



## Patricia Ann Serwach

January 19, 1949 - April 13, 2017

Patricia Serwach, who regularly traveled throughout Michigan in work overseeing corporate planning for the 12-hospital McLaren Health Care Network, died April 13, 2017 at her home in Moran, Michigan. She was 68.

Just four years ago, Serwach earned her Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan-Flint, earning perfect grades at the age of 64. A half century earlier, she was a national merit scholar in her native Grosse Pointe, urged to apply at the nation's best universities.

Each of Serwach's five children would graduate college with two similarly earning post-graduate degrees from the University of Michigan.

She started her career as an executive assistant for former Michigan Gov., Ambassador and Supreme Court Justice G. Mennen "Soapy" Williams. She then became one of Detroit's best legal secretaries, working for the University Of Detroit Law School and for the top partners at Detroit's Dykema Gossett Law Firm, the state's leading and largest law firm.

In the late 1970s, she started a printing company, St. Clair Shores-based Great Lakes Graphics with 100 employees working at all hours.

By 1984, Serwach became the founder and publisher of *Heritage: A Journal of*

Grosse Pointe Life, a glossy coffee table magazine (dubbed “prestigious” by the Detroit Free Press). Heritage battled competing metro Detroit magazines like Monthly Detroit, Metropolitan Detroit and Crain’s Detroit Business for readership in the 1980s and 1990s.

One of four daughters of the late Donald and Shurley Louwers of Grosse Pointe Park, Serwach spent summers and weekends at the Louwers family cottages of Brevort Lake in Brevort Township in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula in the heart of the Hiawatha National Forest between St. Ignace and Tahquamenon Falls.

She settled permanently on the same lake, a short walk from the Louwers family cottages, in the early 1990s. After moving to the U.P., she also continued a lifelong tradition of singing and playing guitar for the local Catholic Church every weekend and helping the sick and less fortunate.

Over the past 20 years, she never stopped working, heading marketing for the Cheboygan-based VitalCare and later serving on the board of Mackinac Straits Health System as well as being elected to the St. Ignace Board of Education.

After VitalCare merged with Flint-based McLaren, she quickly rose to the top of McLaren’s system-wide management, serving as director of business development for the statewide health network and being promoted to corporate manager of planning in 2014.

Last summer, she and her husband purchased their first boat, sailing to the nearby sand dunes, enjoying the lake where her father taught her to fish.

Serwach is survived by her husband, Edward; five children, Mark (Laura), Kristine (Scott), Joseph (Debra); John (Rebekah) and Matthew (Jazmin); three

sisters, Ellen Sue, Donna, and Debbie; nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

A Funeral Mass will be held Monday, April 17, with viewing at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by Mass at 1 p.m., at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, W1934 Church Street, Moran, Michigan.

Donations in her name in lieu of flowers may be made to Hospice of the Straits.

R. Galer Funeral Home, 24594 S. M-129, Pickford, Michigan is serving the family. Condolences may be left to the family at [www.rgalerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rgalerfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

**Currently, we are not accepting any more order for this order.**

APR 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
W1934 Church Road  
Moran, MI 49760

**Mass of Christian Burial, Currently, we are not accepting any more order for this order.**

APR 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia Ann Serwach*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Patricia Ann Serwach*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Patricia Ann Serwach*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *I was one of the fortunate ones as well that worked with Pat at VitalCare and McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital. She was a very talented and devoted employee and had a bubbly and energetic way about her. I am so sorry to hear of the sudden illness and passing. My deepest sympathy to her husband and family.*

**Dennise Grinnell** - May 01, 2017 at 01:45 PM



“ *I was surprised and saddened to hear of Pat's passing. I enjoyed working with her in McLaren's Corporate Planning Department and will miss her kindness, thoughtfulness, intelligence, and diligence. My condolences to the Serwach family.*

*Alan Ferrari*

**Alan Ferrari** - April 19, 2017 at 09:55 PM

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“ *My sincerest condolences to the Serwach Family. Pat was such a sweet person. I was always greeted with her friendly smile. She will be greatly missed.*

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**Vanessa Bauswell** - April 17, 2017 at 09:03 AM

BS

“ *Bob & Mary K. Shields purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Patricia Ann Serwach.*



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**Bob & Mary K. Shields** - April 15, 2017 at 01:59 PM

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“ *Mary Jane Williamson & Randy Rosen purchased the Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket for the family of Patricia Ann Serwach.*



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**Mary Jane Williamson & Randy Rosen** - April 15, 2017 at 01:30 PM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann Serwach.*



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April 15, 2017 at 09:01 AM