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### Frances Marie Van Zanten

Frances Marie Van Zanten Frances Marie Van Zanten, age 55, of Brook-field, beloved wife of Charles C. Van Zanten, passed away peacefully at Danbury Hospital, Friday, September 26, 2008, after a courageous 16 year battle with cancer. Frances was born in Danbury, May 2, 1953, daughter of Dominic and Clementina (Morlando) Magliaro. She was a graduate of St. Peter School and Danbury High School and received Bachelor and Master of Science Degrees in Education at Western Connecticut State University. Frances was very active in the community. She was a teacher at St. Rose School for 15 years and previously taught at St. Peter School. She was a volunteer for the American Cancer Society. She loved to read and was active in local book clubs. Her passion was ballroom dancing where she and her husband competed all over the country and received many awards. She performed annually in one of the lead parts of the Danbury Music Center Nutcracker production. Frances was a renaissance woman who loved to travel and learn about the arts and culture. She enthusiastically studied the French language, loved photography, maintained a unique collection of vintage dolls and enjoyed scrapbooking with her friends and family. Frances was a woman of beauty, elegance, and grace with a flair for style and fashion. She had a beautiful smile that could light up a room or the entire stage. She developed a "Cotillion Club" where she taught children dance and etiquette in both Newtown and Brookfield. Besides her husband of 34 years and her parents, she is survived by her loving son, Christopher T. Van Zanten of New York City; two brothers, Antonio Magliaro of Bethany and Gerard Magliaro of Brookfield; a sister, Marie Jowdy of Newtown; along with five nieces and four nephews. She is predeceased by Dominic Magliaro, Jr. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Rose of Lima Church, Newtown, Monday morning at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be at St. Peter Cemetery, Danbury. Friends may call at the Green Funeral Home, 57 Main St., Danbury, on Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to The Frances Van Zanten Scholarship Fund c/o St. Rose School, 40 Church Hill Rd., Newtown, CT.

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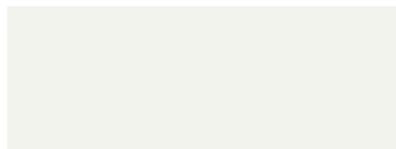
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