



Mrs. Frances Bass Ginsberg

April 15, 1925 - June 30, 2020

Long-time Bishopville resident, businesswoman, and mother Frances Bass Ginsberg passed away on June 30th following a long period of ill health.

Mrs. Ginsberg was born Frances Ruby Bass in 1925 and was raised in North, South Carolina where she was one of 7 children of Nathan and Esther Bass, owners of the Bass Mercantile Company; she and her brothers and sisters grew up working at the store. Following her high school graduation, she attended the University of South Carolina. In 1949, she married Arthur Ginsberg of Bishopville, where the couple made their home and their livelihood, managing the family's store, Ginsberg's Ladies Shop. Following her husband's death in 1988, Mrs. Ginsberg and her daughter, Nancy Thornton, ran the store until it closed in 2008.

Mrs. Ginsberg was a loving mother to her daughters and a fine surrogate mother to many others. She showed that it was possible to be both a working woman and a caring, involved mother, whether that meant serving as Girl Scout Cookie Chairwoman, or chaperoning band trips and beach parties. She was very active with the business community in Bishopville and was named Bishopville Business Person of the Year in 2005. She enjoyed playing cards, square dancing with her husband, and being with her family and friends.

Mrs. Ginsberg was predeceased by her beloved husband, Arthur. She is

survived by three daughters, Nancy Thornton of Camden, Beverly (Sid) Lande of Dallas; and Sally (Robert) Waters of Gulfport, FL; three grandsons, Eamon (Jess) Thornton of Chattanooga, John (Hillary) Lande of Austin, TX, and Ken Lande (Brooke) of Los Angeles; and 9 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by one brother, Jack Bass, of Columbia, and two sisters, Marcia Brody of Cheltenham, PA, and Lucille Bass of Beaufort.

A small family graveside service will be held in Sumter at the Hebrew Benevolent Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully asks for donations to be sent to McCoy Memorial Nursing Center, 207 Chappell Drive, Bishopville, SC 29010.

Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Frances Bass Ginsberg*

October 08, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *Mrs. Frances Bass Ginsberg*

March 25, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you'll. She was one Lady that always had a smile and everybody loved her. Peace be with you.*



Dale W Uggiano - July 16, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ *Our Prayers are conveyed to the Family of Mrs. Frances Bass Ginsberg. The Late Rev. Phillip Mixon and The Late Mrs. Dora Mixon Children.*



Rev. Phillip Mixon and Mrs. Dora Mixon's - July 09, 2020 at 02:54 AM

NL

“ I have so many memories of walking into the store and being greeted by Mrs. Ginsberg! She always had a big smile and a special talent for helping you pick things out. Such a very special lady that will be missed by all that knew her.+



Nancy Laney Lindsay - July 07, 2020 at 04:50 PM

DC

“ I was just listening to a podcast about the importance of the role aunts and uncles play in the lives of their nieces and nephews. Aunt Francis (and my other aunts and uncles) definitely was a positive person in my life. As my siblings have said, Aunt Francis was a gracious person and generous host. I loved visiting her in Bishopville! It was a treat shopping in her store and having her pick out clothes for me (I had to learn how to shop in other stores and go through the racks of clothes on my own! ;)) As a kid, I thought it was so cool that all I had to do was write "Aunt Francis Ginsberg, Bishopville " and the letter would get to her. She would host Dani, our girls and me when we were driving back from Charleston and she made us feel comfortable and at home. I loved watching my mom and her sisters hang out together- they would laugh and enjoy each other's company. Aunt Francis was a special person. We will miss her!

Diane Jacobs Cohen (the youngest of the first cousins)

Diane Cohen - July 05, 2020 at 07:13 PM

DS

“ *Debbie Mathis Shoemaker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Bass Ginsberg*



Debbie Mathis Shoemaker - July 04, 2020 at 05:25 PM

DS

Mrs. Frances was truly one of the most genuinely loving ladies I have ever known. My Mother, Lois Mathis, had the pleasure of being one of her many close friends. I will always cherish the memories of her smile and encouragement in both happy times and sad.

Debbie Mathis Shoemaker - July 04, 2020 at 05:48 PM

HN

“ *One of my favorite childhood memories is spending Thanksgiving with Aunt Frances and Uncle Arthur at their home in Bishopville. My aunts and uncles and all of the cousins on my mother's side of the family (the Basses) would be together. Aunt Frances was the gracious, down-to-earth, happy, family loving hostess. Everyone would bring their potluck dishes. Pecan pie was my favorite dish. Thanksgiving was one of not-often-enough days to play sports with Nancy, Beverly, and Sally, and my other cousins. I am thankful that we have those memories. I thankful that Aunt Frances of blessed memory and my mother (Ruth) obm were very close and loving, along with my other two aunts, Aunt Lucille and Aunt Marcia, and baby brother Uncle Jack, may they all be healthy. I have often thought about Aunt Frances and I will miss her. I am sure her loving and warm husband, Uncle Arthur, is happy to be with her again. May we all be together with imminent arrival of Moshiach and the promised resurrection of those who have temporarily departed. Aunt Frances, thank you for your love.*

Herbie

Herbie Tzvi Jacobs, nephew - July 03, 2020 at 02:12 PM

BR

“ Brooke And Jason Raley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Bass Ginsberg



Brooke and Jason Raley - July 03, 2020 at 12:24 PM

SR

“ Cousins Nancy, Beverly, and Sally and to all the family, I want you to know how much I loved your Mom, my Aunt Frances. As I wrote elsewhere, I cannot think of your Mom without seeing her big smile, hearing her joyful way of greeting me -- and everyone! -- and feeling the warmth of her giving heart. Aunt Frances, you always made me feel so special! I picture those Sundays that my sisters and I would drive with Mom A"H to Bishopville to shop at Ginsberg's. How generous you were with your time and your compliments! I picture the family get-together's with all my aunts and my Uncle Jack and my cousins, when I was young. I remember your Mom coming to wish us a big hello when we arrived at the family reunion -- seems so long ago, seems like yesterday. I remember sleeping at your Mom's on the way to visit my folks in Charleston. I remember the last time I saw your Mom, at Sharon's daughter's wedding in New York. I remember the sisters and their card games, and how much my parents, A'H, enjoyed the times they spent at your parents' beach house. Your Mom was beautiful inside and out, and I feel so fortunate that she was my aunt. May G-d comfort us all, and may your Mom's soul enjoy the Afterlife. I love you, Aunt Frances!

Sarah J. Rosenbloom - July 03, 2020 at 10:39 AM

SR

Correction: The last times I saw your Mom were at my Mom's funeral and unveiling. I remember speaking at the funeral, and the Bass sisters and brother were sitting in the front row to my right, and as I talked about the closeness of the siblings and their love for each other, I remember looking up and seeing your Mom looking at me. She looked at me with such warmth and encouragement

Sarah J Rosenbloom - July 03, 2020 at 10:57 AM

JM

“ So sorry for your loss. Loved "Miss" Ginsberg! She was always helpful in the shop! Such a classy lady. God bless & comfort the family. 🙏



Janice Sims Melton - July 03, 2020 at 10:12 AM

RB

“ Dear Family..I have many years of warm memories of my visits with Aunt Francis. She would invite her sisters Ruth and Lucille and brother Jack to come in when I was in town. We spent many wonderful Sundays sharing stories and Sunday Dinner..and then SHANGHAI! Those were so special to me..from simple gatherings to the marathon bouts of Shanghai Rummy..to visits with the Buitton Man, picking pecan in the neighbors yards, gathering holly from bushes all over town for the Store's Christmas party, taking a ride out to the Llama farm, riding in the convertible with Frankie Valli singing at full blast..the wind blowing through her hair and the smile as bright as the sun. The Chicago Bass family loved being with her and we are forever grateful for the wonderful memories that we all shared and the stories we will continue to tell. May her spirit surround you girls and your families with love and bring you peace and serenity. Raymond

Raymond Bass - July 02, 2020 at 11:47 PM

CS

“ *Sally, Beverly, and Nancy, your Mother was very special to me and it hurts that circumstances are such that I am not going to the funeral. We shared in your growing up, two of three weddings, holidays and special occasions through the years, always with your Mom at the helm! Great memories!! She always had a smile on her face, and that's how I will remember her. My love to you, "Aunt Carolyn"*

Carolyn Bass Smoak - July 02, 2020 at 05:32 PM

MD

“ *Mitch & Gaye Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Bass Ginsberg*



Mitch & Gaye Davis - July 02, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ *Sending condolences to the family. We will miss Aunt Frances. Raizel Seliger (Ruth Jacobs OBM granddaughter)*

Raizel Seliger - July 02, 2020 at 10:36 AM

SS

“ I have fond memories of your mother. The last time I think I saw Aunt Frances was a while ago- I think at my mother's unveiling. She also came to my daughter Chaya Sara's wedding in Brooklyn - I was so surprised to see her there. My children enjoyed seeing her when we stopped off once in Bishopville on the way to seeing my mother . One of my daughters did a report for school about South Carolina and your mother generously sent her a roll of cotton.

Your mother had a lovely, genial personality and always seemed very happy and put together. She was so kind in helping take care of your Grandmama Ginsberg and Grandmama Bass.

I used to like her delicious iced tea that she offered us when we came to visit. My mother told me that your mother was very welcoming of guests.

May her good deeds live on.

Your cousin, Sharon Jacobs Steinherz

S. Steinherz - July 01, 2020 at 11:21 PM

MF

“ I came home one weekend 2019 from Charlotte and took pictures of the painted structure bearing the name GINSBERG for upcoming documentary of Dress Boutiques Memories. Once upon a time Mother would have me in tow from a child to college and after-- to get many beautiful things and you'd hardly ever see yourself in the Daywear to eveningwear footwear sleepwear items again. GINSBERG shopping was generational from my Grandmother, Mother. Sir and Lady Ginsberg were Superb at their business and how they treated people from all walks of life who were customers. Lady Ginsberg continued onward and kept Ginsberg Stellar. An Inspiration for Businesswomen.

It was GINSBERG that started my love affair for Boutique shopping.

Lady Ginsberg licence plate BABE was one of a kind. Mother is filled with emotion at the transition of such a wonderful woman. Til today in our closet we have beautiful timeless pieces of GINSBERG finest from a Beautiful Timeless Lady. We The Mixon Davis Family send our sincere condolences to the family.

Bebé Davis, Publisher

Lady Dessie Mixon Davis, Retired Educator

M. Roslyn Mixon, Educator

Mixon Davis Family - July 01, 2020 at 08:20 PM

RM

“ Nancy, Beverly, and Sally, your mother was one of the sweetest persons I have ever known. Probably the last time I saw her was out at Harry's, and she seemed as excited to speak to me then, as she did every other time. Bishopville will miss her. Your family is in our prayers. Rae McDaniel

Rae McDaniel - July 01, 2020 at 06:43 PM

ML

“ I don't think I ever knew anyone that loved teenagers more than Mrs Ginsberg. And sometimes I know we were difficult to love! As a teenager I always felt welcomed In her home. She was as much fun to be around as one of her girls. When I married Brig lived across the street I couldn't ask for a better neighbor and friend. She was just one of a kind! I still have a favorite brown sweater that I bought at Ginsberg's and wear it every winter. I will pull it out again this winter and think fondly of her. A truly unique lady who lived life to the fullest.

Mima Laney

Miriam Laney - July 01, 2020 at 05:14 PM

KA

“ Kay Amerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Bass Ginsberg



Kay Amerson - July 01, 2020 at 03:07 PM

MJ

“ Nancy, Beverly, and Sally, your mother was like one of our family. If you remember, she spent every Christmas Eve (Marg's birthday) with the Jeffords family, and we all loved her and loved spending time with her. I know how much her passing breaks your hearts. We too are truly saddened by the passing of another of Bishopville's great anchors of the community. Of my parents' friends, Ms. Francis was about the last one left.

Lisa and I are leaving for vacation early Thursday morning, but all of you will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Love to you all.

Mike Jeffords

Michael jeffords - July 01, 2020 at 12:20 PM

SC

“ She was a kind, gentle, and loving, lady she brightened up our days. I still miss seeing her looking for four-leaf clovers in my yard. Our loss is heaven's gain!

Susan Capps - July 01, 2020 at 10:05 AM

MB

“ Matt Bramlett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Bass Ginsberg



Matt Bramlett - July 01, 2020 at 09:59 AM

HT

“*Hugh Tindal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Bass Ginsberg*



hugh tindal - July 01, 2020 at 09:42 AM

CA

“*Cherlyn H. Arrants lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Bass Ginsberg*



Cherlyn H. Arrants - July 01, 2020 at 09:01 AM

BG

“*Lovely lady. Frances was always smiling. I spent many hours with my mother in their ladies shop.*
Becky Grantham McWatty

Becky GranthamMcWatty - June 30, 2020 at 09:31 PM

JS

“*Judy Scurry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Bass Ginsberg*



Judy scurry - June 30, 2020 at 09:07 PM

YF

“ *Your Camden Group Realty Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. Frances Bass Ginsberg.*



Your Camden Group Realty Family - June 30, 2020 at 06:26 PM

EF

“ *Earline Foxworth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Bass Ginsberg*



Earline Foxworth - June 30, 2020 at 05:29 PM

JM

“ *Janie Mathis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Bass Ginsberg*



Janie Mathis - June 30, 2020 at 04:46 PM

RH

“ *Ruthie Houser lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Bass Ginsberg*



Ruthie Houser - June 30, 2020 at 04:09 PM

JK

“ *Judy Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Bass Ginsberg*



Judy Kelley - June 30, 2020 at 03:49 PM

CM

“ *Clara McElveen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Bass Ginsberg*



Clara McElveen - June 30, 2020 at 03:07 PM

GH

“ *Mrs. Frances was a sweet lady,I started sitting with her in 2016 and enjoyed being with her,we played a lot of solitaire.Going to miss her.She is with her loved ones now and no pain.She is leaving a wonderful family behind ..*

gerri and charles houck - June 30, 2020 at 01:16 PM

LG

“ *Larry Grantham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Bass Ginsberg*



Larry Grantham - June 30, 2020 at 12:02 PM

SB

“ *Suzanne Skinner Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Bass Ginsberg*



Suzanne Skinner Beasley - June 30, 2020 at 10:31 AM