



Marian Fletcher Hirschman

March 24, 1925 - June 15, 2004

Marian Fletcher Hirschman, 79, passed away quietly with her family at her side on Tuesday, June 15, 2004.

Marian was born March 24, 1925 in Newton Falls, New York, the daughter of Curtis and Hazel (Root) Fletcher. Marian has lived in Syracuse, New York since attending Central City Business Institute in 1941. In her younger years she was employed at Carrier Corporation, the Federal Housing Administration, and the Onondaga County Department of Mental Health.

In 1946, Marian married Carl Hirschman and celebrated her 58th wedding anniversary this past May. After having her four children Marian devoted her life to her family and community activities. Marian was a Cub Scout Den Mother, Girl Scout Troop Leader, and active member of the PTA in the schools her children attended. As a member of Furman Street Methodist Church, Marian taught Sunday School and with her husband was an active member of the Couples Club. She enjoyed her involvement in the Home Bureau and spent many years socializing and crafting with this group. Since becoming a member of Elmwood Presbyterian Church in 1970, Marian devoted her time to the founding and ongoing management of the Elmwood Interfaith Food Pantry. In 1999, Marian was a nominee for the Jefferson Award for her work with the food pantry. Fondly known to many as "Mary at the food pantry", Marian found great reward in this work and the many people she met through

her work there.

Marian was fun-loving, inquisitive (as she called it) and an avid shopper. If she wasn't home, she was either at the Mall or WalMart. She could be seen speeding through the shopping centers in a motorized chair on any given Saturday in the company of her daughters and granddaughter. She took great pride in her children and her granddaughter Alyssa. She loved crafts, gardening and crossword puzzles, and instilled these interests in her children. All who knew her will miss her greatly.

Marian is survived by her husband of 58 years, Carl Hirschman Sr.; her children, Carl Hirschman Jr., Sandra Hirschman, Laura Hirschman Norris, Karen Hirschman, her son-in-law, Robert Norris, granddaughter Alyssa Karen Hirschman Norris and Sassy the family German Shepard. Additional family includes her sister, Madeline Fiore of Staten Island, New York, several nieces and one nephew.

Services: Saturday, June 19, 2004. 10:00 a.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc. with Rev. Jean Radak officiating.

Burial: Private

Calling Hours: Friday, June 18, 2004, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York.

Contributions: Elmwood Interfaith Food Pantry, 1640 South Avenue, Syracuse, New York 13207.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marian Fletcher Hirschman*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - June 15, 2004 at 12:00 AM



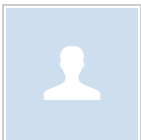
“ *I knew Marian when I worked at the Food Consortium. She was such an inspiration! I never saw her without a smile and positive statement. She was one of the rare individuals who would never judge, but just humbly serve. I learned a lot from Marian. My wish is that she's finally resting and letting someone else take care of everything!*

June 28, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so very sorry for the loss your family has suffered and I know what a special woman you were to ALL those you encountered. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

June 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *I miss you and everything reminds me of you EXCEPT THE BUSHES. I cut them down for you today. I know you can see them! Love*

June 19, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Laura & Alyssa, Our sincere condolences to your family on your loss. Our prayers are with you all. Let Alyssa know that her grandma is in the best hands there are...God's! Be well, and if you need an ear....

June 17, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Sandra and family, Ron and I are saddened to hear of your loss. Marian was a special friend to many, one of those hard to find. I am sure that others share your feelings of joy in knowing such a special woman and the sadness of your loss. If there is anything we can do for you or your family, please do not hesitate to let us know. Sincerely, Jacqui Jackson-Young

June 17, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Sandra, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of sorrow. While I never had the pleasure of meeting your mother, from what I have read about her life, she was undoubtedly full of kindness and generosity. Surely, she will be missed by many, but those who she has touched shall remember her fondly for years to come. I suspect her legacy of caring for others is left to you and your siblings. May God Bless and comfort you during this time and always.

June 17, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Hirschman family today. May you find solace in knowing that your beloved Marian is at peace and strength in knowing that your friends are to comfort. God Bless.

June 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Karen and Family, My sincere condolences to all. Your Mom sounded like a fun loving gal. I wished I could have known her and also seen her "speeding through the parking lot". That would have been so cool. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sincerely, Nancy Lyon, College of Nursing, SUNY Upstate

June 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM



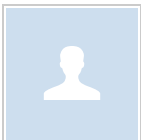
“ It was so nice to read about your wonderful mother. From Sandra, we've gotten a glimpse of what a dynamo Marian must have been...both from Sandra's stories about her and from seeing those same terrific traits that Sandra must have inherited from her. Hugs to all of you. We are so sorry for your loss. sincerely, Susan

June 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Gramma, I miss you to shreds and we hope that you are happy. I will see you in about 70 years. Love ya

June 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt Marian was always fun to be around on our rare visits to New York state. Her laughter was such that everyone around her would be laughing no matter what the topic. Her work helping others through the Food Pantry is a lesson for us all. I am proud to be her nephew.

June 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *Laura & Family, We want you to know that our thoughts are with you. We understand how you feel because of the loss of my Mother & Father and Marilyn's Dad. We can only pray that God has them in heaven and at piece. We all hope that when the time comes we'll be worthy to join them. With Love, John & Marilyn Urciuoli*

June 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Take comfort in knowing she's in a much better place and will always be with you in spirit. I know she will be missed greatly by all.*

June 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mom - everyone wanted you for a mom! I was lucky because I had you. I miss you so much already!*

June 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *I miss you already!*

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