



Celeste "Fran" Frances Chalfonte

November 3, 1946 - January 26, 2023

Local artist, jeweler, and landscaper, Celeste Frances Chalfonte (Frances Elaine Thompson), 76 of Lake Park, Iowa passed away January 26, 2023, in Spirit Lake surrounded by family. Fran was born on November 3, 1946, in Round Lake, Minnesota to her late parents, Frank Joseph and Lorraine Emma Louise (Reiners) Thompson.

She graduated from Round Lake High School in 1964. Fran studied design, jewelry making, and metalsmithing as an apprentice for Lowell Lundeen in Minneapolis. Fran opened a jewelry studio in Minneapolis and one of her first customers was the Walker Art Center. Fran crafted her jewelry and art for over 45 years - including pieces for Prince.

In addition to being a jeweler, Fran was a talented artist, landscaper, and graphic designer. She designed private garden spaces in the Iowa Great Lakes area and worked as a graphic designer at Sather's in Round Lake. Nature was a true love of Fran's - she loved gardening, flowers, and being outdoors, basking in hot sunshine. Fran was an avid cook and hostess. She loved working with her hands and created unique style and beauty all around her - from the way she dressed to the way she lived, cooked, designed - Fran was truly one-of-a-kind. She lived her life to the fullest and was a true hippie at heart.

Fran was preceded in death by her parents, partner Dale Peters, and brother-in-law Gary Grubb. She is survived by her sister Eleanor Grubb of Powder Springs, Georgia and brother David Thompson of Round Lake, Minnesota; Dale's daughter and granddaughter, Ashley, and Makenzie Friction; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

At her request, cremation has taken place. A party and fireworks for family and friends of Fran will be held at the home of Fran's brother, David Thompson in Lake Park on Friday, June 30, 2023, starting at 5PM.

Previous Events

Reception

JUN **30**. 5:00 PM.

At the home of Fran's brother, David Thompson in Lake Park

Tribute Wall

FJ

“ *Fran Jungjohan lit a candle in memory of Celeste "Fran" Frances Chalfonte*



Fran Jungjohan - June 27, 2023 at 08:10 AM

CB

“ *Carla Bjork lit a candle in memory of Celeste "Fran" Frances Chalfonte*

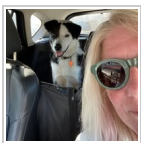


Carla Bjork - June 23, 2023 at 02:01 PM

KD

“ *Favorite resident at accura, love you Fran, hope you have a lovely stay in heaven<3*

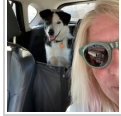
Kd - February 01, 2023 at 10:36 PM



“ *Lissa Potter lit a candle in memory of Celeste "Fran" Frances Chalfonte*



Lissa Potter - January 31, 2023 at 11:45 AM



Fran was one the best talents I know. Her smile was so soft and sweet. Hugs to the family.

Lissa Potter - January 31, 2023 at 11:48 AM

MC

“ *Fran, Marty and I share our heartfelt condolences to your family! Rest peacefully.*



Marty & Cindy - January 28, 2023 at 01:36 PM

KN

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Keith A Nitzschke - January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM

KN

I bet Dale was waiting at the gate for you to braid his hair and fry some fish. Rest in peace Fran.

Keith A Nitzschke - January 28, 2023 at 01:06 PM

PG

“ *Paul & Cindy Glorvigen lit a candle in memory of Celeste "Fran" Frances Chalfonte*



Paul & Cindy Glorvigen - January 28, 2023 at 10:06 AM

MO

“ Rest easy, Fran. My condolences to her family.



Monica - January 27, 2023 at 07:56 PM

JF

“ Judy Forbes lit a candle in memory of Celeste "Fran" Frances Chalfonte



Judy Forbes - January 27, 2023 at 07:23 PM

JF

I'm sorry to hear of Fran's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. Fran was a very creative artist. I cherish the handmade earrings she made for me, and also some special serving pieces she laced by hand with colorful beads. Rest In Peace, my dear friend.

Judy Forbes - January 27, 2023 at 07:31 PM