soap opera outrage

ENQUIRER readers: Bring Frances back

■ Thousands protest NBC's cruel ending

NQUIRER readers by the thousands are expressing their love for 90-year-old soap queen Frances Reid—who was booted off "Days of our Lives" after playing Alice Horton for nearly 40 years.

In our issue published March 17, we informed readers that the beloved star's character was being dropped — brutally "murdered" by strangulation.

We asked them to fill out a form, letting NBC know how they feel. And they resoundingly responded: We want Frances back!

'SO GRATEFUL'

The veteran actress told The ENQUIRER:

"I am so grateful to The
ENQUIRER for allowing my fans to express
their displeasure at
my being written out

of the show. I'm also very appreciative of all the readers who took the time to write in. Your letters meant so much to me. Thank you, ENQUIRER, for caring enough to reach out to my fans."

Carol Harder, of Trail, B.C.,

Canada, wrote: "I have watched the show from the very beginning. She is one great lady. Please do not take her off the show."

And Eunice Mutter of Abingdon, Va., added her voice: "I am almost 79 years of age. I have been watching 'Days' since its beginning in 1965.

"I feel like Alice is the backbone of the show . . . I don't understand why they want to lose her."

Letters came from all over the U.S. and Canada, and as far away as Denmark.

LETTERS FORWARDED

Frances was the only original cast member left on the show when producers had her character killed off by a serial killer, who stuffed her own homemade donuts down her throat!

Readers' letters will be forwarded to the show's producers.

Hollywood publicist Tommy Garrett, who represents Frances, told The ENQUIRER: "I am pleased that your readers have supported Frances during this difficult time.

"She is a lovely lady and if anyone can help get her job back, it's the millions of ENQUIRER readers."

- ROBIN MIZRAHI

