



## Maria L Serafin

June 4, 1959 - January 28, 2021

Maria L. Serafin, 61 of Summerville, wife of Richard A. Serafin, passed away on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at Trident Medical Center.

Maria was born on June 4, 1959 in Joliet, IL daughter of the late Joseph and Maria Battaglia Podnar. Maria battled kidney disease for 14 years but she never let it stop her from living life her way. She was equal parts honey and fire. She easily made friends and enjoyed having a great time but always stood her ground for what she believed in. Her son was the pride of her life. She enjoyed nothing more than cheering his school sports days, then trips to Ann Arbor and now bragging about him being a chef in NYC. She loved him more than her own life.

In the end her disease won out but her spirit and the memories she left in all who knew her will live on.

Survivors include: son: Brett T. Serafin of New York City, NY; three brothers: Anthony "Nino" Podnar (Sue Barry) of Summerville, SC, Vince Podnar (Nancy) of Ozark, MO, and Joe Podnar of Manteno, IL.

Donations may be made to PKD Foundation PO BOX 871847 Kansas City, MO 64187.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at w

[www.jamesadyal.com](http://www.jamesadyal.com).

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Maria L Serafin*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *Rick and Brett,  
We are so sorry that Maria has left, but we know she taught you to be happy in each day you have, however you find it. Grieve for a while but Maria wouldn't want it to be a long while. Then start to smile again. Occasional tears are OK even when the memories are sweet. Just because Maria's not here any longer doesn't mean she isn't still going to tell you what to do. You will hear her.  
Love, Mark + Debbie Johnson*

**Mark Johnson** - February 05, 2021 at 03:00 PM



*Mark, Thank for your kind and thoughtful words*

**Rick Serafin** - February 06, 2021 at 08:06 AM



“ *So very sorry for this great loss. Maria will be greatly missed. We send our deepest and most heartfelt condolences.*

*Greg and Wendy*

**Wendy Koenig** - February 04, 2021 at 12:40 PM

MO

“ I am so very sorry. Maria was a wonderful friend. I always hoped our paths would cross again in retirement. May a lifetime of happy memories carry you through the tough days ahead.  
*Maureen O'Brien*

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**Maureen O'Brien** - February 03, 2021 at 11:49 PM

RS

*Maureen, Thank you for your kind words. I still have memories of your visit with Sharon to VT.*

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**Rick Serafin** - February 06, 2021 at 08:09 AM

MR

“ Rick I am so sorry for your loss, Maria made it easy to care about her in the way she cared about everyone she befriended. I consider myself very lucky that I had her as a friend in my life when I needed one very much. I hope looking back on all the wonderful memories will help to ease the pain of her passing.

*Mike Romeo*

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**Mike Romeo** - February 03, 2021 at 11:21 AM

RS

*Mike, Thank you for your kind words. Your friendship meant the world to Maria as well.*

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**Rick Serafin** - February 06, 2021 at 08:11 AM

SL

“ Dear Rick and Family- I am heartsick for the loss of your beautiful Maria. She was a bright light and an exceptional person. I pray for you and your family.  
*Sally Luciano*

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**Sally Luciano** - February 03, 2021 at 11:15 AM

RS

*Sally, Thank you for your kind words.*

**Rick Serafin** - February 06, 2021 at 08:12 AM

KJ

“ *Dear Rick and Brett - We are so sorry for your loss. Maria was such a joy! We loved her. We have so many happy memories of our times together and for that we are thankful.  
Love to you both - Kim and Steve Janson*

**Kim Janson** - February 02, 2021 at 07:14 PM

NG

“ *I am so saddened to hear about the loss of a beautiful Maria I'm so glad I was able to meet her when I came to visit my mom in South Carolina my mother Therese and my dad Jeff Davis cherished her friendship and Rick a wonderful husband to Maria I'm so glad I had the opportunity to meet you both may Maria now Rest In Peace until we meet again but for now she will be our Guardian Angel💜 I will forever as many of us will hold her close to our hearts forever💜*

**Nicole Gatorano** - February 02, 2021 at 09:12 AM

AB

*A beautiful life taken much too soon. Prayers for your strength.*

**Al & Terry Brearley** - February 02, 2021 at 11:58 AM

LM

“ *Rick and family - I am so sorry to hear of Maria's passing. I remember her smiling face and her kind, helpful assistance when visiting the credit union at IBM for years. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Linda Miller*

**Linda Miller** - February 02, 2021 at 08:27 AM

RS

*Linda, Thank you for your kind words. I hope you are well.*

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**Rick Serafin** - February 06, 2021 at 08:15 AM

SA

“ *Rick and Brett, We are saddened by the news of Maria's passing. She was always a kind and sweet neighbor. It was so nice to see her at the credit union, have her help and chat. We are sending you both hugs, Vince and Dattilio*

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**Sally** - February 02, 2021 at 07:13 AM

RS

*Vince & Sally, Thank you for your sympathies. My best to you and your family.*

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**Rick Serafin** - February 06, 2021 at 08:17 AM

SS

“ *Rick, Brett, and family,*

*I want to express my sincerest sympathies. I will always remember Maria's laughter and always enjoyed being around both of you. We had some fun times with her parents and brothers. They were a very warm family and always made you feel at home. Of course her fathers homemade wine helped. Although time and distance have keep us apart I still feel the friendship we had was everlasting. I hope you find some comfort in knowing she was a dear friend.*

**Steve Skonie**

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**Steve Skonie** - January 31, 2021 at 10:31 PM

RS

*Steve, It's been too long. Thank you for your kind words remembering Maria. This Aug would be our 40th anniversary. In someways it seems like yesterday and other ways a different lifetime ago. We did have some great times back in those days. When it's safe to travel and have gatherings again I plan to do a celebration of Maria in Chicago. I just have no timeline yet. Stay safe my friend.*

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**Rick Serafin** - February 06, 2021 at 08:36 AM