



Margaret Susan Varner Hines

June 2, 1940 - April 7, 2026

Margaret Susan Varner Hines, lovingly known as Sue, age 85, passed away peacefully on April 7, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family.

Sue was born in Steubenville, Ohio, to Rachel Orr Varner and Grayden Grant Varner. She grew up in Tarentum, Pennsylvania, where she attended Tarentum High School. She was the oldest of six siblings, Brian, Dennis, Doug, David, and Mary Lu.

On September 22, 1962, Sue married Duncan L. Hines Jr., beginning a lifelong partnership filled with love, family, travel, and a home that was always open and welcoming to others.

Sue continued her education at Purdue Northwest, where she earned her bachelor's degree in education. She went on to serve as Assistant Director of Portage Adult Education, dedicating her career to helping others earn their GEDs and create new opportunities for themselves.

Sue had a true gift for bringing people together. She was an exceptional cook, a gracious hostess, and was rarely in the kitchen without humming or singing along to her own soundtrack. She later compiled many of her favorite recipes into a cookbook that she shared with friends and family. Even in her later years, she remained the heart of the kitchen, offering guidance and encouragement from her favorite chair.

Sue was a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, the Ogden Dunes Home Association, and the Ogden Dunes Women's Club. She also greatly enjoyed her book club, where she formed lasting friendships and shared her love of

reading and conversation.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents, Grayden and Rachel Varner, and her brother, Brian Varner.

She is lovingly survived by her husband, Duncan L. Hines Jr.; her son, Duncan L. Hines III, and his wife, Tiffani Mayer Hines; her cherished granddaughters, Clare and Katie Hines; her siblings; and many extended family members and friends who will forever remember her warmth, generosity, and the joy she brought to every gathering.

A celebration of Sue's life will be held at Ogden Dunes Community Church, 116 Hillcrest Rd, Portage, IN on Saturday, May 30, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point, entrusted with arrangements. Please visit Margaret's online obituary and guestbook at www.burnsfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

Odgen Dunes Community Church
116 Hillcrest Rd
Portage, IN 46368

Tribute Wall

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“ Cougar Battalion Alumni planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Susan Varner Hines.

Cougar Battalion Alumni - May 03 at 12:17 PM

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“ Cougar Battalion Alumni purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Margaret Susan Varner Hines.



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“ I met Mrs. Hines when she and Mr. Hines came to visit Duncan while he was stationed at Ft. Sill, Ok. She treated me like I was one of the kids and I still carry several pictures of that visit and carry great memories of that visit. My Condolences are with you, Tiffani, and the girls Duncan.

Darrell Grant - April 29 at 12:09 PM