



## Frances Emily Cheshareck

October 15, 1940 - November 18, 2022

Frances Emily Cheshareck (nee Vigna) passed away at her home in Custer Park surrounded by loved ones on Friday, November 18th, 2022. Age 82 years.

Survived by daughters, Marie (Pete) Bohler, Manette Cheshareck (Mindy Walsh), and Mindy (Tony) Scott; grandchildren, Blake and Sabrina Bohler, Miles Field, Mike (Alexis), Sam and Gracie Scott and great-grandchild Griffin Scott; sibling Peter (Vikki) Vigna; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws.

Preceded in death by her husband of 41 years, Thomas Cheshareck; parents, Frank and Emily Vigna; in-laws Anthony and Mary Cheshareck (nee Karpowicz); siblings, Josephine Pleshe, Carole Vigna, Kathryn Phelan, Frank Vigna, and numerous in-laws.

Nicknamed Franky, Frances was born on the Marco Polo Farm in Reddick, Illinois, on October 15, 1940. Her mother wrote in her baby book that Franky was a lively child, loved being called "sweet", and especially loved to cuddle with kittens they had on their farm. She graduated from Morris High School and moved to Joliet where she worked for Illinois Bell Telephone Company while living in the Hannah Harwood Girl's Home on Broadway Street with two of her sisters.

Frances married her high school sweetheart and upon his discharge from the Air Force, they lived in Channahon for fifty-plus years. They worked hard to give their daughters a fun and eventful childhood. Frances waitressed at The

Lone Star restaurant, grew flowers and a large garden, and raced her daughters home from friends' houses at dinnertime.

When her girls were in high school, Frances started a twenty-plus year career as a mail carrier at the U.S. Post Office in Joliet where she enjoyed walking her route and getting to know the people she served. Every holiday, Frances brought home gifts from her customers who appreciated her. She also had a passion for following politics and listened to Rush on the radio daily.

After retirement, Frances spent many years caring for her husband until his passing. As she downsized in her final years, Frances desired to revisit her farm life and built a "Franny-pod" named 'Frankie's Hideaway' on the back of her daughter's home in the country where she watched horses, deer, dogs, cats, raccoons, possums, and a variety of birds that visited right outside her windows.

Per her wishes, there will be a brief visitation prior to her interment with her husband at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood and a party to celebrate her life. Visitation will be Tuesday, November 22, 2022, from 10:30am-12:30pm at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home in Braidwood, procession to arrive at cemetery at 1pm. The party will be Saturday, December 3, details TBA.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Lung Association and Uplifted Care (formerly called Hospice of Kankakee Valley).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **22**. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
401 East Main St.  
Braidwood, IL 60408  
(815) 458-2336  
info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

## Memorial Service

DEC **3**. 2:00 PM - 10:00 PM (CT)

Main Street Banquet Hall  
173 E. Main Street  
Braidwood, IL 60408

# Tribute Wall



“ *My heart breaks for your family. She was such a sweetheart. When I was with your family at a track meet or in the backyard, she treated me as one of her own.*

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**Laura (Keighin) Jeziorski** - November 27, 2022 at 12:11 AM



“ *She was in my class at school. Sorry for your loss.*

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**Judy Watters** - November 23, 2022 at 07:46 AM



“ *Thoughts & Prayers to the entire family. My brother Curt & myself had many fun times bowling with Tom.*

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**Dean Shepherd** - November 21, 2022 at 08:35 AM