



Mrs. Marian N. Atkinson

September 10, 1931 - February 8, 2016

Mrs. Marian Atkinson, 84, of Cortland, passed away, Monday February 8, 2016 at Cortland Regional Medical Center Nursing Facility. Born, September 10, 1931 in Cortland, Marian was the daughter of Antonio and Catherine Cortese Natoli and was a lifelong Cortland resident.

She was a graduate of S.U.N.Y. Cortland and was employed for many years as a 2nd grade teacher at Homer Elementary School. An iconic educator, Marian formed lasting relationships with her students that lasted over 40 years. She constantly received letters from former students because of the impact she had made in their lives.

Marian was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church and a member of their Altar Society.

She is survived by her son, Harold Atkinson of Cortland, a grandson, Jeffory (Lisa) Atkinson and great granddaughter Jemma Atkinson both of Cortland., and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Marian was predeceased by her husband, Harold Atkinson in 1983 and by her brother, Joseph A. "Pitts" Natoli in March 2015.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday at 11:45 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church with Rev. Joseph Zareski serving as celebrant. The Rite of committal and burial will follow in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. The family will be present to receive friends on Friday from 9:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. in St. Anthony's Church prior to Mass.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked that contributions in Marian's memory be made to the Library at St. Mary's Parochial School 61 N. Main St. Cortland, N.Y.
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Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home 69 N. Main St, Cortland.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ I did Marian's hair for many years and she was my favorite 3 rd grade teacher I will never forget this wonderful person and i miss seeing her each week.

Diane Malchak - May 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM

MP

“ Marian and Joe lived next door to my family on Clinton Ave.I grew up seeing her often, enjoyed spending time with her on many occasions. She was a special part of my life as I grew up. She will always hold a special place in my heart and the hearts of all who knew her!

Maureen Phillips - May 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM

RP

“ Very sorry to hear of the passing of my buddy Marian, I enjoyed her very much, she was always in a good mood when I saw her especially when I called on her at the liquor store in Homer !! Rest in peace my friend !!

Rick Partigianoni

rick partigianoni - May 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM

MS

“ Marian was kind and had a wonderful laugh.
She was a perfect friend and neighbor to my Grandmother.

So sorry for your loss,

Mike Sweeney

Mike Sweeney - May 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM

IF

“ I taught with Marian at Homer Elementary and I love her enthusiasm and love for educating children. I never saw her without a smile when she was with them. Her sense of humor brightened our days at school. I am so happy I had a chance to work with her and know her. My deepest sympathy to the family.

Ingrid Fox - May 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM

JB

“ Aunt Marian was family to me for many years. She was always so much fun to be around. Always smiling! Although we will all miss her, I know there are those, who have gone before her, that will greet her with open arms. I'm better for having known her. Harold, you and your family have my deepest sympathy.

Jacqueline Brown - May 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM

JF

“ Oh, Mrs. Atkinson!! You were my 2nd grade reading teacher at Whitney Point School.....I loved that you loved reading and taught me to read. You had each of us in your class keep a list of all the books we read throughout the year. I wish I had that list today! :) But what that little assignment did was to encourage a love of reading for me. You were a great teacher! My class may have been the last one before you left WP and went to Homer district. Thank you for the greatest gift of all. I share that gift with my 5 grandchildren. Thank you and prayers to your family. They will miss you greatly.

Joan Forshee - May 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM