



Frances Lucille Robinson

May 4, 1933 - December 30, 2025

Frances Amis Robinson, a beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on December 30, 2025, at the age of 92.

Frances (or Frankie, as everyone called her) was born on May 4, 1933, in Pittsburgh, PA to Claude and Mary Amis. Throughout her entire life, she was fiercely independent, fearless, and a source of light and inspiration to those around her.

She faced adversity at a young age and not only overcame it, but used her experiences to reach her dreams. Like many children of the 1930s, Frankie was very sick when she was young, and was required to live in an iron lung, and then a wheelchair, for three years. To recover, she learned ballet in segregated classes and discovered she loved to dance. Frankie attended Banneker Jr. High School, then Dunbar High School. She graduated from Penn State with a BA in Sociology in 1955. She went on to earn a Master's in Social Work at Howard University, then began a 40-year career at the Maryland Department of Human Services. She became the first Black member of the Prince George's County Personnel Board, and was Deputy Director for Prince George's County's Department of Social Services before retiring in 1995.

Her adventures were just beginning. She continued dancing and eventually performed for the President of Mexico and in Cuba. She took on ballroom dancing and traveled all over the world performing and competing. At home, she started a tennis club and recruited her friends and neighbors, playing well

into her eighties. Meanwhile, as matriarch of a family of strong, independent women, she raised two daughters, Susan Maria Cherry Smitson and Dana Louise Breeden, who, along with their children, will forever cherish her memory.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

JAN 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Laurel
7601 Sandy Spring Road
Laurel, MD 20707
(301) 490-1550
<https://www.marchlifetributecenter.com>

Wake

JAN 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

JAN 9. 1:30 PM (ET)

Maryland National Memorial Cemetery
13300 Baltimore Ave
Laurel, MD 20707

Tribute Wall



“ *March Life Tribute Centers - Laurel created a Webcast in memory of Frances Lucille Robinson*



March Life Tribute Centers - Laurel - January 02 at 03:02 PM

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“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love, and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always*

March Life Tribute Center - January 09 at 11:05 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frances Lucille Robinson.*



January 07 at 01:49 PM

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“ Edie, Sheila and Flip planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances Lucille Robinson.

Edie, Sheila and Flip - January 07 at 01:49 PM