



## Frances Alsup Lawson

November 3, 1941 - November 24, 2021

Frances Alsup Lawson of Tullahoma, age 80, passed peacefully early Wednesday morning, November 24, 2021. Fran was born to Marlin Asap and Mary McGowan Alsup on November 3, 1941. She was native of Tullahoma and a 1959 graduate of Tullahoma High School.

Fran was a force of nature, a woman that worked hard and played hard. Fiercely strong, independent and feisty, she was a loyal friend that strongly defended her loved ones. She was adored by her husband and four children who witnessed her transformation from busy mom at ball fields, community plays, and part time jobs, to full-time college student and interviewer at the local unemployment office. Fran attended Motlow State Community College before transferring to Middle Tennessee State University where she graduated with honors. Her Masters in Psychology led to a professional career in counseling at the Multi-County Mental Health Center (Centerstone) in 1990. After a passionate and rewarding 22 years of providing mental healthcare, retirement launched a period of relentless recreation for Fran. She was zealously involved in her own Scottish clan (Donald) as well as her husband's Scottish clan (MacLaren) where she held the position of Secretary for the Clan MacLaren Society of North America. Fran and husband Chuck traveled to Scottish Highland Games all over North America, trips that often entailed Fran coaching the MacLaren Tug-of-War team to victory.

Fran had many activities outside of her career where she was loved for her child-like spirit and love of life. Each June for many years, she and her

husband hiked Mt. LeConte with friends which fed her desire to be outdoors. Fran also served as a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. An avid reader, Fran was a member of the B. Sunrise Bookies Book Club for over thirty years. She was a friend to many who loved and respected her aggressive hugs, profound advice or brutally candid lectures. Fran was known as “Granny Witch” to generations of children in Tullahoma, who came to her home every Halloween for admonition and a bag of treats from her cauldron.

In recent years Fran utilized her many skills and love for the church as the secretary at Highland Hills Church of Christ in Tullahoma.

Fran lived; she packed a lot into her eighty years. And Fran was loved. She had a gift for making everyone feel like family. Her life positively impacted so very many.

Fran will be greatly missed by her steadfast husband of 61 years, Charles G. Lawson, Sr., Tullahoma, and her four children, Michele Hardin (Herman), Tullahoma, Charles G. (Chuck) Lawson, Jr. (Teresa) Tullahoma, Edward Lawson (Kelly) Tullahoma, and Jon Lawson (Trish), Dripping Springs, Texas. Fran leaves behind two younger brothers, Marlin Asap Alsup, Jr. (Karen), Blue Ridge, GA, and Larry Dale Alsup, Tullahoma.

She leaves behind seven beloved grandchildren: Charles G. (Chase) Lawson, III (Laura), Tullahoma, Lindsay Young (Steve), Tullahoma, Tess Godwin (Kevin), Austin, Texas, William Rolman, San Antonio, Texas, and Macy, Maleah and Mason Gann, Tullahoma.

Four great-grandchildren survive: Parker Lawson McCallon, Paxton Bennett McCallon, Maddux Ace McCallon of Tullahoma and Arthur Finnegan Orion Godwin of Austin, Texas.

She is also survived by many other family members and dear friends including countless “extra” children she endearingly treated as her own.

The family would like to acknowledge and give a special thanks to NHC nurses and staff for their invaluable care of Fran during the past few months. Visitation with the family at 1:00 p.m. will precede the Memorial Service to be held on Saturday, December 11, at 2:00 p.m. at Highland Hills Church of

Christ located at 720 Kings Lane, Tullahoma. Those unable to attend the service are invited to join a Celebration of Life to be held afterwards at 4:00 p.m. at Fran's favorite gathering place, One22West at 122 West Lincoln Street in Tullahoma.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Fran's favorite charities, Habitat for Humanity and Highland Hills Church of Christ Benevolence Program.

Online condolences may be made at [www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com). Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Highland Hills Church of Christ  
720 Kings Lane  
Tullahoma, TN 37388

## Memorial Service

DEC 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

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720 Kings Lane  
Tullahoma, TN 37388

## Celebration of Life Gathering

DEC 11. 4:00 PM (CT)

One22West  
122 West Lincoln Street  
Tullahoma, TN 37388

# Tribute Wall



“ *Frances Alsup Lawson*

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January 25, 2023 at 12:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frances Alsup Lawson.*



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December 10, 2021 at 02:32 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Frances Alsup Lawson.*



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December 09, 2021 at 05:22 PM

HC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Fran's passing. She and I were best friends in high school. I moved away from Tullahoma when I was 16. My dad was in the Air Force and stationed in Florida. I have not seen or heard from Fran but once since high school, and that was at my dad's funeral at Daves Culbertson's Funeral Home (Ralph "Slick" Hammers) in 1968. I have thought of her many times and wondered how she was. I vaguely remember Charles but never did meet any of her children. I feel I owe her something, for she was the one who led me to the Lord in 1957. That memory is just as vivid now as it was then. We were really good friends and had some great times together. I just wanted to let the family know that her witnessing to me about Christ and me getting saved was the best thing that has ever happened to me. May the Lord give you the comfort only He can give during this time. Harriet Hammers Carey (THS Class of 1960). Glennville, Georgia.

Harriet Hammers Carey - December 03, 2021 at 02:46 PM

GA

“ Red PC k KB my BFF cMay you feel God's comfort and love as you remember the well-lived life of your mother and wife.

Love and prayers fromGwenArnold

Gwen Arnold - December 01, 2021 at 06:52 PM

BM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Bobby McCullough - December 01, 2021 at 03:45 PM

JR

“ *We are sad to hear that Fran has passed. She lived a rich life and her obituary revealed much we didn't know. Our deepest condolences to family members. John & Barb Rickman*

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**John Rickman** - November 29, 2021 at 08:40 PM