



## LeOra Frances "Fran" Brown

February 29, 1936 - March 17, 2026

LeOra Frances Lacy was born in Nashville, AR on February 29th, 1936, to Ruth Ellen (Sherrill) Lacy and Willie (Bill) Lacy. From the very start, this leap-year baby was special. Ruth and Willie owned and operated a restaurant and gas station in Siloam Springs, located approximately at the corner of now Hwy 412 and Hwy 59, where Fran would work waiting tables when she returned home from school each day. Those early years of working at the restaurant and helping take care of her younger sister Leanna (1944-2018) taught Fran the value of hard work, and the importance of family. Fran graduated from Siloam Springs High School in 1954, which is the same year she married Richard "Dick" Brown, who she was married to for 32 years until he passed in 1986. Fran and Dick had two girls, Brenda and Rhonda, who were loved and cherished by their parents who taught them the importance of sitting down to the dinner table together, celebrating every milestone, and never missing a vacation trip to the beach, mountains, or just an afternoon trip to Spavinaw Creek.

Fran started teaching Sunday School at First Christian Church in Siloam Springs when she was twelve years old, and she stayed active in the same church for her entire life. She rarely missed a service, and over the next 75 years, she played the piano, organized congregational and community meals, collected and distributed gifts to the elderly and infirmed, supported mission work and church camp, and helped host countless wedding receptions and baby showers with the Irma Moss Ladies' Circle (since renamed the Fran

Brown Ladies' Circle). She cared deeply about her church family and lived a life dedicated to the type of service Jesus calls us to do.

Fran worked as a secretary for Bear Brand Hosiery, the Siloam Springs Junior High School, the Siloam Springs Superintendent's office, and eventually retired from the Siloam Springs High School Counselor's office, totaling 36 years of dedicated service in the Siloam Springs School system. Fran then started an entirely new career at the Single Parent Scholarship Office in Bentonville, where she worked for another 17 years serving the greater Northwest Arkansas community. Fran was a wonderful secretary, but she was so much more than just her office skillset. She was the person who brought light and love to work, made strudel for office birthdays, and supported the people around her.

Fran's love and care for her family, friends, and neighbors was her greatest priority, and we are so very lucky to have felt that love. In 1975, Brenda married Joseph Huss, and in 1977 Rhonda married Charlie King and they both went on to have beautiful families. In addition to Fran's three grandchildren, Benjamin Huss, Rebekah (Huss) Fox, and Lacy (King) Dahl, Fran had seven great-grandchildren, Ayla Huss, Iris Huss, Ethan Huss, Olivia Huss, Ava Dahl, Christian Fox, and Adikis Fox.

A visitation will be held at Wasson's Funeral Home in Siloam Springs from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2026. A celebration of life will be held at the First Christian Church at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, March 29, 2026, in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, followed by burial at Oak Hill Cemetery. Everyone is invited to attend a friends and family fellowship at the church following the burial.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Siloam Springs High School Scholarship Program, Attention: Amber Carter, Post Office Box 798, Siloam Springs, AR 72761 or the Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Northwest Arkansas. <https://form-renderer-app.donorperfect.io/give/single-parent-scholarship-fund-of-northwest-arkansas/website-donation-form>



# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 28. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home  
441 U.S. 412  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761  
(479) 524-5131  
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral

MAR 29. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

First Christian Church  
1405 W. Jefferson  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

## Committal

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MAR 29 (CT)

Oak Hill Cemetery  
2122 W. University St.  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of LeOra Frances "Fran" Brown.*



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March 28 at 10:18 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of LeOra Frances "Fran" Brown.

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March 27 at 10:37 PM



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BH

“ I have many good memories of her during my teaching at Siloam Springs Public School. She was an inspiration and encourager to all who knew her. Prayers for her family during this difficult time. Bill Hickman



Bill Hickman - March 27 at 05:04 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of LeOra Frances "Fran" Brown.



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“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of LeOra Frances "Fran" Brown.



March 27 at 10:11 AM

LS

“ Love, Mary Crow and Bob Strickland purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of LeOra Frances "Fran" Brown.



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**Love, Mary Crow and Bob Strickland** - March 25 at 05:23 PM

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“ Love, Mary Crow and Bob Strickland planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LeOra Frances "Fran" Brown.

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**Love, Mary Crow and Bob Strickland** - March 25 at 05:23 PM

MR

“ Dear Brenda and Rhonda  
I am so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing.  
What a grand lady she was! So totally full of life and love. And that laugh!! She truly was the sweetest and the best of all.  
I'm thinking about you two and your families, and praying for comfort.  
Love Marty Robinson

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**Marty Robinson** - March 23 at 06:59 PM

CP

“ Fran was one of our dearest friends. We traveled together to watch her grandson and our son play sports. Fran was always ready to visit or have fun. She was a great friend, loving mom and wonderful grandma. She will be missed by many. Charlie and Carol Pitts

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**Charles Pitts** - March 23 at 12:53 PM

NH

“ Ive known Fran for over 20 years. Was a kind hearted very caring person. Always made me laugh with her southern sayings. I hated having to move away...I was her handywoman...keeping her lil homestead running. I know she didnt want me to move. It was hard on both of us...I always thot id be around for her till the end🥹

Nan H. - March 21 at 11:18 PM

GN

“ So sorry to hear of Fran’s passing. Our thoughts and prayers to the girls and the other family members. I knew and worked with Fran from the time I started in 1969 at the junior high until she retired. What a very special lady. There was only good times with her during those years. She will truly be missed.

Grady and Sandra Nichols - March 21 at 12:54 PM

JA

“ Fran Brown was a lovely lady. I was sad to see her passing. I loved her and her children. Fran was a great Christian and a wonderful friend.  
Judy Cloyd Arbia

Judy Arbia - March 21 at 12:38 PM

LM

“ Fran is a very nice person and friend. She was my brother's partner for several years after his wife passed away. She will be missed by the Anglin family. Linda Myers

Linda Myers - March 20 at 06:36 PM