



Frances "Fran" Mae Short-Sorento

June 3, 1939 - October 8, 2025

Frances "Fran" Mae Short-Sorento, a loving mother, grandmother, and respected businesswoman, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at her home in Johnstown, New York, surrounded by her devoted family. She was 86.

Fran was born on June 3, 1939, and raised in her beloved hometown of Oneonta, New York, the daughter of the late Lester and Pauline Short. She attended Oneonta schools and married the love of her life, Charles Sorento, on November 6, 1971. Charles passed away in 1994.

A woman of sharp intellect and entrepreneurial spirit, Fran was a self-taught accountant who served her community as a dedicated tax preparer for over 45 years. Her passion for crafting led her to open her own business, Fran's Baby Boutique, where she sold yarn and her beautifully crocheted baby clothes.

Fran had a vibrant zest for life and an array of hobbies. She was a competitive spirit who loved competing in dance roller-skating competitions and was a proud member of the Wells Swingers Bowling League. In her quieter moments, she enjoyed crocheting, playing cards, and reading. Above all, she treasured time spent with her family. Her deep affection for her loved ones extended to her treasured kitties, whom she considered her second family.

Fran's memory will be cherished by her sister Leslie Putnam, three daughters: Karen Williams (Mark Williams), Kim Paul (Gloria Dillenbeck), and Kathy Chamberlain (Paul Chamberlain). She leaves behind a beautiful legacy in her vast family, including 9 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and 19 great-great-grandchildren.

Fran was preceded in death by her husband, Charles; her parents, Lester and Pauline; her mother-in-law, Mary Sorento; two brothers and one sister; and her beloved son-in-law, Paul Chamberlain. She was also predeceased by five grandchildren.

She will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Service Information

Family and friends are invited to call at the Amico Funeral Home for viewing hours on Friday, October 10, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (noon), with a funeral service to follow at the funeral home. Funeral arrangements are by John W. Finocan Funeral Home Inc.

Address: 150 S Main St, Gloversville, NY 12078

Website: www.amicofuneralhome.com

Burial will immediately follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Johnstown, NY.

Flowers and Memorial Donations

Flowers may be sent directly to the Amico Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Fran's honor to James A. Brennan Memorial Humane Society, reflecting her deep love for her kitties.

Address: 437 Nine Mile Tree Rd, Gloversville, NY 12078

Cemetery Details

Mount Carmel Cemetery

State Highway Route 29
Johnstown, NY 12095

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT 10. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Our sincere condolences on the loss of Fran. She always made us feel so comfortable and welcomed us in as if we were family. She did our taxes and would say give me a few days.....and then she would call 3 hrs later and say your all set. This year it was evident she was struggling more and told me she was having a hard time breathing. But she never wanted to let her customers down. Our thoughts are with you all. Kim, Kathy, Joslyn and family, Ashley and family may you find comfort in your cherished memories.
Love, Faith & John MacLean

Faith MacLean - October 09, 2025 at 07:29 PM

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“ Lettie and Kirk and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Frances "Fran" Mae Short-Sorento.



Lettie and Kirk and family - October 09, 2025 at 09:18 AM

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“ Lettie and Kirk and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances "Fran" Mae Short-Sorento.

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Amico Funeral Home - October 09, 2025 at 12:26 AM