



Mrs. Frances Fowler Duke

October 27, 1942 - February 8, 2015

Martha Frances Fowler Duke passed away peacefully at home on February 8, 2015 at the age of 72. She was born October 27, 1942 in Little Rock, AR, to parents James Carrol Fowler and Helen Lee Fuller of Brinkley, AR. Her paternal grandparents were Doc F. and Frances M. Jones Fowler of Madisonville, KY, and her maternal grandparents were A.W. and Martha G. Jackson Fuller of Brinkley, AR.

Mrs. Duke was a devoted homemaker and mother and possessed an extraordinarily generous spirit. She was a thoughtful listener and advisor. She was also an avid gardener, skilled decorator, and fantastic cook. She loved reading and wildlife, but got the most joy from entertaining and in later years hosting her children and grandchildren at her home.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Dr. E.B. Duke, Jr. of Forrest City, AR, and a brother, James Warner Fowler of Brinkley, AR. She is survived by her brother, Steve Fowler and his wife, Rhonda Culbertson Fowler, of Fayetteville, AR, three sons, Randy Duke of Dallas, TX, Jay Duke of New Orleans, LA, and B.Scott Duke of Memphis, TN, and his wife, Emily Fitzpatrick Duke. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Gunnar and Piper Duke of Dallas, Rylie Duke of Memphis, and several nephews and nieces.

Services will be held at Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church in Forrest City, AR, on February 14 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church, 402 Dillard St., Forrest

City, AR, 72335 or the Forrest City Area Humane Society, P.O. Box 2091,
Forrest City, AR, 72336. Visit online registry at stevensfuneralhome.net. Under
the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Forrest Park

Hwy 1 South
Forrest City, AR

Tribute Wall

MW

“ I grew up next to the Duke's in Washington Heights. I still remember the days of eating ice cream out of the carton at the kitchen table with B. Scott, riding around with Mrs. Fran driving us as our personal chauffeur and even Jay almost burning down the house during Halloween (nothing serious but definitely something she handled well). She was always tolerant of us bothering the "big boys" Randy and Jay.

Some of my fondest memories were simple things like taking us to the library or driving through the car wash twice so B.Scott and I could watch the rollers go over the car again. I haven't seen Mrs. Fran since 1978 but know she was a great mom and someone I have never forgotten.

My sympathies to the family and especially B.Scott, she was one of the best moms ever.

Mike Worthy - February 12, 2015 at 08:51 PM

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“ From all of us at the Firm. purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mrs. Frances Fowler Duke.



From all of us at the Firm. - February 12, 2015 at 03:31 PM

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“*Fran was a dear friend. I used to run down the ally, around the corner to Fran's house when I was in trouble at home, which was often. Her mom made the best hot dogs. Although we didn't see each other very many times after HS school, I never forgot her and thought of her often Fran is still beautiful!!*

Donella Felts - February 11, 2015 at 12:16 PM

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“*My family and I have so many wonderful memories of Fran and E.B. We met them when they moved to Forrest City and leased a dental office from us. E.B. & Fran had no children at the time but went on to have three son's that were the light of their lives. Fran was such delight to be around and always had a smile on her face. Our thoughts are with the entire Duke family. Elsie Sexton and Deb, Pam, Al, and Lis.*

Elsie Sexton - February 11, 2015 at 09:20 AM

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“*Deepest sympathy to all the family. So sorry for your loss. My husband and I attended Brinkley school with Fran, and I attended Sunday School and Church with her at Brinkley First Baptist. Fran always had a beautiful smile and was fun to be around. She had so many friends. Everyone loved her. She was beautiful inside and out. She will missed.*



Don and Sandy Johnson Shaban

sandy johnson shaban - February 10, 2015 at 09:21 PM