



## Marian Hope Portesan

December 31, 1931 - April 5, 2019

Age 87 of Shoreview, passed away April 5, 2019. Preceded in death by her husband, Sergio and son, Mike. Survived by her children, John (Debra), Gina (Bob) Kowalski, Mary (Mark) Thiel, Jim (Cheryl) and Julie (Mike) Stagg; 14 grandchildren, Matthew, Lisa, Michael, Tony, Sara, Katie, Joseph, Sergio, Angela, Amy, Hannah, David, John and Benjamin; 2 great grandchildren, Sydney and Lucas. Beloved, dedicated, nurturing elementary teacher and honored as Teacher of the Year. Rarely missed an event for her children or grandchildren. With her husband Sergio founded the North Suburban Soccer Assoc. which grew the sport exponentially in the Twin Cities. Major volunteer at her parish and in the community. Loved traveling the world. Enjoyed cheering for the Lynx. Will be missed by her family and so many friends throughout the world. Mass of Christian Burial 11 AM Thursday, April 11th (gathering begins at 10 AM) ST. ODILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH, 3495 N. Victoria, Shoreview. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials preferred donor's choice.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My cousin Marian and I were the last survivors of our generation in the Southwick family. Marian's adoptive mother Ruth and my father Glen were sister and brother. Now I stand alone. I miss Marian greatly, even though we drifted apart in the last few decades; we had a lot in common in earlier times. I send heartfelt condolences to Marian's family for their loss.*



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**David Southwick** - April 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ *Rest in peace aunt Marian in the arms now of uncle Sergio and with your son Mike for you no longer have to suffer. We will be forever be grateful for all your family did to help us come to this great country we live in, i will miss your laughter and same funny sense of humor you shared with Mike, there were many great memories and good times and you made us laugh. You will be missed :(*



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**Mauro Zampa** - April 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Gina! Your momma was such a remarkable strong woman. I'm thankful her suffering is over and that she was able to live and love even those last days. God bless your family in your sorrow!*

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**Sara Olmanson** - April 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Gina/Bob and Portesan Family: I was so sorry to hear of your mother passing. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Cheryl



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**Cheryl Holt** - April 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Marion was one of my dads best friends (and Sergio) in the soccer world. My dad was the founder of the USYSA and Marion and Sergio were one of his best friends. Marion taught me the new tradition for my family on taking your grand children where ever they want to go for their HS graduation gift. My first is graduation 2020 and we are going to Paris and England. Can hardly wait for the next. Marion will always be a mentor for me in more ways than soccer. I will miss her Christmas letter telling me who will be in the next Portesan Christmas Play. I loved her so much. God Bless Marion Sergio and their family. I always felt like a part of them and they were always a great part of my family. I thank soccer for allowing me to me them. RIP Marion



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**Nancy Greer Hajduk** - April 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry to hear about the passing of Marian

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**Bobby oneil** - April 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM