



Frances Gail "Fran" Easton

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August 19, 2018 at 7:20 AM Frances Gail Harris Easton, beloved wife, enduring friend, never-failing companion and guide for over thirty-five years to her beloved husband, embarked on the next, but possibly not last, journey of her incredible, creative and loving life.

Fran was born on July 2, 1946 to the late William and Mary Harris in Corpus Christi, Texas. She attended high school in Spring Branch, Texas, a suburb of Houston. After high school, Fran attended Huston Baptist University, where she received a bachelor's degree in English. She then continued her studies at The Ohio State University earning her PhD in Psychology.

Frances moved to Virginia Beach and opened her own private psychology practice. It was while practicing in Virginia Beach in 1979, that she met the love of her life, Richard Easton, and married in 1982. After a successful career in private practice, she decided it was time for a change of pace and retired. Retirement didn't last long for Fran though. She focused her enthusiasm into a new venture almost immediately, and created "*Brownies by Fran*," based on a modified family recipe. It started off as a passionate hobby and turned into a successful business, pleasing customers (literally) around the world, including military members deployed during Desert Storm.

In 1993, "*Brownies by Fran*" (and Fran) received "The Portfolio Award" as one of "our favorite women of Tidewater" from the Va. Beach Central Business District Group. Not content with only one business, Fran also pursued her creative streak by writing the content for humorous greeting and birthday cards, one of them being published by Hallmark and distributed nationally. Her other interests included traveling, SCUBA diving (in Cozumel, the British Virgin Islands and the Florida Keys). When visiting the Keys, it meant relaxing in the sunshine, visiting Key West shops and gardening. She enjoyed gardening, losing herself in the tasks required to keep things growing. Upon arriving at the Keys retreat, the first thing she would do is tend to the flowers, her mango tree and other plants in the yard. Those days were some of the happiest for her.

Left to cherish her memory is her loving husband of 35 years, Dr. Richard Easton of Virginia Beach, Virginia, her brother James Loe Harris (wife Catherine) of Austin, Texas, niece Mary Helen Harris Acosta, of Austin, and step-daughter, Leslie Easton Sams, Norcross, GA. Also, the countless number of personal friends and professional colleagues who will miss her boundless energy and good humor.