candle in memory of Frances Lester



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**Joe Nelson Lester Jr** - January 06, 2017 at 11:21 AM

SC

“ Frannie Lester~ A beautiful lady with a loving heart and a happy soul. Always so gracious and warm and greeted everyone with her sweet smile. You will be missed. ❤️

Our hearts and prayers go out to you Michele and Lind, Lindsey, Ryan, and families and to the rest of the Lester Family.

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Love you,  
Shelley and Roy

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**Shelley Cyr** - January 05, 2017 at 11:41 PM

DK

“ I remember visiting when I was around 10. Auntie Babe canned everything, so delicious.

Great preserves, etc. I know my Mom, Theresa, will be so happy to see her.

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**Danielle Trudell King** - January 05, 2017 at 11:25 PM

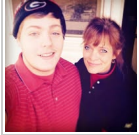
JL

“ Jon And Carol Lane lit a candle in memory of Frances Lester



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**Jon and Carol Lane** - January 05, 2017 at 07:19 PM



“ Michelle & John.... I really just remember that your mom was such a sweet heart!!.. Always... Sweet & Soft Spoken... Funny Sometimes too - when she'd fuss at "Les". Bless your hearts! Please know that our love & hearts are with you. Can't help but be happy that Aunt Frances is now in no pain and reunited with the Love of her Life! Love Yall!

Sarah Walls - January 05, 2017 at 11:37 AM

RW

“ Aunt Frances,  
I'm sure God will give you my message, because when I was younger when you and Uncle Clark would visit from Washington you made the best French Toast, I will never forget that and also gave really big hugs. Now God has sent you home to be with Clark and to begin a new journey that we can only dream of. Love you

Robert Walls - January 05, 2017 at 09:40 AM

BT

“ Bob Trask lit a candle in memory of Frances Lester



bob Trask - January 04, 2017 at 09:45 AM

JW

“ Janice Widmer lit a candle in memory of Frances Lester



janice widmer - January 03, 2017 at 07:38 PM

TA

“ I met Fran while taking my mother for pre visit at the Hearthstone. Fran and her friend Bernice were elegant hostesses without even being aware they were acting as so. It was Sunday afternoon and they were both floating around putting smiles on anyone face that they came in contact with. Both as always beautifully dressed. Fran was sort of an unofficial leader of the group of ladies at the Hearthstone that made Mom's transition much much easier. She was a big part of the social group that would meet after dinner at someones table and tell wonderful stories as laughter ran freely. And she was a killer at bingo and Wi Bowling. Mom had 17 months with Fran and the " girls". I have said many times I enjoyed every minute that I spent with Fran and these wonderful people. You will never be forgotten my friend. Terry Anderson and family.

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**Terry Anderson** - January 03, 2017 at 05:29 PM

MB

“ Mom, always with lipstick and her pearls. Always with a smile and something silly to say. The most faithful person I knew. Love you mom forever.

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**Michele Bingham** - January 03, 2017 at 07:38 AM

WS

“ Wendy S. lit a candle in memory of Frances Lester



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**Wendy S.** - January 03, 2017 at 01:29 AM