



Frances Ann Manley

July 31, 1946 - September 9, 2025

Frances Ann Manley, age 79, of Cedar Rapids, IA, formerly of Albia, IA, passed away surrounded by her loved ones, on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids, IA.

Frances was born on July 31, 1946, to George Harold “Had” and Betty (Smith) Kausalik, at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia. She grew up attending school in Albia and graduated from the Albia High School with the Class of 1964. Frances was united in marriage to Jackie “Jack” Manley on May 18, 1966, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Albia, where Frances remained an active member and was a member of the Altar and Rosary Society. Frances and Jack were blessed with 2 children, Monica and Michael, and shared 54 years of marriage prior to Jack’s passing.

A talented cook and baker, Frances’ kitchen was always open and her hospitality reached many through holidays meals she prepared for others, as well as helping with events, such as the Election Day dinners at the church. She was a baker for the Albia Community School District before she and Jack owned and operated Maid Rite in Chariton and later Main Street Café in Albia for several years, where Frances became known for her excellent pies. Frances had a very generous heart and thoroughly enjoyed helping anyone in need. She loved visiting with people and never met a stranger. She enjoyed British comedies, dramas, and a good murder mystery, and she was an avid

reader who always had a book nearby.

Frances is survived by her children, Monica Wagner of Marion and Michael (Cami) Manley of Waukee; 4 grandchildren, London Wagner, Garret Wagner, Cole Manley, and Brynn Manley; her siblings, Barbara (Denny) Maddy of Marion, IA, Ed (Linda) Kausalik of Grimes, IA, Phil (Ruth) Kausalik of Waukee, IA, Mim (Dennis) Kurimski of Melrose, IA, Kristine Kausalik (Don Bouslaugh) of Ankeny, IA, Angie (Wally) Wagner of Oelwein, IA, and a sister-in-law, Meg Kausalik of Pewaukee, WI. Frances is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends. She is preceded in death by her husband, Jack Manley; her parents, Harold and Betty Kausalik; a son-in-law, Steven Wagner; 2 brothers, Marty and Larry Kausalik; and her parents-in-law, Cecil and Mamie Manley.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 13, 2025, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Frances's family present to greet family and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 13, 2025, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Father Isaac Essel officiating. A private family burial will take place at St. Mary's Cemetery in Albia.

In lieu of flowers, Frances's family would like to invite others to share a written memory or story of Frances with them to be compiled into a memory book.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Albia, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 13. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
730 Benton Ave W
Albia, IA

Tribute Wall

BB

“ Brad B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances Ann Manley.

Brad B. - September 17, 2025 at 11:44 AM

MW

“ Frances was one of my dearest early childhood friends in the 1950's. Being one of the younger kids in the east Albia neighborhood I delighted running down the alley to the Kausalik that was even more active than mine. My most fond memories are playing house where I enjoyed being chosen to be one of France's "kids" that although her "house" was on the back porch rather than the big front porch that Barbara occupied as her "house".....France's "house" though smaller was right off the kitchen! 😊 Yep! France's "kids" were well fed ❤️ Even back then she was a wonderful cook serving up fresh picked cherries & other dishes with her soda crackers snatched from the kitchen which I'm sure Betty was wise about. Frances never forgot her roots & all who knew her in her life are very blessed with warm wonderful memories of a very special lady. Could share many more fond memories of the Albia East End Gang....those were the days! So thankful I shared them with the Kausalik Crew ❤️

Marsha "Marti" (Stewart) Willetts - September 15, 2025 at 09:14 PM



“ Ed McGinn lit a candle in memory of Frances Ann Manley



Ed McGinn - September 13, 2025 at 05:33 PM



JACK WAS CLASS MATE FRANCIS CAME TO ONE OF OUR CLASS REUNION VERY SWEET LADY REST IN PEACE

Ed McGinn - September 13, 2025 at 05:37 PM

NR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Nikki Roberts - September 12, 2025 at 07:00 PM

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Cinderpath Maidrite Chariton, Iowa

Nikki Roberts - September 12, 2025 at 07:01 PM

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“ I'm so very sad to hear this!, She's with Jack again now!! Frances had the biggest heart and the kindest soul. She did not judge and she gave people chances Noone else would. I loved Frances very much and Jack too, they took me under their wings and I worked for them for several years. We were a great team at the maid rite! When I moved away I would always get Christmas packages and birthday packages and Lil note cards in the mail. When I got married Frances made my wedding cake and her a Jack drove my 3 layer cake 250 miles in the trunk of their car and made it safely in 1 piece. It was beautiful! My little sister Tarrahs 1st job was with them . They also hired my mom Paula ,my step gma Marilyn , my step mom Sherrill and my lil brother Jon... I was so grateful to have them in my life .. they were angels in disguise.. Every year I got a new winter coat and new work shoes from them . . Frances always gave me the day off when they had salmon patties , but this is how spoiled I was , she would save me a serving of scalloped potatoes for the next day and I'd eat it with maidrite meat in it! On taco Tuesdays we put out so many tacos it was amazing! The best part of our days were after the rush we would all go sit down in the first booth and eat together like a family.. She will be missed .. I loved her very much ♡

Nikki Roberts - September 12, 2025 at 06:57 PM

TW

“ Our deepest Sympathy, Love, and Prayers for all of Frances' Family. She was such a joy to visit with. She could tell the most fun stories and bring contagious laughter to every conversation; a lot like her son, Michael, and her brother, Phil. We will not forget her talented art of pie-baking~ her Reese's Peanut Butter Pie was absolutely THE BEST!

Tom & Camilla Williamson

Tom & Camilla Williamson - September 12, 2025 at 05:30 PM

RW

“ RIP Aunt Frances. Ray and Sandy Woodard

Ray Woodard - September 12, 2025 at 02:44 PM

TM

“ The Residents & Staff of Linn Manor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances Ann Manley.

The Residents & Staff of Linn Manor - September 12, 2025 at 10:33 AM

TM

“ The Residents & Staff of Linn Manor purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Frances Ann Manley.



The Residents & Staff of Linn Manor - September 12, 2025 at 10:33 AM

JW

“ Monica, Michael, and I spent a few vacations together with our parents way back in the mid —1970’s. This was after both families were discharged after Vietnam.

Although we were pretty young, the visits and time together are forever pressed upon my memory as no other can ever be.

I will be forever grateful for the friendship that was created between our families.

God bless both Jack and Francy as I will ever remember them both as a place of refuge and solidarity.

Jeff Williamson - September 11, 2025 at 11:27 PM

KM

“ *Kay, Kim & Brad, Shellie, Tara & Matt purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Frances Ann Manley.*



Kay, Kim & Brad, Shellie, Tara & Matt - September 11, 2025 at 09:55 PM