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Frances Emily (Palma) Taylor passed to her heavenly life on 4/8/2017. She has been a resident of Santa Ana since 1959, when she and her husband John Taylor moved from Monterey County with their young family. Over recent years, Fran has enjoyed counting all her days as blessings since she never really expected to live into her 90's. Born in 1923__ in New Jersey, she was raised in a very disciplined Italian family. She was well trained in all the domestic arts from an early age so when she married in 1946 she was well prepared for the life ahead. The first child, Frances Emily was born in 1947(?), John Jr. came along in 1948(?), then in 1956(?) Charloette, followed in 1959(?) by Kenneth then finally little Debbie was born in 1960(?). Fran is survived by her two brothers Pasquale Palma and Vincent Palma of Madison, New Jersey. Thirteen Grand Children: Carol Webster-Bailey, Scott Webster; Joshua Taylor, Jennifer Taylor, Jolene Taylor, and Jessica Taylor; Phillip Huffman; Shelby Taylor-Hildebrand, Corey Taylor, Clifford Taylor; John Howard, jr., Megan McGauley-Ellett, and Matthew McGauley. In addition 10 Great Grandchildren have blessed this expanding family.

Frances was a dedicated Mom, great family cook, and she had a happy face for everyone.....as long as you minded the rules. She could command with a look but laugh and show affection with profusion.

Family was front and center in her world. Fran was always close to her New Jersey family ties, and right up to speed with all the activities in the lives of her children...not to mention keeping in touch with nieces, nephews, grand children and great grandchildren. There was never a shortage of affection and attention in the Palma-Taylor circle.

Fran had a wonderful 30+ year career with Bullocks – Macy's Department Stores. Her specialty was men's fragrances – in fact she started that counter in the cosmetic aisle back when most men were somewhat embarrassed to be in a cosmetic aisle. She made it such a success it was expanded and enhanced numerous times...finally landing a dedicated area just for men. When she retired she had blazed a trail that stood the test of time.

This busy lady still made time to serve the community at voting booths for

all elections over a 15 year span. In addition, she served on the Altar Guild for St. Joseph Church for many years.

Frances has always been a devout Catholic and that faith-based outlook guided her through thick and thin. Her confidence in her purpose in life was never shaken by the challenges she faced. She was tiny but her character and spirit were boundless. Many blessings accompany her on her journey to a heavenly forever after.

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