



# Marianne Para Pender

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**M**arianne Para Pender, 89, beloved mother of Judy Pender Rutledge and Suzanne Pender, passed away peacefully on Palm Sunday, March 24th, 2024, at home in Ashburn, Virginia.

Born in White's Crossing, Pennsylvania, in 1934 to Olga and Stanley Para, Marianne was raised in the warmth of a close-knit, multigenerational family with the Catholic faith and Polish cultural traditions. She cared for the family's small flock of chickens and enjoyed time at the area's many pristine lakes. Marianne ultimately settled near Washington, D.C., after marrying, where she worked for the Kennedy White House and the Department of Defense at Cameron Station and Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Marianne faced life's challenges with steadfast strength and a resilient spirit. She raised her two daughters in Springfield, Virginia, with love, devotion, and humor. A lifelong animal lover, she doted on her dogs, Muffin the Yorkshire Terrier and Sunshine the Pomeranian, and was delighted by all walks of wildlife. She loved sunsets and moonrises and nature's changing seasons, especially summer with its succession of flowers in bloom, fresh picked strawberries, and tomatoes from her garden. Marianne had a spunky, playful spirit, and a curiosity about art, culture, and those around her. Insightful, observant, and direct, she enjoyed lively conversation and had a distinct point of view on topics from fashion to football to food.

Marianne was preceded in death by her parents and sister Dolores McDonnell (Bob). She leaves behind two daughters, Judy Rutledge (Michael) of Ashburn, Virginia and Suzanne Pender (Gene Baur) of Arlington, Virginia, two granddaughters, Tiffany and Sydney Rutledge, and her brother Stanley Para (Sherry Castleberry) of Woodstock, Georgia, and sister Rita Rupp (Anthony) of Simpson, Pennsylvania, as well as many nieces and nephews around the country.

A funeral mass will be held at Saint Theresa Catholic Church, in Ashburn, Virginia on Monday, April 22 at 10:30 a.m.



## Obituary

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In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria.


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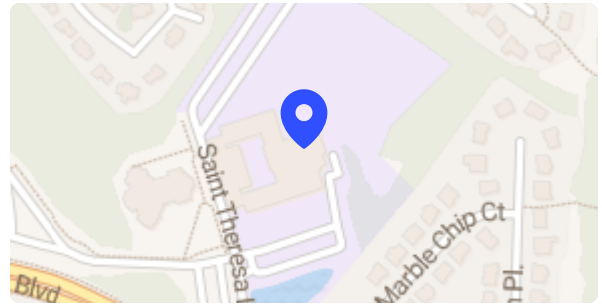


### Catholic Mass

 **Monday**, April 22, 2024

 10:30 AM ET

 **St. Theresa Catholic Church**  
21370 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn VA





# Tribute Wall

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**Douglas R.** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Marianne.

April 21 at 5:02 AM



**Hasan & Debbie Dogrul** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Pender family.

April 20 at 6:38 AM



**Olga Viso And Cameron Gainer** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Pender family.

April 20 at 2:32 AM



**Olga Viso And Cameron Gainer** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Marianne.

April 20 at 2:32 AM



**Stan P.** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Pender family.

April 19 at 9:25 AM



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**Kevin J.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Marianne.



April 14 at 5:43 PM



**Kevin** posted:

Oh my, where do I start? I love my Aunt May. When I think of her, I think of my cousins. I think we, the kids, were always in the same boat. When those Paras got together, we were subject to that banter. Nana was like, "Enna?", whenever she concluded a question. Pop-Pop was the man. My oh my, when the Paras got together anywhere, it was fair game. They would talk about anything and everything. It was never bad and they would feed upon each other in their banter. Looking back now, I realize how much I am like them. Aunt May spoke up and laughed. Those two things to me mean everything.

April 14 at 5:30 PM



**Linda Rutledge** posted:

Marianne was a wonderful friend to share family with. Thank you for all the memories ❤️

April 11 at 7:17 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Marianne by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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