



Marina Ann (Brignoli) Pescio

January 30, 1946 - July 28, 2025

“Sempre nei nostri cuori”

Marina Ann Pescio, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully in her home on July 28, 2025, in Napa, California. She was surrounded by the love she gave so freely throughout her life, holding her husband’s hand. She was 79.

Born on January 30, 1946, in St. Helena, California, Marina was the cherished daughter of Onelio and Cornelia (Quaini) Brignoli. Raised in Napa alongside her brother, Dale, Marina grew up on Silverado Trail, where her deep love for her hometown and her tight-knit Italian family began. She attended Alta Heights Elementary, Silverado Middle School, and Napa High School, where she filled the halls with laughter and music. She had a soft spot for sock hops, harmonizing in the gym with her friends, and bringing fun wherever she went. From a young age, Marina’s life was steeped in music, family, and tradition. She was an expert at the piano and accordion, always ready to share her gift at family gatherings. Summers were spent swimming and playing with her many cousins, creating memories that would last a lifetime.

On April 23, 1965, Marina married her love, Ron Pescio. Together, they built a life rooted in tradition. They raised two children, Anissa and Michael, in a home grounded in laughter and Marina’s strong, steady hand. She was a fierce protector and guiding force, always ensuring her children knew right from wrong—and that they were deeply loved. Their doors were always open to those they loved, offering a warm meal or a soft place to land.

Marina's professional life reflected her personal values. She first worked at Dick's Campers and Trailers alongside her dear friend Barbara Ohlandt before joining the Napa School District. Her decision to work in the schools was no coincidence—she wanted to stay close to her children, to keep them safe, and to be a constant, reassuring presence in their lives. Whether she was keeping them out of detention or cheering them on, Marina was always nearby, ready with wisdom, wit, or a little tough love.

Italy always held a special place in Marina's heart. She visited as often as she could and maintained close ties with the cousins who still reside there. For her, returning to the hometowns of her ancestors was more than travel - it was a sacred connection to her roots and heritage.

Perhaps her greatest joy came later in life when she became "Baby" to her grandchildren—a name lovingly born from her trademark greeting: "Hi, Baby!" From that moment on, she became everyone's "Baby", a title she embraced wholeheartedly. Amber, Gianna, Angelina, and Sofia were her pride and joy. She never missed a moment—whether it was a school performance, basketball game, choir concert, swim meet, or water polo match. Even when the heat was sweltering, Baby was there, bag of candy in hand, cheering from the sidelines, her love unwavering and unmissable.

Marina had a rare gift for making people feel seen, loved, and remembered. She had an uncanny knack for picking out the perfect present, a deep love for family gatherings, and an excitement for spontaneous shopping trips with her granddaughters. Her legacy is one of strength, warmth, and fierce devotion. She was the heart of her family, and her presence will be felt for generations. Marina leaves behind her husband of 60 years, Ron Pescio; her daughter, Anissa Pescio, and son-in-law, David Adams; her son, Michael Pescio; and her adored granddaughters, Amber (Josh Lemke), Gianna, Angelina, and Sofia. She is also survived by countless extended family members and dear friends who were lucky enough to know her. She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Onelio and Cornelia, and her dear brother, Dale.

A rosary service will be held on August 14, 2025, at 4:00 PM at Claffey and

Rota Funeral Home, with a reception to follow. All who knew and loved Marina —our Mina, our Mama, our Baby—are warmly invited to join us in celebrating the beautiful life of a woman who meant so much to so many.

Previous Events

Rosary

AUG 14. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (PT)

Claffey and Rota Funeral Home
1975 Main Street
Napa, CA 94559
(707) 224-5210
services@claffeyandrota.com
<http://www.claffeyandrota.com>

Reception

AUG 14. 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Dalla famiglia Panigazzi Fratessa purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Marina Ann (Brignoli) Pescio.*



Dalla famiglia Panigazzi Fratessa - August 14, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marina Ann (Brignoli) Pescio.*



August 13, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marina Ann (Brignoli) Pescio.*

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marina Ann (Brignoli) Pescio.



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“ Bariani Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marina Ann (Brignoli) Pescio.

Bariani Family - August 13, 2025 at 12:04 PM



“ Bariani Family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Marina Ann (Brignoli) Pescio.



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“ The Chudnofsky's purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Marina Ann (Brignoli) Pescio.



The Chudnofsky's - August 13, 2025 at 10:01 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marina Ann (Brignoli) Pescio.



August 07, 2025 at 11:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marina Ann (Brignoli) Pescio.

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“ Tom, Cheryl, Matthew & Jena purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Marina Ann (Brignoli) Pescio.



Tom, Cheryl, Matthew & Jena - August 07, 2025 at 07:38 PM



“ Patti and Justin purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Marina Ann (Brignoli) Pescio.



Patti and Justin - August 07, 2025 at 06:19 PM