



Frances Gloria Boyd

December 20, 1933 - April 2, 2026

Frances Gloria Boyd, known lovingly as Gramma to her grandchildren, passed away on April 2, 2026, in Ocala, Florida, at the age of 92. She was born on December 20, 1933, in Pedro, Florida, and lived a long life marked by faith, devotion to family, and quiet kindness that touched everyone who knew her.

Frances was a Christian whose life reflected her deep faith and steady spirit. She was known as a loving and kind woman who carried herself with grace and warmth. Those who were fortunate enough to know her will remember her gentle nature, her strong values, and the way she made others feel welcomed and cared for. Her life was guided by faith, and she remained active in her church community, at Ocala First Church of the Nazarene, where she found fellowship and continued to serve in meaningful ways.

Frances graduated from Miami Edison High School on June 4, 1953, a milestone that marked the beginning of a lifetime of responsibility and dedication. Just weeks later, on June 24, 1953, she married the young man who had been her boyfriend for five years. Her marriage to William endured for 52 years and stood as a lasting example of commitment, partnership, and love. Together they built a family and a life filled with shared memories, devotion, and steadfast support for one another.

She devoted many years of service to the Dade County Public School

System, where she worked as Clerical Support Staff. In that role, she contributed to the education and growth of countless students and supported the work of teachers and staff with professionalism and care. Her career reflected her belief in the importance of education and her desire to make a positive difference in the lives of others. After retiring, she moved to Ocala, where she continued to enjoy a peaceful and active life surrounded by the people and activities she loved.

Frances's greatest joy was her family. She is survived by her children, Richard Boyd and his wife Diane, and Karen Diorio, Douglas Boyd. She was a proud grandmother and great-grandmother to Cindy, Julie, Laura and his husband Ben, Kathleen and his husband Stephen, Jessica, Cassidy, Richard, Milo, and Hazel. She also leaves behind several nieces, nephews, and cousins who will cherish her memory. She was preceded in death by her siblings Betty, Butch, and Pat. Karen, her daughter, was her best friend, and they shared a special bond that brought her great comfort and happiness throughout her life.

She found joy in the simple and beautiful things in life. She loved hummingbirds and appreciated their grace and color. She enjoyed traveling and car rides with Karen, often finding happiness in the journey as much as the destination. She also enjoyed word search puzzles, which gave her quiet moments of reflection and enjoyment. Above all, she loved her family deeply, and that love was evident in the way she spoke, cared, and lived each day.

As we bid farewell to Frances, remember her life was one of faith-filled devotion, loving service, and kindhearted strength. She leaves behind a legacy of integrity, loyalty, and tenderness that will continue to live on in the hearts of her family and friends. Though she will be deeply missed, her memory will remain a source of comfort and inspiration to all who were blessed to know her.

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