



Frances Bridget Hensley

June 18, 1939 - June 2, 2025

Frances Bridget Gallagher Hensley, of San Antonio, Texas, passed away peacefully on June 2, 2025, at the age of 85.

Frances—or “Fran,” as most knew her—was born on June 18, 1939, in Boston, Massachusetts, the youngest of six children in a proud and loving Irish-American family. She grew up in the Mission Hill neighborhood, where her deep faith, strong work ethic, and sense of humor began to take root.

She graduated from Blessed Sacrament Catholic High School and earned her degree in Dietetics from Framingham Teachers College. Fran joined the United States Army for two years, completing her internship and achieving the rank of First Lieutenant (1LT). It was during this time that she met her husband, Maurice “Marty” Hensley. After leaving the Army, she brought her expertise and creativity to the American Dairy Association, working as the behind-the-scenes helper on a televised cooking show.

Her proudest role, though, was being a mother. Fran was a talented seamstress and loved a variety of crafts—including knitting, crocheting, sewing, reupholstering, and creating costumes for her grandchildren and cheerleading uniforms for the local high school. She was a gifted chef and baker, and was known for her thrift, creativity, and fierce independence.

Over their 33 years together, Fran and Marty lived in several military duty stations, including Nebraska, Maryland, Louisiana, and Colorado, before settling in Boerne, Texas. Gathering family around the table and sharing a meal was always important to her. Later in life, she returned to work as a dietitian in nursing homes, a role she genuinely enjoyed.

A devout Catholic who never missed Mass, Fran's faith was the foundation of her life—steady, strong, and deeply personal. She never minced words—with honesty, sincerity, and often a touch of dry humor. You always knew where you stood with Fran, and her words—whether wise, witty, or firm—were always rooted in love. She never gave up on those she cared for. She could always be counted on to lead a silly song on family road trips, to be the first to sing you “Happy Birthday” on your special day, and to offer one of her many “Fran-isms” that brought clarity and comfort to any problem or situation.

Fran is now reunited in eternal peace with her beloved husband, Marty; her parents; her sisters, Mary and Ann; her brothers, Jim and John; and her son-in-law, Hugh. She is survived by her oldest sister, Kay; her children, Mary Pat, Paul (Nicole), Mark (Karen), and Mary (Lee); her grandchildren, Colleen, Patrick (Ciara), Parker (Sydney), Mason, Sarah, Matthew, Josh (Jenna), Dena (Justin), and Brianna (Corey); and her nine great-grandchildren.

She will be remembered for her resilience, her faith, her sharp wit, and her unwavering love for her family. She had a heart for service, a warm smile, a love of true crime and murder mysteries, and always a story—or a wonderfully inappropriate joke—to share.

A rosary and visitation will be held, Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at Mission Park North Funeral Chapel, 3401 Cherry Ridge Dr, San Antonio, TX 78230 from 5pm-8pm.

A memorial Mass will be held on her birthday, Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 10:30am at St Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, 1602 Thousand Oaks Dr, San Antonio, TX 78232. Interment to follow at Mission Park Cemetery Dominion, 20900 IH 10 West, San Antonio, TX 78257. All who knew and loved Fran are warmly invited to attend.

In her honor, the family encourages you to attend Mass or make a donation to the Archdiocese of San Antonio in her memory.

“May the road rise up to meet you, May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warmly upon your face; The rains fall softly upon your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.”

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 I.H. 10
West San Antonio, TX 78230

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Rosary

JUN 17. 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Funeral Mass

JUN 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church
1602 Thousand Oaks
San Antonio, TX, TX 78232

Rite of Committal

JUN 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

Mission Burial Park North
20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Frances Bridget Hensley*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - June 17, 2025 at 03:52 PM



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Frances Bridget Hensley*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - June 17, 2025 at 03:06 PM

AC

“ *Alec, Gayle, Zach & Aidan Cuellar purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Frances Bridget Hensley.*



Alec, Gayle, Zach & Aidan Cuellar - June 17, 2025 at 01:30 PM

DF

“ Donna Hensley & Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Frances Bridget Hensley.



Donna Hensley & Family - June 16, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frances Bridget Hensley.



June 16, 2025 at 07:47 AM

MH

“ You never missed a year singing me happy birthday. You never sugar coated anything—except what you baked. You kept everything you needed right next to your recliner—from a magnifying glass to the QVC catalogue, from a nail file to a rosary, from a spare ketchup packet to a handwritten list of our family’s phone numbers. Your fabric boards were my first stage where we created puppet shows for you. You made an impressive Neil Armstrong astronaut costume for my fourth grade wax museum. You taught me how to make scrambled eggs in the microwave. You washed and reused Ziplocks 6 times before insisting they were “still good” as I tried to throw them away. You spoke your mind and prayed for others. You always said “I love ya babe” before hanging up a phone call. I’ll miss you, Gram ❤️ Love, Mason

Mason Hensley - June 10, 2025 at 06:31 AM

TG

“ *The Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Frances Bridget Hensley.*



The Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren - June 08, 2025 at 11:44 PM

PR

“ *I remember when Maurice was bringing Fran to meet the Hensley family in Arkansas. We were rather anxious about the visit since Fran was from the large city of Boston while the Hensleys lived in rural farming area of Arkansas. However, from the first visit Fran fit right in; she was easy to talk to and we all enjoyed having her around. Fran, I will miss you and our telephone calls. I love you!*

Patsy Robertson - June 08, 2025 at 06:11 PM

MM

“ *Mary Pat, Paul, Mark, Mary purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Frances Bridget Hensley.*



Mary Pat, Paul, Mark, Mary - June 08, 2025 at 04:48 PM

SH

“ Dear Gram,

Thank you for being my best friend. Thank you for raising me, loving me, and always being there with open arms and a kind heart. Your strength, warmth, and wisdom have shaped my life in the best ways. Thank you for always believing in me especially when I didn't believe in myself. I am so grateful for you. All of the memories that we have shared will stay with me forever and I will always keep pushing myself to be more like you. I love you more than words can say. You are and always will be my sunshine.

*With Love,
Sarah Ann Hensley*

Sarah Hensley - June 06, 2025 at 02:45 PM