



Frances "Fran" Ellen Smith Starkey

October 20, 1952 - January 5, 2025

With a deep sense of sorrow and loss, our family announces the passing of our sweet cousin Frances "Fran" Ellen Smith Starkey who passed away on Sunday, January 5, 2025 at the age of 72. Fran was born to Ellen Mai Madison Smith and Angus Dupree "A.D." Smith in Escondido, California on October 20, 1952. Her family moved back home to Slidell, Louisiana where she spent her childhood years. When she was a teenager, her family moved to New Orleans where Fran remained throughout her life. Fran earned a bachelor's degree from Louisiana State University in New Orleans where she met the love of her life, Theodore "Ted" Kenneth Starkey. Fran and Ted were married in Mexico in 1978.

Fran was an Assistant Vice President for Hancock Whitney Bank and retired recently after 32 years of service. She was the caretaker of her husband for many years before his recent passing.

If you ask friends and family about Fran, they will say she was a mystery. She was warm and loving with a killer sense of humor and the most private person you will ever know. She was loved and respected by many and will be missed very much.

Fran was preceded in death by her husband, Ted; her parents, Ellen Smith Goodman and A.D. Smith; brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Janet Smith; and stepfather Vincent Goodman.

She is survived by cousins Virginia "Ginnie" Madison Arabie, Leah Madison Cheshire, Carol Madison Ludden, Kathy Madison Wilson, Michael Embree,

Ralph Madison, Jr., Pat Embree Bass, step sister Dr. Gittle Goodman and step brother Gregg Goodman.

A special thank you to Teresa and Bobby Moore and family who were a great help to Fran during her illness.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Life / Memorial Service at L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd, Kenner, Louisiana on Saturday, February 8, 2025. Visitation from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. with service beginning at 3:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Cancer Society, 2605 River Road, Jefferson, LA 70121. <https://www.cancer.org/about-us/local/louisiana.html>

To share memories or condolences, please visit www.muhleisen.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Boulevard
Kenner, LA 70062

Celebration of Life / Memorial Service

FEB 8. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Frances "Fran" Ellen Smith Starkey



L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home - February 05, 2025 at 12:41 PM

AF

So sorry to hear about Mrs Fran ,we loved her at Starbucks an I would run into her occasionally while shopping .God Bless you and Ted ...Rest in Peace !

Angel Forster - November 24, 2025 at 01:58 PM

DO

“ My Condolences to the Family,
I had the pleasure of working with Fran at Hancock Whitney for many years. She always had a peaceful, professional and dignified manner. She also had a quirky sense of humor. Rest in peace my friend.

Debra J. Oatis - February 07, 2025 at 04:15 PM

FF

“ From the Goodman Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frances "Fran" Ellen Smith Starkey.



From the Goodman Family - February 07, 2025 at 01:56 PM

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“ From the Goodman Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances "Fran" Ellen Smith Starkey.

From the Goodman Family - February 07, 2025 at 01:56 PM

LL

“ I worked with Fran for many years. She was always happy and willing to help you. She was always the sweetest person. May her soul Rest In Peace. Prayers for the family.

Larry LeBlanc - February 01, 2025 at 11:55 AM

TD

“ I worked with Fran at Whitney Bank for many years. She was one of the sweetest persons I will have ever known. Fran may you rest in peace and enjoy heaven.

Terri Dourrieu - January 31, 2025 at 12:13 PM

RB

“ I will be most humbled and honored to officiate at the service for Fran. I know she touched many lives in her lifetime and that she now rests in eternal peace with her maker.

Fondly,

*Reverend Jack Boudreaux
Pastor Emeritus*

Reverend Jack Boudreaux - January 30, 2025 at 09:48 AM



Fran and I became friends in the sixth grade. She was my maid of honor when I married in our first daughter was named after her. We lost track of one another but reconnected a few years ago by phone. I'm so glad we made that reconnection. I look forward to seeing her again an eternity Because of our Lord Jesus Christ. Anita Wright

Anita Wright - October 05, 2025 at 10:13 AM