



Frances G. Lester

June 21, 1941 - October 7, 2025

Frances G. Lester, 84, of Fairfax, Virginia, formerly of Indianapolis, Indiana passed away October 7, 2025. She was born June 21, 1941 in Indianapolis to the late Herman N. Sodeman and Frances H. Tucher Sodeman. Frances was a graduate of Scecina Memorial High School, received her bachelor's degree from Butler University, and earned her Master of Arts degree from Indiana University. Frances taught elementary school in Warren Township School District for 37 years, retiring in 2001.

Frances married George R. Lester June 29, 1968, and he preceded her in death on June 23, 2007. Before moving to Virginia, she was a devoted member of Little Flower Catholic Church and previously Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Frances was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed spending time with her family most of all.

Visitation will be Wednesday, October 15, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington Street. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Little Flower Catholic Church, 4720 E. 13th Street, Indianapolis.

Frances is survived by her daughter, Kathy J. Lester (Daniel Diller); son, Christopher H. Lester (Shannon); grandchildren, Theodore H. Lester, Crosby C. Lester, Nathaniel J. Lester, Anthony J. Diller and Katherine F. Diller; and sisters, Geraldine Burgin (Robert) and Kathleen Sodeman.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

2446 S. Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46225

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 15. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Rosary Service

OCT 15. 7:30 PM (ET)

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Indianapolis, IN 46229
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Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

Little Flower Catholic Church
4720 East 13th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46201
(317) 357-8352

Tribute Wall

LH

“ Love, Susan and Mike Howard purchased the Solar Angel Statue to Send as Unique Sympathy Gift Remembrance for the family of Frances G. Lester.



Love, Susan and Mike Howard - October 15, 2025 at 12:43 PM

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Love, Susan & Mike Howard - October 15, 2025 at 12:40 PM

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“ Love, Susan & Mike Howard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances G. Lester.

Love, Susan & Mike Howard - October 15, 2025 at 12:40 PM

SH

“ Dear Kathy, Chris, Shannon, and the Lester Family, I am so sorry to hear that your Mom passed away. She was such a lovely person who gave her all to the children whose lives she touched at Lowell Elementary School. She was a dedicated and loving teacher and Mom. Your family is so dear to me. Big hugs to Kathy and Shannon! Even though we have not seen each other for many years, you are still so special to me!! God rest the soul of your wonderful Mom/mother-in-law!

Susan Howard - October 15, 2025 at 11:35 AM

RT

“ Gerry and Kathleen, I am so sorry for your loss. Wishing you much peace.

Rosanne Taylor - October 15, 2025 at 07:00 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Frances G. Lester.



October 14, 2025 at 10:40 PM

YA

“ Your Family at the AAA planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances G. Lester.

Your Family at the AAA - October 14, 2025 at 10:40 PM

EB

“ Rest in eternal peace dear Fran. Your work here is done, very well done. We first met some 29 or so years ago as your Chris and our Shannon began planning their wedding, the very best of times. Your contributions to your children and our grandchildren are incredibly positive, lasting forever in them. Thank you for a life well lived, well shared. We know Jesus welcomes you. Amen

Ed & Anne Brown - October 14, 2025 at 08:18 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frances G. Lester.



October 13, 2025 at 02:08 PM

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“ Your Friends at Parsons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances G. Lester.

Your Friends at Parsons - October 13, 2025 at 02:08 PM