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**FRANCES ZORN, WIFE OF LADS TO LEADERS FOUNDER, JACK ZORN, DIES AT AGE 80**

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Sarah Frances Johnson Zorn, wife of Dr. Jack Zorn, founder of the Lads to Leaders program, passed away this morning after a bout with pneumonia at her home in Sylacauga, Alabama. She was 80 years old.

“We are deeply saddened at the passing of our sweet Frances, but comforted by the thought that she has gained the reward she so diligently worked toward,” said Roy Johnson, executive director of Lads to Leaders (L2L) and youngest brother of Frances. “Frances was an unsung hero of L2L. In the early years, while Dr. Zorn worked tirelessly to build Lads to Leaders, Frances often held down 3 jobs to support the family and Lads to Leaders. Countless lives have been changed because of her efforts, and countless souls will be in paradise with her because of her work for the kingdom.”

Frances is survived by her husband, Jack of 61 years, their three daughters, Resa Byrd (Herb), Rhonda Zorn Fernandez (Halo), and Sonya Zorn King (Johnny); five granddaughters, Heather Reeves (Jimmy), Kristin Cole (Zac), Resa Marie Byrd; Natalia Isabella Rowan (Randall); Elena Annabelle Cruz (Hector); nine great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

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“The loss of our beloved Frances Zorn will be deeply felt in the family of Lads to Leaders,” said Phillip Hines, minister of the Hartselle (Ala.) Church of Christ and chairman of the L2L board of directors. “Untold numbers of young people have been mentored and nurtured by her gentle guiding hand. I am so honored to have known and loved her.”

*About Lads to Leaders:* L2L is the oldest and largest leadership training program used in churches of Christ. It is not just a youth program; it’s a family and congregational program that crosses generational lines to build church unity. An assortment of curriculum and study materials is offered from pre-K to adult levels each year. With offices in Montgomery, Ala., and Dallas, Tex., L2L serves students of the Word all over the world. For more information, contact Roy Johnson at (205) 410-0298 or [roy@lads2leaders.com](mailto:roy@lads2leaders.com).

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