In Loving Memory of Frances Thompson-Garcia

Frances Thompson-Garcia 83 died peacefully at her home in Hemet, California with her children by her side, on July 26, 2020. She was born to Aloysius Spenser and Annie Sentinella Spenser, in the beautiful island of Maui; as Frances Leonilda Spenser. She grew up with her 10 siblings Patricia, Catherine, Evelyn, Ann, Al, Bobby, Clarence, Betty, Theresa and Charlie Spenser, where they would spend a lot of time together going to school, the beach, family dinners and a lot of time spent at their second home up in Kula .

Frances graduated from St. Anthony High School in 1955 and was very involved with her school. She was Senior Class President, on the Glee Club, College Club, ROTC Sponsor, Green Pastures, Sodality and Choir.

After graduating from St. Anthony, she moved to Los Angeles California, where she worked at Pacific Mutual Life Insurance and met her first husband. They married in Los Angeles in 1960 and had 3 beautiful children, Kathleen Stacey, Brian Michael and Lisa Anne.

Frances was always one to volunteer her time to help others. She was the Brownie and Girl Scout Leader for her 2 daughters, helping her son fundraise for his baseball team as well as taking her kids out early in the morning for their paper delivery business. She also loved singing in her church choir, feeding the homeless through the Catholic Church Organizations & making cookies and cakes for any cause.

Frances was professed as a Secular Franciscan on May 4th, 2003 at Mission San Luis Rey, with the San Luis Rey Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order. Being a Eucaristic Minister gave Frances the opportunity to assist in administering the sacraments of holy communion, the consecrated bread and wine. Part of this position included providing communion to the sick that were homebound and in the hospital and truly always giving of herself by helping others.

Frances found love again and married her High School sweetheart Norman Clyde Garcia of Wailuku Maui. They reconnected again while both visiting family in Maui and had a beautiful courtship. They both shared a strong faith in God and their Catholic Religion and would spend hours reading the bible, saying the rosary and both grateful for their family and blessings. They were married at San Luis Rey Mission in Oceanside Ca in 2003, followed by a fantastic Luau that included hawaaian food, hula dancers and music, where family and friends gathered to celebrate their love. Norm and Frances lived in Henderson Nevada and unfortunately Norm became ill and passed away on June 8, 2006.

Frances was a true Angel, an amazing role model, with an unwavering belief in God. She was loved and respected by all that had the pleasure to meet her and made friends everywhere she went. She is survived by her children, Kathleen (Tim) Johnson, Brian M. Thompson and Lisa Thompson, grandchildren Jacob, Tim, Julles, Trevor, Julieanne and her surviving siblings Catherine, Evelyn, Betty, Theresa, Al and Charlie.

Mass will be held on Friday September 25, 2020 at the San Luis Rey Mission "ArchAngel" Cemetery **By Invitation Only**, due to <u>COVID-19 Pandemic</u>. In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations to 'Secular Franciscan Order - San Luis Rey Fraternity' and mail

to Rock DeSpain OFS, 1257 Lodgepole Drive, Hemet CA, 92545. Please note on the memo line, 'Frances Thompson Garcia.'