



Martha Mary Varano

September 27, 1943 - June 2, 2023

After a difficult and prolonged course Martha Mary Regan Varano, Marty, passed away on Friday, June 2, 2023. Born in Havertown PA on September 27, 1943, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Adeline Regan.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Lottie Andrew Varano MD 85, and two sons, Drew Varano MD 53, and Dean Varano 50. Also surviving are brother Charles Regan 70, and wife (Debra) Regan.

Marty was predeceased by her beloved daughter Andrea, age 20, an innocent passenger in a 1988 boating accident and a younger brother, Frank, 73, wife, (Barbara) Regan.

Marty was blessed with many physical and spiritual gifts. During her high school years at the famed Philadelphia Inquirer Girl's high school race at the civic center in Philadelphia, Marty was in the lead of the 50-yard dash, until the last few steps, when she made the mistake of turning back to see who was behind her. That look back cost her the win. Also, talented in basketball, with a deadly one hand push shot, she won the Philadelphia suburban high school girl's foul shooting contest and had scored 26 points in a game when scoring 20 points or more in a girls' basketball game was a rare occurrence. She was voted as Queen by her peers in their senior year at the prestigious Pierce school of Modeling in Philadelphia.

Marty and Lottie met while he was beginning his second year at the Jefferson Medical college, September 1962. Dating only each other until graduation, they married three years later, May 1965. They spent 16 of their early years of marriage in Hershey PA with a vacation home in Rehoboth Beach, DE, raising their three children.

Marty provided all the necessary transportation of the children to their sporting activities and extra-curricular lessons finding time to engage herself with physical and spiritual needs while attending Lebanon Valley college full time for a bachelor's degree and then post graduate work at a Penn State Branch Capital Campus and the Lancaster school of Theology. The couple moved to Lancaster, PA in 1988, to enjoy many new and wonderful friends and new surroundings until retirement in 2004, when they moved to Sarasota, FL.

She also served on the Board of Trustees at Rosemont College from 1990 to 2000. With a talent for style and décor Marty was the principal manager of the family real estate business. She also was an excellent cook, but her family was her priority. Having an encyclopedic range of knowledge, she was conversant on a multitude of subjects. Her regal aura, combined with a consoling philosophy and a masterful wit were comfort to many friends in distress as she served as an unlicensed therapist. Angela, a Hospice nurse, was of invaluable support during these last difficult days.

A memorial service will be held at Toale Brothers, Colonial Chapel, 40 N. Orange Avenue, Sarasota, FL on Tuesday, June 6th at 5 to 7 PM.

Her remains will then be flown to Hershey, PA for a Catholic service at the St. Joan of Arc Church on Saturday, June 10th at 10 AM after which a memorial service will take place.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory-Colonial Chapel
40 N. Orange Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34236

Tribute Wall



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Martha Mary Varano.

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