



## Frances Brown Potter

October 7, 1926 - May 3, 2019

Frances Brown Potter, 92, known fondly to many as "Ma Potter" and "Grandma Potter" of North Orwell, PA, passed away peacefully Friday morning, May 3, 2019 at home where she resided with her daughter, Cindi Mize. Frances was born October 7, 1926 in Stevensville, PA one of 12 children to Julia and Claude Brown. On June 21, 1946, Frances married Richard J. Potter at the North Towanda United Methodist Church. Together they raised seven children. In early years, Frances was employed by the Blue Swan Sewing Factory in Sayre and by the Camptown Dress Factory. She later served as cafeteria manager for the Northeast Bradford High School for over 25 years until retirement. Frances will be remembered as a kind, loving, and giving person and for her love of her family. She loved everyone she met and she touched the hearts of countless people. She was not only mom to her children but many others that she took into her heart. Her legacy will live on in the hearts of all those she touched. Frances is best known for her yodeling. She yodeled for everyone, everywhere she went she would yodel. She especially loved to yodel with her daughters, the Potter Sisters, and did so everywhere they sang. Surviving are her children: Claudia M. LaBarre and husband David LaBarre of Windham Township, Richard C. Potter and wife Marilyn Potter of LeRaysville, Carol D. Chaffee and husband Barry Chaffee of Orwell Township, Karen P. Evans and her husband Bart Evans of Rome, Julia M. Potter of LeRaysville, Cindi R. Mize of North Orwell, Keith R. Potter and wife Tammy Potter of Newton, WI, 19 grandchildren, 28 great

grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren, sisters, Irma Krohn and husband Hans of Manapalan, NJ, Doris Howattt of Georgetown, KY, sisters-in-law, Doris Gonzalez of Niagara Falls, NY, Shirley Brown of LeRaysville, Joyce Kelly of Towanda, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents, Frances was predeceased by her husband of 63 years, Richard J. Potter on August 21, 2009, son-in-law, Randy Mize and several brothers and sisters.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the North Rome Wesleyan Church with Pastor Theodore Griffin and Pastor Richard Vieldhouse officiating. Interment will be private in the Jillson Cemetery, Orwell Township, PA

The family suggests that contributions may be directed to Grace Connection, Endless Mountain Pregnancy Center, Hezekiah's Hands, or Child Evangelism in her memory.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Jillson Cemetery

Orwell Township, PA

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

North Rome Wesleyan Church  
Rome, PA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Frances Brown Potter*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Frances Brown Potter*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Frances Brown Potter*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Frances Brown Potter*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Frances Brown Potter*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *My prayers are with all of you. Your mother was an amazing woman. She took everyone in like they were her own children with no hesitation. I will never forget her. God be with you all.*

*Dave Williams*

**Dave Williams** - May 11, 2019 at 07:59 AM

NC

“ *New Generation Church purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Frances Brown Potter.*



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**New Generation Church** - May 09, 2019 at 10:57 AM

PK

“ *Penny Ksrpauitz lit a candle in memory of Frances Brown Potter*



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**penny ksrpauitz** - May 08, 2019 at 02:24 PM

BW

“ *Our thought's & prayer's are with all of the families, she was an amazing person, we feel blessed to have known her & to call her a friend.*

*Bonnie & David Wilcox & families*

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**Bonnie Wilcox** - May 08, 2019 at 01:54 PM



“ *Eternal Peace Lid Decoration was purchased for the family of Frances Brown Potter.*



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May 07, 2019 at 11:59 AM

PF

“ *Paul Allis And Family lit a candle in memory of Frances Brown Potter*



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**Paul Allis and Family** - May 07, 2019 at 11:47 AM



“ *Lord, bring comfort to this wonderful family. They know well, that she is in your care.*

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**Donna Day** - May 06, 2019 at 06:36 PM

FM

“ *Frank Mingos lit a candle in memory of Frances Brown Potter*



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**Frank Mingos** - May 06, 2019 at 07:38 AM

MM

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with you!! May God bless & sustain you & grant to you peace,love,hope,grace,courage & a strong faith. Frances will certainly be missed by all but we know that she is a "Guardian Angel" watching over her loved one's. What a great "Reunion " there had to have been when Frances was reunited with her husband,Richard & son-in-law,Randy, & her sisters & any other loved one's gone before her. What a "Reunion"!! Matthew 10:30 says that every hair on our heads are numbered & Ecclesiastes 3 says that there is a time & as place to be born & a time & a place for everything under the Heavens & we can be sure that our names are written in His book & in His timing. The spirit is forever & Frances' spirit will remain with her loved in every bright,shining star & in every beautiful,colorful rainbow & in the sun & the moon & in everything that you say & do. Her spirit will forever remain with you!! We will surely miss her yodeling & her kind spirit, but now she is yodeling in Heaven!!  
God bless,comfort & cherish you with all your precious memories to hold near & dear to your hearts!! Sending our love & hugs!!

Merna & Howard Colwell & Douglas Mapes - May 06, 2019 at 06:53 AM

LL

“ RIP Mrs. Potter, my sincere sympathy to the family. I know she will be missed by many. Her Heavenly home is as beautiful as she. God be with you all now and forever. Linda Allyn Liddic

Linda Allyn Liddic - May 05, 2019 at 11:46 PM

GT

“ I worked with Frances when I was in high school back in the 80's, she was always a hoot, she will be greatly missed, so sorry for your loss.Ginny Thoman



Ginny Thoman - May 05, 2019 at 10:12 PM

DL

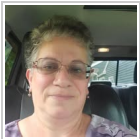
“ I will always remember the smile Aunt Frances had for everyone she met. We always felt welcome and a part of her family when we visited, which was often. Of course anyone that knew her will always remember her yodeling. I will cherish the many great memories of the Brown family reunions we had through the years, and the Thanksgiving get together, along with the many visits to the Potter home.

David Learn - May 05, 2019 at 09:03 PM

NS

“ Ma Potter was more than just my friends mom. She truly loved me and my family. She came to most special occasions at my home and always made me feel loved and special. She was a person who truly knew how to love and accept people for who they are. I know this is a huge loss for the family but I am excited about her homecoming. We will see you again Ma. Praying thinking of all of you at this time. Love Nancy

Nancy Souder - May 05, 2019 at 08:42 PM



“ There aren't enough words in the English language to express how many lives she touched and how she touched them. From being the "cafeteria lady" to Grandma Potter to my own children as a Sunday school helper with her daughter, Julia. Spending time at Ladies Retreat listening to her yodel. Never sad even when she couldn't hear. Just sat and smiled. I loved her...I think we all did. Who couldn't meet her and not love her. Francis.... Guess I forgot she had a real name. Forever loved and greatly missed Ma Potter. ❤️💕💕  
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Brenda Brown Kovacs - May 05, 2019 at 07:51 PM



“ *Frances was always someone with a smile. I dont know if I ever saw her without one. Her laugh was contagious and always made the room brighter when she was there with you. Remember her at school at lunch time and always ribbing me and vise versa. She loved her family and anyone she came in contact with. Heaven has gained a special lady!! Thoughts and prayers are with the entire family!!*

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**John Whitehead** - May 05, 2019 at 06:59 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I've never met Mrs. Potter but I've heard her singing & yodeling. I remember when she wasn't singing, she was smiling. You could just tell she was a sweetheart of a woman.*

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**Tanya Brown** - May 05, 2019 at 06:53 PM