



## Francesca Evangeline-Ignacia Rice

October 14, 1969 - May 1, 2025

Francesca Evangeline Rice passed away on Thursday, May 1st, 2025, after a long and courageous battle with multiple sclerosis. She was 56 years old.

Fran was a U.S. Army veteran who served her country with dedication and pride. After her service, she faced the daily challenges of her illness with the same resilience and determination she brought to everything in life. Though her body endured years of hardship, her spirit remained unbreakable.

She passed peacefully in a safe, comfortable, and caring environment—surrounded by love and with the dignity she deserved. Her fight is now over, and she can finally rest.

Fran had a rare and radiant light about her. She had a kind soul, a sharp wit, and a contagious laugh that could lift even the heaviest hearts. She was a social butterfly when given the chance to shine and was deeply loved by many. Whether offering friendship, cracking an unexpected joke, or simply being present, Fran touched the lives of everyone lucky enough to know her.

She will be profoundly missed, but never forgotten.