



Frances Hurley Ryan

April 17, 1934 - December 29, 2025

Frances Hurley Ryan, 91, beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother passed away on December 29, 2025, in Austin, Texas. Born April 17, 1934, in Seaford, Delaware, to Berniece and Frank Hurley, Frances loved dancing - ballet and Spanish styles - and was crowned Miss Seaford in 1952, later placing first runner-up in the Miss Delaware pageant.

She attended Penn State University before transferring to the University of Texas at Austin, earning a degree in English with a minor in French and Spanish. She married John Ryan, and they raised four children - Steve, Michael, Susan, and Bonnie - while living in Texas, Trinidad, and Colombia.

In 1968, the family settled in Houston, Texas, where Frances worked in real estate, raised her family, and was active in her church. She led prayer groups and devoted much of her time to spreading God's word. She later moved to Austin to be near her children and grandchildren, sharing her love, faith, and warmth with all who knew her.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents; her sister Ruth Allen; her brother Edward Hurley; her son Steve Ryan; and her husband, John Ryan. She is survived by her children Michael, Susan, and Bonnie; her grandchildren Madison, Van, Sam, Kate, Mason, and Joshua; and her great-grandchild Oliver. She was lovingly called "Mom Mom" by her grandchildren.

A service will be held at Austin Natural Funerals, 3742 Far West Blvd., Austin, TX 78731, on January 3, 2026.

Cemetery Details

Eloise Woods Natural Burial Park

115 Northside Lane
Cedar Creek, TX 78612

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 3. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (cst)

Austin Natural Funerals
3742 Far West Blvd #104
Austin, TX 78731

Tribute Wall

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“ I send my condolences to Susan, Bonnie and Mike. I did not know until today that she was in Heaven with Jesus. Our last contact was in 2023 and I could tell she wasn't well. She was more to me than a friend, she was my sister in the Lord. We enjoyed so many Bible studies together and Evangelistic Temple on Sunday morning. My brother, Newman Peyton, Jr. meant so much to her and Newman went on with the Lord in September 2022 and she shared her loss with great sadness. Newman and Frances both made it to 91, PTL! God bless the three of you as I remember all of you from Houston.

Katie Lee Peyton

Katie Peyton - May 21 at 10:24 PM

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“ Bonnie Chester lit a candle in memory of Frances Hurley Ryan



Bonnie Chester - January 07 at 12:42 PM

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“ 9 files added to the album Frances



Bonnie Chester - January 02 at 01:06 PM