



## Martha Ann Shinar

June 1, 1959 - June 27, 2012

Beloved Wife, Mother, Daughter, Sister, Friend Age 53 of North Oaks, died June 27, 2012 at home peacefully with her family at her side. Survived by John, her husband of nearly 31 years; children, Rob and Ally; parents, Robert and Mary Jo Horner; siblings, Carol (Rick) King, Nancy (Bill) Ford and Jean (Tom) Andersen; John's mother, Margaret and his siblings, Bill, Beth and Jim (Joanne) Shinar; nieces, nephews and many friends. Preceded in death by father-in-law, David Shinar. Martha grew up in Battle Creek, Michigan and graduated from Western Michigan University in nearby Kalamazoo, Michigan where she met the love of her life, John. After stops in Houston, Dallas, Columbus and Chicago, the family settled in the Twin Cities and has been here for 14 years. Martha worked as a substitute teacher at St. Odilia in Shoreview, Minnesota for many years and served as an active supporter of her family, church and community. A dedicated runner, Martha ran the path around North Oak's Pleasant Lake almost every day, rain or shine. She participated in dozens of races and triumphantly finished her first marathon -- The Twin Cities -- in 2001. Martha's determination and spirit came from being a 20-year breast cancer survivor - sadly, it was the disease that became her final race. She was accomplished at many things, but the essence of Martha's life is not about what she did so much as who she was. Beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend, Martha was one of those truly unique people who met every day with cheerful optimism. She was kind, joyful, sincere, accepting, supportive, stylish and fun -- always ready to join in, lend a hand,

share a kind word, or put others at ease with the grace of her manner and beautiful smile. Martha left us too soon; she will be profoundly missed. A gathering of family and friends will be held from 4-8 p.m., Sunday, July 1 at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL, 515 Hwy 96 W. at Mackubin, in Shoreview. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, July 2 (visitation begins at 1:00 p.m.) at ST. ODILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH, 3495 N. Victoria in Shoreview. Private family interment. Memorials preferred to Totino-Grace High School, St. Odilia Endowment Fund or Susan G. Komen for the Cure. One final note: As a colorful and stylish person, Martha's final wishes include a desire to be remembered with a spirit of celebration; she asked that those who attend the service wear an expression of color.

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ John, Robbie and Ally: As you know my sons and I have walked your walk. Rest assured that Martha is more alive now then ever! She is all around you so never qiut talking to her.

*May God Always Bless You*

*John Stenglein*

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**John Stenglein** - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ John,

*I was deeply saddened to hear about the loss of Martha. My thoughts are with you and your family.*

*Mary Jo Swanson*

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**Mary Jo Swanson** - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. With my deepest sympathy,

*Gary Walbridge*

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**Gary Walbridge** - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

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**Karen Bain Hammond** - June 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ To Martha's family and friends. May the love and joy you have shared help give you peace during this very sad time. We are so sorry for your loss.

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**Dan and Pam Weston** - June 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ My sincere sympathy goes out to you and your family. Have been friends with the Horner girls for years. It is such a loss at such a young age. I am praying for you and your family.

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**Karen Bain Hammond** - June 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ John,

*I am so very sad for this profound loss to you and your family. After meeting Martha in Arizona, she became an inspiration to me; a true model of survivorship. Your love for each other was very apparent, and how blessed you have been to have shared that love. I'm keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Warmest regards,  
Janet Frazier*

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**Janet Frazier** - June 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I am so sorry to hear such sad news about your wife. Even though I never met her my sincere thoughts are with you during this tough time. May all the wonderful fun memories keep you smiling in the days ahead. God bless you and your family.

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**Marian Melton** - June 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ John I am so sorry for your loss. I'll be praying for you and your family.

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**Hattie Smith** - June 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ John, Ally, Rob, Mr. and Mrs. Horner and Martha's sisters,  
  
I am a better person because I knew Martha. She was the kindest, most genuine person I have ever met. I am praying for you all. She was one of Heaven's treasures. God shared her with us for a little while. We have been blessed. Love, Helena (Hofer) Signore

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**Helena Signore** - June 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ To the Shinar Family and Martha's sisters and parents,  
  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.  
  
Sincerely, Bob and Becky Priest

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**Becky and Bob Priest** - June 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ John,  
My condolences to you and your family.  
  
Matt Leighton and Family.

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**matt Leighton and family** - June 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM