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# Frances Atwater Obituary

**F**rances Atwater

Frances (Honey) Atwater of South Windsor, CT, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend, passed away peacefully, at home, surrounded by family, on June 4, 2024, at the age of 91. Born on April 28, 1933, in Hartford, CT, she was the daughter of the late John and Carmel (Tremont) Maher. Her life was a testament of devotion to her family and her faith.

Frances was the beloved wife of the late Maxwell James Atwater, with whom she raised a beautiful family and shared a lifetime of memories. Her legacy continues through her daughter, Apryl and her husband James Hamilton of San Antonio, Florida, son, Matthew Atwater of Baltimore, Maryland, daughter, Jessica Foley, with who she made her home, and her partner James Pastula of South Windsor, CT, her four treasured grandchildren Emily Hamilton and partner Ryan McCarthy and his daughter Brooklyn, Joseph Hamilton and wife Molly, Mitchell Foley, Michael Foley, a great-granddaughter, Rory J. Hamilton, a niece, Palma Lavigne, who she considered as a daughter, many local cousins, lifelong friends, Mary Ann Pressmarita and Dawn Leto, and numerous "adopted grandchildren" that were welcomed into her home. All of whom will forever

hold her in their hearts. Frances was also predeceased by her son-in-law, Steven Foley, and her sister, Jacquelyn (Maher) Mittica.

Earlier in life, Frances worked at the Southern New England Telephone Company, Karen Associates, and Sodexo Marriot. She was dedicated to excellence in the performance of any task she undertook. At the age of 11, Frances survived the infamous 1944 Hartford circus fire, in company with her young sister.

Throughout her life, Frances was a selfless woman who dedicated herself to her family. She was delightfully straightforward with her thoughts and many of her infamous quotes will live on with us forever. Years ago, in her final instructions, she wrote, "Be happy, not sad. You know how I'll hate to go and will miss you all so very much. Love always, Mom".

Frances was pillar of strength and compassion, always putting the needs of others before her own. She served as a quiet example of humility, grace and resilience. Her presence was a source of comfort and inspiration to all who knew her.

All are welcome to attend a visitation on Monday, June 10th. from 4-7 p.m. at the Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Tuesday, June 11th, at 10 a.m. at SS Isadore and Marie Parish at St Paul Church, 2577 Main St., Glastonbury, CT. Frances will be interred alongside her husband, Maxwell, in the Veterans Memorial Cemetery on Silver Lane in East Hartford, CT. For online condolences, please visit [www.mulryanfh.com](http://www.mulryanfh.com)

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