



## Frances Kay Livingston

August 6, 1937 - February 17, 2026

Frances Kay Livingston, 88, of Bradenton, Florida, passed away peacefully on February 17, 2026, surrounded by the love and prayers of her family.

Born on August 6, 1937, in Highland, Illinois, Kay was the only child of Francis Madison Loudon and Arlyne Harriss Loudon. She was raised in Highland by devoted parents who instilled in her a strong sense of independence, personal conviction, and joy in living. From an early age, she was social, spirited, and deeply loyal to her friends. Her close-knit circle of lifelong companions, affectionately known as "The Sexy Seven," remained one of the great and enduring joys of her life and a constant source of laughter and connection.

Kay graduated from Highland High School in 1955 and attended Southern Illinois University before marrying the love of her life, Gary Glenn Livingston. Together they built their life in Belleville and Highland, Illinois, raising their family and forming deep and lasting friendships.

Gary preceded her in death in 1995.

Kay devoted her professional life to serving others through her work with the Bond County Department of Public Aid. As a social worker, she approached her responsibilities with compassion, integrity, and a strong belief in doing what was right. She cared deeply about people and quietly lived out her values through her work and her example.

Highland remained her home for many years and the place where many of her most meaningful relationships were formed. She was an active member of the First Congregational Church of Highland, where she developed deep and lasting friendships. Among those closest to her were the Green and White families, whose bonds with Kay endured throughout her life. Even after moving away, she remained closely connected to her Highland friends, speaking with them regularly and welcoming their visits. She returned to Illinois regularly, staying with friends and family and nurturing the relationships that meant so much to her.

In 2009, Kay moved to Buena Vista, Colorado, where she made her home with her son Sam and his wife Barbara. She had her own “wing” in their house, maintaining her independence while becoming an integral and deeply loved part of their daily lives. Those years marked a special period of closeness and bonding, strengthening her relationship with

Sam and Barbara and creating lasting memories together. She formed meaningful friendships through her church and community in Buena Vista, while remaining deeply devoted to her lifelong friends and family in Illinois.

In 2021, Kay moved to Westminster in Bradenton, Florida, drawn both to the welcoming community there and to be closer to her daughter Anne and her family. The Beckford's became an essential and cherished part of her daily life, and their closeness brought her great comfort and peace. Anne, Mendel, and their children, Darius and Rayona, cared for Kay with love and devotion, surrounding her with family and ensuring she was never alone. At Westminster, Kay formed new friendships, participated in social activities and music performances, and remained engaged in the life around her. In her later years, she became increasingly reflective and prayerful, maintaining her deep devotion to her family and her faith.

Kay was a devoted and generous mother to her children, Sam Livingston (Barbara), Anne Beckford (Mendel), and John Livingston (Erin). She was steadfast in her support, present for their school events, milestones, and defining moments. She believed deeply in faith, family, and personal responsibility, and she instilled those values through her example.

As “Grandma Kay,” she found one of her greatest and most enduring joys. Though distance often separated them, she remained closely connected to each of her grandchildren, praying for them daily and following their lives with pride and care. She traveled to be present for births, graduations, and important family milestones whenever she could. Her love extended as well to the grandchildren and great-grandchildren in Sam and Barbara’s family, whom she embraced fully and loved as her own. To Kay, family was defined not only by blood, but by love, presence, and lifelong devotion.

Kay lived life fully and with enthusiasm, cherishing above all the people who filled her life with meaning. She loved music—especially big band classics and timeless crooners like Engelbert Humperdinck—and she loved to dance. She and Gary created a home that welcomed others, hosting gatherings marked by music, storytelling, and deep friendship. She was happiest surrounded by those she loved—laughing with old friends, sharing stories with family, and enjoying the simple joy of being together.

She was known for her honesty, generosity, unmistakable laugh, and fierce loyalty to those she loved. She spoke her mind, stood by her convictions, and loved deeply. Her strength, resilience,

and joyful spirit remained evident throughout her life.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Gary Glenn Livingston, and her parents, Francis Madison Loudon and Arlyne Harriss Loudon.

She is survived by her children, Sam Livingston (Barbara), Anne Beckford (Mendel), and John Livingston (Erin); her grandchildren; the extended grandchildren and great-grandchildren she lovingly embraced as part of her family; and lifelong friends who were deeply enriched by her life and love.

Visitation will be held Saturday, February 28, 2026, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, with the funeral service at 11:00 am.

Interment will follow at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL, where she will be laid to rest beside her beloved husband Gary and her parents.

Her family asks that she be remembered with laughter, music, and gratitude for a life fully lived and for the love she gave so freely to those around her.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or Habitat for Humanity.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 28. 9:00 AM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland  
1501 9th Street  
P.O. Box 187  
Highland, IL 62249  
(618) 654-2133  
info@spengel-boulanger.com

## Funeral Service

FEB 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home  
1501 9th  
Highland, IL 62249  
info@spengel-boulanger.com  
<http://spengel-boulanger.com>

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ *Her Dad and my Dad were good buddies and our neighbors.* ”

Jan Linenfelser Haller - February 27 at 10:37 AM

JH

“ *Jan Linenfelser Haller lit a candle in memory of Frances Livingston* ”



Jan Linenfelser Haller - February 27 at 10:36 AM

RR

“ *Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Frances Livingston* ”



Rita Rinderer - February 26 at 08:44 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frances Kay Livingston.* ”



February 24 at 08:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Frances Kay Livingston.

February 24 at 08:32 PM



“ Kay was a neighbor of my Aunt and Uncle, Joan and Rich Schwarz, on East Street. I cleaned her house for a while when a college student. We rode to Greenville together for a year. I was 18 and attending College and she was going to work. She was always happy, and many days we stopped at her parents house before she took me home. Also she was a DAR member, which I was the regent for 4 years. I wrote her a letter last year but never heard back from her. Maybe I sent to the wrong address? I'm not sure, but I wish I could have connected with her. She spoke of her children often on those rides and was always upbeat and happy. So glad I knew her, and it was nice to have her company going to school and back. My deepest sympathy to the family, Sally Schwarz Rehberger

Sally Rehberger - February 23 at 11:49 PM



“ Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Frances Livingston



Rita Rinderer - February 22 at 07:52 PM



“ What a lovely woman and what a joyous smile. You were blessed to have her in your lives. Caring thoughts to all the family.

Vicky Rankin - February 20 at 07:05 PM

DC

“ *Dr. Gomero-Cure and Wound Center purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Frances Kay Livingston.*



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**Dr. Gomero-Cure and Wound Center** - February 20 at 06:13 PM

TF

“ *Dear Sam, Anne and John,  
So sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. She was a lovely lady who touched the lives of many people. Ramsae and I were able to visit with her in Bradenton. She seemed to enjoy her new home and being able to spend time with Anne. One of the things that comes to mind about your Mom and Dad were the Easy Street bar-b-ques they hosted every year. It was always a day the neighborhood looked forward to and were filled with fun and good memories. The Easy Street neighborhood was one of a kind. Kay was also one you could rely on if you needed help or just someone to talk too.  
Deepest condolences to you and your family. May special memories help you through this difficult time. Thoughts and prayers to all of you.  
Sincerely,  
The Stricker Family*

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**The Stricker Family** - February 20 at 10:37 AM