



**Frances B. Dean**  
**2015 Walk to Cure Arthritis**  
**Adult Honoree**  
**South Suburbs, IL**

The Arthritis Foundation is proud to honor Frances B. Dean posthumously for the bravery and courage shown in the face of both rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and osteoarthritis (OA). Frances had her first surgery at age 24 on her hand/wrist due to arthritis. It would be the first of more than 50 surgeries.

Her daughter Stacey Miner said this about her mom, Frances, "My mom never lost a smile on her face and although she never knew a pain free day, she was an inspiration to every single person who ever met her. Her heart was the kindest ever made and I truly believe she was an angel placed down here on earth, and I was lucky in this lifetime that God also made her my Mom!"

Frances was known for her exceptional baking skills and the manner in which those skills brought people together was nothing short of triumphant. People in the community, her neighbors, friends and relatives all have become one group of loving friends because of Frances and her amazing baked goods that she loved to share with others. According to her daughter, "her heart was sweeter than anything she ever took out of the oven. When people learned of the suffering she endured by the debilitating arthritis she battled, they were in awe of how great she was able to make it all happen in the kitchen."

Frances was nothing short of amazing! The neighborhood friends she brought together as family even had a tree dedicated to her in the local park down the street from where she lived. Even the animals came to the door daily to get goodies and hugs (local four-legged pooches, as well as the squirrels, and yes, they even came by name).

Frances held an annual Ladies Christmas Luncheon each year, and when she passed away on January 26, 2013 at the age of 72, her family decided to continue the tradition, with the only difference being the addition of a donation to the Arthritis Foundation in her memory. On the second annual luncheon in her memory, \$430 was collected and donated during the "doubling funds campaign," bringing the total donation to \$860. The family plans to continue the luncheon in her name and memory, in hopes of bringing awareness to the community and making a difference to those who suffer with this awful disease.

The Arthritis Foundation warmly thanks Stacey Miner, daughter of Frances B. Dean for sharing her wonderful story and memories of her mom with us. She will be greatly missed.

We proudly recognize Frances B. Dean as the 2015 Walk to Cure Arthritis honoree.

**About the Arthritis Foundation**

The Arthritis Foundation ([www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org)) is committed to raising awareness and reducing the unacceptable impact of arthritis, which strikes one in every five adults and 300,000 children, and is the nation's leading cause of disability. To conquer this painful, debilitating disease, we support education, research, advocacy and other vital programs and services.