



Francesca Anne Vallo

October 26, 1948 - January 13, 2016

Francesca Anne Vallo, 67, of Sparta, passed away at 9:09 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016, in Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri.

Francesca was born on Oct. 26, 1948, in Chicago, Illinois, to Francis Vallo and Ireen (Urbanik) Vallo.

Thirty five years ago, Miss Vallo started working as a High School Counselor at the Sparta High School. In the mid 90's she became the principal of the Lincoln Middle School in Sparta and retired in 2006.

Miss Vallo was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Sparta. She was a member of the Sparta Library Board, and she was a member of the Retired Administrators Association.

Francesca is survived by one sister and brother in law Margot and Gary Mattin of Sycamore, IL;

and two nephews Seth Mattin and Luke Mattin, both of Fairview, OR.

She was preceded in death by one niece Sabrina Anne Mattin, one nephew Ross Alexander Mattin, and her parents.

A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 18, 2016, at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Murphysboro, with Father Gary Gummersheimer officiating. Burial will be at St. Andrew Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday and until 9:45 a.m. Monday at Pettett Funeral Home in Murphysboro. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Sparta Public Library or Lincoln Middle School Learning Center, Sparta, IL. For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Francesca Anne Vallo*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I was so sorry to read of Fran's passing in the SIU alumni magazine. We were good friends and roommates during our undergrad days. My deepest sympathy to you and your family, Margot.*
Lynn

Lynn Sabina - May 08, 2016 at 11:44 PM



“ *Dear family and friends, you have my deepest sympathy. Ms Vallo was a classy lady! She and my mother were bunco buddies! I'm sure they will get a good game going in heaven. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Laura S DeFarkas

Laura Smith DeFarkas - January 15, 2016 at 04:18 PM



“ *Dear Margot, Gary, Luke an dSeth-
We are both so sorry for the loss of Francesca. We can only imagine what you are going through. I fondly remember hearing of your youth and the love between you. Take care and know we are keeping you all in our hearts.*

*Love-
Jon and Carla*

Jon and Carla Womack - January 15, 2016 at 01:33 PM

MS

“ My prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of a very special lady! Fran was so sweet and always smiling. She was a very special friend to my Grandma and a neighbor of hers for many years. They were such good friends and I'm sure their reuniting was a pleasure to my Grandma and Fran. Now there is another angel in heaven watching over all of us.

God Bless!
Marsha Schwartz

Marsha Hardin Schwartz - January 15, 2016 at 10:03 AM

LC

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Ms Vallo was my guidance counselor at Sparta High School. She is also the person who taught me that "you can be whatever you want to be. The only one stopping you, is you." I will always remember her for her never ending smile and her inner light and grace. I am sure I am not the only student at SHS that she had a huge impact on.

Lurissa Barton Cochrane - January 15, 2016 at 08:28 AM

PA

“ My prayers and thoughts go out to her and the family during this time of loss. I remember her as my principal when she was principal at Sparta Lincoln Middle School. I admired her discipline, love and guidance to every student. She will always be remembered for that. She was awesome. Praying for the family. God Bless.

Priscilla Anchondo-Jones - January 15, 2016 at 02:25 AM

GE

“ You have our deepest sympathy and prayers. We knew and loved Fran for over forty years. She was a very special person and we will miss her.

Gary and Denise Ebers - January 15, 2016 at 01:46 AM

LS

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I considered Fran a mentor to me and someone I respected greatly. May God comfort you in your loss. I will forever remember her with kind thoughts.

Lynn Schmierbach - January 14, 2016 at 10:11 PM

LR

“ Fran and I were jr. class sponsors at Sparta High School 1977-1978. Enjoyed working with Fran. So sorry for the families loss

Liz Bluff Reynolds - January 14, 2016 at 09:31 PM

CS

“ Our Dynasty days are finished for now until we sample the manna at a Chinese restaurant in heaven. Glad that the suffering was brief but going to miss the advice tidbits. What vibrance and empathy you brought to education and your friends. Deeply missed, but you know of our prayers for the family and our trust that you'll be a guiding angel, as always.

Carol Sandow - January 14, 2016 at 08:50 PM

FA

“ Dear Margot, Gary, Seth and Luke,
I am so sorry for your loss. I never met Fran but I remember hearing stories about her from our days working together, Margot. My heart goes out to you all at this very sad time.

Love,
Fran

Fran Adams - January 14, 2016 at 08:36 PM