



Frida Rosa Hatley

January 30, 1938 - May 23, 2023

Frida Rosa Hatley, 85; of Evanston, Il, native of Hasselt, Belgium; passed away peacefully

May 23, 2023. After graduating from nursing school in Antwerp, Frida moved to Germany

where she met a US Soldier, Robert Hatley, married and subsequently relocated to the United States.

After the untimely loss of her husband, Frida found herself in a new country with a child to

raise and a limited support network. This did not deter the strong-willed Frida. She worked

as a negative cutter in the television industry and raised her son, Scott, as a single

mother. She later moved to G.D. Searle Laboratories, initially in the labs and eventually as

an archivist with information services, where she worked for approximately 30 years

before retiring.

In retirement Frida loved gardening, puzzles, and communing with the birds on her balcony

and deck. She infused a strong work ethic, organization, and dedication to perfection into everything she did. Perhaps what she will be remembered for most is her humor and honesty. Never afraid to tell it like it is or to share her feelings about any situation.

Devoted mother of Scott Robert Hatley, loving grandmother ("Bomma") of Charlotte Leslie Hatley, and dear sister of Robert Somers of Chelsea, Quebec, Canada.

Frida is preceded in death by her husband Robert Leslie Hatley, parents Leopold Hubertus Emilius Somers and Carolus Maria Gertrudis Rhea Hendrickx Somers, and brothers Yvon Somers, Hugo Somers and Guy Somers.

In lieu of donations, please plant a flower and give it the care Frida would have.

A mid-summer celebration of life is being planned and further information will be forthcoming when available.

For information contact Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-370-2959 or www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *My cousin from Hasselt I saw half a century ago but not forgotten!
Her brother Bob is in Chelsea but have no idea where he is. Her
Grand daughter Charlotte and family our deepest sympathy!
Danielle Palade and Olafur Rafn Jonsson*

danielle Y.O.palade - August 22, 2025 at 07:17 AM

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“ *I remember it all! Forty plus years of friendship shared, with many
ups and downs. Our breakfasts or brunches with the original group
of five. Our many weekends up in “no-where”, Wisconsin at Doc’s
place. Political discussions to the right and left.
Of course, Frida’s gorgeous flowers outside the building and up on
her patio. Then the kids left home and I moved 12 years ago to the
Pacific Northwest, and the friendship fizzled out. Such is life, but
memories stay.
Love to Scott and other favorites from
Silvia Kramer, with Richard, Natalie, Edward and Melanie*

Silvia Kramer - August 13, 2023 at 02:37 PM

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“*Frida, you slipped away from us without giving us instructions as to how we might see the world without you. Our lives will be less informed, our gardens will be less lovely without your offerings. Your surprise visits will stop and your ideas about a better world will no longer enlighten us. We will be remembering when you were there at the corner garden, the back garden and the balcony garden and the porch one too. We will watch the plants grow from your cuttings while sipping coffee from the cup you no longer needed; the offered flower pot still hangs where it was meant to stay as it is your last offering for our garden here. We will only miss you, but our love for you is growing in our garden where your memory now is to grow and will be nurtured.*

Peace be with you. Our love, Peter and Beth

Beth Steffen - June 24, 2023 at 04:04 PM

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“*Everything you touched would magically transform into an object of beauty. You were an artist who inspired and delighted me. I can only imagine what you must be creating in heaven. I will think of old times together and our many intimate and funny conversations. I will miss you forever, dear friend.*

Marcia Dwyer - June 13, 2023 at 04:19 PM