



## Frances Elizabeth Mains

October 10, 1931 - December 4, 2018

WINDHAM-- Frances Elizabeth Johnson Mains, age 87, passed peacefully on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 after a long battle with Congestive Heart Failure at Ledgewood Manor in Windham where she received the most loving care from so many who also grew to love her. She was a light in the lives of all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

She was born in Portland on October 10, 1931, daughter of Frances E. and Beulah A. Eldridge Johnson, and grew up in Westbrook, graduating from Westbrook High School in 1949. During high school, her first real job was at Walker Memorial Library, where she solidified her love of books. Her senior year at Westbrook High School she was the recipient of the DAR good citizenship award. She later studied at Gorham State Teachers College (now USM) and was fond of saying that she could have happily been a professional student.

After graduation, she was employed by SD Warren for fourteen years and resided in Westbrook, ME. She married Clifford W Mains Sr on March 16, 1963 and in 1964 they bought a home on Robie Street in Gorham where together they raised their family. However, she always remembered her hometown ties to Westbrook, participating in activities there such as the Westbrook Historical Society, where she was a member. As the children became adults, she worked briefly at part time jobs, including 9 years with the ladies fashion department at Sears.

Frances was an award winning pianist, an incredibly gifted writer and she loved art, whether it was to enjoy it, or create it. She had a great love of words, and spent many hours putting them together in prose and poetry for her own pleasure. She was a member of the North Gorham Writers Group, studied watercolor with Rosalie Barden and attended classes at the Maine College of Art where she studied watercolor, oil and drawing. Off and on over decades she wrote a social column for the American Journal. In the 70s the column was known as the "Gorham Gab Line" which is now simply known as the Gorham Notes.

She had a great interest in faith related work, and enjoyed exploring the field from many angles. She was a member of the First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham for decades where she was a delegate and a deacon. In the 90s, she traveled to Honduras as part of a group of delegates from the Maine UCC, as part of a diplomatic exchange. In 2002 she sold the family home in Gorham she lovingly created, and settled in Raymond, where she was happy to find the Raymond Village Community Church. They welcomed her with open arms and loved her like she was their own family. Here, she took part in many conferences, special events and programs surrounded by people who fed her soul, and eventually, well into her 80s, volunteered in the church office every Thursday.

She was always grateful for being born in this state, and in her late years spent many hours exploring all its many seacoast inlets, mountains and little country towns, sometimes camping along the way in her minivan, a favorite pastime from her youth.

She always felt that she made no big waves, fame and fortune were not her lot. However, she believed that every life touched every other life in some way before it ended, assuring her that the ripples she made were of value in undisclosed, but meaningful ways. Therefore, she felt her life to be complete.

Her greatest joy of all was her relationship with her family and the many friends who touched her life. She loved her large round oak table, where all were welcome and which served as a happy hub during her married life.

Her husband, Clifford W. Mains Sr., died in 1993 Frances will be sorely missed by her family Clifford W. Mains Jr of Mount Dora, FL, Susan C. Mains of South Portland, Diana L. Mains of Cornish and Joseph P Mains of Windham as well as her grandchildren Chris Mains, Alicia Mains, Barry Mains, Papillion (Papi) Mains, Shawn Mains, Tyler Patterson, Victoria (Tori) Cook, Taylor Mains and Trevor Mains; and by great-grandchildren Amanda, Ashley, Kayla, Josh, Jamieson, Gavin, Bentley, Roseanna, and Chase.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 9 from 2pm to 4pm at the Windham Chapel of Dolby Blais and Segee, 434 River Road, Windham. A Celebration of her Life will be planned for next spring at Fort Williams. In lieu of flowers, remembrance donations may be sent to the Raymond Village Community Church, 27 Main Street, Raymond, ME 04071. To express condolences, or participate in Frances' online tribute, please visit [www.DolbyBlaisSegee.com](http://www.DolbyBlaisSegee.com).

# Events

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**DEC** **Visiting Hours** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Dolby, Blais & Segee - Windham Chapel

434 River Road, Windham, ME, US, 04062

# Comments

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“ Our condolences to the Mains family. We fondly remember Frances and Cliff knowing them through First Parish. She was a lovely lady. Our best to Diana and Joey.  
Bob and Melinda Dorr

Melinda Dorr - December 08 at 09:13 AM

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“ To Diana, Cliff, Susie and Joe: I'm very sorry that you've lost your mom. She was one of the kindest people I've ever known, and I was always impressed with her rare ability to focus on the best qualities of everyone with whom she connected. My mother, especially, treasured their long, long friendship, from the time that they became next-door neighbors and for all the years that followed. My sincere condolences to you all and to your entire family.

Dorothy Wentworth

Dorothy Wentworth - December 07 at 10:47 AM

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“ Kelly Gerrish lit a candle in memory of Frances Elizabeth Mains



Kelly Gerrish - December 07 at 06:36 AM

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“ Mrs.Mains you where a wonderful women, You loved and lived life to its fullest,Our neighborhood was small and everyone looked out for everyone,all us kids had many mothers to watch over us and homes to go to if ever we needed,You smile was as big as your heart,R.I.P. you are now back in the arms of Mr. Mains ,and always in our hearts.

Kelly Gerrish - December 07 at 06:35 AM

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“ Diana, Joe, Cliff, Susie and family, may you all find peace during this difficult time. Your mom was one of a kind. She was the most genuine, kind hearted and non judgmental person I have ever met. She had a way of connecting with everyone she met and made that person feel like they were the most important person at that moment. I feel blessed that had a chance to know her. Please know we are both thinking of all of you.

Alan and Sue Cook - December 06 at 07:16 PM

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“ Truck Accessories Group (TAG) purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Frances Elizabeth Mains.



Truck Accessories Group (TAG) - December 06 at 04:10 PM

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“ Cliff, Susan, Diana, Joe and Families... May your beautiful memories help you get through these rough times. I will never forget your Mom, how gracious and kind she was to all of us when we bombarded your house. I will always remember the music, her playing the piano and Susie playing the guitar. I remember there being more instruments, but my memory as to who was playing what eludes me at this time... but the music is clear to me, how much I enjoyed it, and how happy I felt for being welcomed by your family. I will always remember her smile, her laughter and the love she showed to her family and friends. Heaven has gained a beautiful Angel. Well wishes, Prayers and Love to you all.  
Marie Gilson Vellani

Marie Gilson Vellani - December 06 at 01:08 PM

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Lori Lambert - December 06 at 12:10 PM

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“ My condolences to the family! She truly was very special and will always be remembered, wish I could of met her. She will always be that special angel watching over you!!

Denise Hembree



**Denise Hembree** - December 06 at 07:12 AM

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“ My condolences to the family I will miss her smiling face. I loved that I had the pleasure of taking care of her. Cheryl

**Cheryl Lovett** - December 05 at 06:51 PM