



## Frances Respass

August 14, 2024

Frances K. Finch Respass transitioned to her Heavenly Home, August 14, 2024, surrounded by her family and friends, at the age of 90.

She was preceded in death by her Husband, Eugene Way "Pete" Respass; her brother Carson B. Finch; and her son-in-law Michael E. New, Sr.

She is survived by her daughter Gail Respass New; grandson Michael E. New, Jr.; great-granddaughter Makayla New White and husband Matt; great-grandsons Michael E. "Trey" New, III and Bryson Way New; great-great-granddaughter Alaina White.

She was a member of Pinecrest Baptist Church, Fellowship Chapter #140 Order of the Eastern Star, and VFW Post 2582 Auxiliary.

The family would like to thank Shalia, Sharifa, and Leah, her home caregivers, Oak Grove Health and Rehab, and Comfort Care Home Health and Hospice for their support and care.

A funeral service with an Eastern Star Service will be held at 11:00 am Tuesday, August 20, 2024, in Loving Funeral Home with Reverend Brian Parker officiating. Visitation will be held 1 hour prior to service. Burial will follow at Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens, Suffolk.

In place of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to Bethel Baptist Church, <https://www.bbcyorktown.org/give/> (donations will be used by the youth mission to spread the gospel worldwide) or to the VFW Post #2582, 4301 Pughsville Rd., Suffolk, VA 23435.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel  
3225 Academy Ave  
Portsmouth, VA 23703

## Funeral Service

AUG **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SM

“ I just want to thank Gail and Frances for accepting me and my daughter Shalia as family. The time I spent with Frances watching baseball, playing Skipbo and listening to her stories of the past will never be forgotten. Rest peacefully now until we meet again.



Sharifa A McCall - August 17, 2024 at 01:04 PM

DH

Aunt Frances and Uncle Pete has been in my life ever since I can remember. She was beside me when I lost my mom, she was responsible for leading my dad to accept Jesus as our savior before he passed away. She so loved her family and was always so extremely proud of Gail. She is in paradise now with no pain and no dementia. Gail I love you and you stay strong and lead your family the way your mom did. ❤️❤️

Donna Hishok-Jordan - August 17, 2024 at 03:47 PM

VG

“ Gail Michael and family. So sorry to hear of Mrs. Frances passing. May your many memories help in the days ahead. She is no longer suffering and is smiling down on you all.

Vicki M Goins - August 16, 2024 at 09:26 PM

SM

“ It was 2020 when I had the privilege to meet Gail and Frances one afternoon for a try out to care for Frances . They accepted me a new starting caregiver . They welcomed me in their home someone who had a lot to learn and even more to grow . Throughout the years I’ve learned quite a bit from them and grew even more . Over the years I soon felt like not just a friend but family . We spent our days playing skip bo, watching our stories, writing cards, cooking, and some days just doing anything we could to rattle Gail . Together we watched The Golden Girls something I’d never done before being there and she sung the theme song “Thank you for being a friend” however the thanks belong to her.I could never find the words to truly thank her for being a friend ,but thank you Gail and Frances for allowing me to be a part of your life and thank you for growing with me . The times we shared together will never be forgotten.



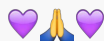
Shalia McCall - August 16, 2024 at 08:27 PM

LM

Our dear friend and family,  
Gail I am so sorry about your beautiful Mom. She is definitely at the feet of Jesus.  
Also she is loved by all Jobies at Bethel 40 and Fellowship Chapter 140. We will always love you and your Mom. She is forever in my heart. She was a blessing to so many. Please call me if you need anything. Love you Gail.

Laurel E Cooke Miles - August 18, 2024 at 11:18 AM

LM



Laurel E Cooke Miles - August 18, 2024 at 11:19 AM

DB

“ I attended Elon College with “Mama Respass’s” daughter, Gail. I had come to Elon from Maryland and it was my first time away from home. I was homesick. Gail took me under her wing and off we went to go for weekends with her family and their dog, Satan, in Henderson NC. Mama Respass would prepare for us days in advance. She was the best cook. She would make a pineapple sour cream cake that knocked my socks off. It was like 4 layers filled with the most delicious ooey gooey goodness. She would make it 3 days ahead of time and let it sit in the refrigerator so all the ingredients just melded together. It was lip smacking good. She was a good southern cook. She taught me how to crochet. She taught me how to cross stitch. Some of my favorite pieces are still ones I made with her. She made me an pink afghan that I still have to this day. She and Daddy Respass taught me card games and took me boating. They were my family away from home. They were exactly what I needed when I needed it. Sooooo many years have passed, and while we haven’t seen each other - she was the kind of woman that you always hold close in your heart. She left her mark on you. She just had that way about her. Not too many years ago she sent me some recipes...some of her favorites. I treasure them. She was one of a kind. She would welcome you into her home, feed you, and give you the shirt off her back, if you needed it. She was a treasure and a gift to everyone who knew her. I have no doubt that while we, who are left behind, will miss her...she is rejoicing with Jesus in the sweet by and by.

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**Donna Sue Bongardt** - August 16, 2024 at 07:42 PM