

Maria Lurdes Matias Sousa

Fought a courageous battle before passing away peacefully on September 9, 2009 with her devoted husband and children by her side.

Maria was predeceased by her son Anibal, daughter Natalia; sisters

Irene, Gloria and Hilda. Survived by her husband of 56 years, Gervasio; son, Luis (Filomena) and their children Serena and Adrian; daughter, Helena (Blair) Watling and their sons Nicholas and Spencer; son, Bob (Caroline) and their daughters, Lauren, Eden and Ellie; sister, Noemia (Edward) Ribeiro and their children. Maria was born in San Miguel, Acores on June 24, 1928 and immigrated to Victoria in 1969 where she devoted her time to her community, her religion and her family. We will miss her patience, humour, wise words and unrelenting love.

“Adeus o nosso amor.”

Prayers to be held 6pm, Sunday, September 13th at Our Lady of Fatima

Church, 4635 Elk Lake Drive. Funeral at 11am, Monday, September 14th at Our Lady of Fatima with a burial to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation or Mount St. Mary Hospital where she spent her last three years being cared for by wonderful staff.