



Marilyn L. Rossi / Awrey

August 9, 1931 - February 5, 2022

Marilyn Lorene Rossi/Awrey, formerly of Amasa passed away on February 5 at the Iron County Medical Care Facility.

Marilyn was born on August 9, 1931 in Amasa, Hematite Township, daughter of William and Sanna (Peterson) Leanna. She was a lifelong resident of the area.

Marilyn graduated from Amasa High School in 1949 as Valedictorian of her class. In 1953 she married Eli Rossi on June 13. He preceded her in death on August 14, 1999.

Marilyn was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Amasa until its diocesan closure in 1995. There she held many parish offices within the Women's Guild. She was a religious education instructor, Eucharistic minister, and lector. She was the last (self-taught) organist for the parish. She then became a member of Guardian Angels parish in Crystal Falls until she relocated to Iron Mountain in 2003. For 13 years she was a member of St. Mary and St. Joseph parish and was a weekly adorer at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. She enjoyed an extensive travel history with her sister Betty and nephew Tom (Vicki) Shoquist to the Hawaiian Islands, as well as the Aegean Region (Istanbul and Greece) including Ephesus.

Marilyn was a devoted wife and mother. She was an excellent cook and

seamstress for her large family. She enjoyed sharing her passion for the drums with her grandson, Grant, both having played them in high school. After high school her career began as a bookkeeper for Alec Malkin and Sons Farm Co. While raising her family, she received her nursing degree from Gogebic Community College with high honors in 1978. She continued her nursing career for a total of 26 years in the Crystal Falls area. Upon her retirement, the late Carole Offerman published an article about her in the local newspaper entitled, "A Nurse for All Seasons". She spoke fluent Finnish, the language of her maternal grandmother. She would often interpret for her Finnish hospital patients. She lovingly sang to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren "Jesus Loves Me" in Finnish.

Marilyn was a lifetime member of the VFW auxiliary sharing her patriotic pride with 3 generations of military; husband (Eli), son (William Rossi) and grandson, (Daniel Bales).

Remaining to cherish and live Marilyn's legacy of faith and happy memory are her children Benjamin Rossi of Milwaukee, William (Donna) Rossi of Iron River, Teresa Rossi of Iron Mountain, Mary Robinson (Rob Martin) of Crystal Falls, Timothy Rossi of Third Lake Illinois, and Thomas Rossi (Heather) of Lake Zurich, Illinois. She is further survived by grandchildren, Kristine (Jason) Rivard), Laura Hewitt, Jason (Jenn Collier), Philip (Sarah) Robinson, Daniel (Diana) Bales, Andrew, Bradley and Grant Bales; Lily, and Grace Rossi; step granddaughters Kelley, Kate and Allyson and their families. Great grandchildren Chloe, Reagan, Delia, Oliver and Mabel. She is also survived by one sister, Nancy Heimerl of Crystal Falls, sisters-in-law Irene Juneau and Rita Leanna of Amasa, many nieces, nephews and a dear friend, Helga Lange.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Eli Rossi of 46 years and Delos Awrey; her sisters, Selma, Margaret, Pearl, Norma, Betty; and two brothers, William and Robert Leanna.

Marilyn's family would like to thank the many compassionate caregivers at the Iron County Medical Care Facility. Memorials can be made to the Monastery of the Holy Cross/Discalced Carmelite Nuns/P.O Box 397/Iron Mountain, MI 49801.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 9 from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be 11:30am on Wednesday at St. Mary and St. Joseph Church in Iron Mountain. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Fr. Janusz Romanek. Interment will take place in the Hematite Cemetery in Amasa in the spring.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons, Jason Rossi, Philip Robinson, Daniel Bales and Andrew Bales and her nephews, Jeffrey Heimerl and James Juneau.

"Jeesus minua rakastaa"

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Marilyn Awrey online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com or www.nashfuneralhome.net .

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Hematite Township Cemetery

Cemetery Road
Amasa, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB 9. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church
414 Prospect Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

GG

“ I first met her at the hospital, she said your in the same grade as my daughter Teresa, yes we are. I was 9 and I was scared,I was never in the hospital before, she had a great smile, and was a very nice lady.

Gayle Gorman - February 10, 2022 at 12:28 PM

JR

“ Marilyn, Thank you for keeping an eye on us kids as we ran around the hill and Amasa. I have fond memories of your kindness , you were wonderful to me. Rest in peace , with Love Jim Reitmeyer

jim reitmeyer - February 09, 2022 at 11:31 AM

CA

“ Cindy Anderson lit a candle in memory of Marilyn L. Rossi / Awrey



Cindy Anderson - February 09, 2022 at 08:41 AM

CA

My sympathy to all! Many great memories when we worked together!

Cindy Anderson - February 09, 2022 at 08:44 AM

DF

“ Our sympathy to all. She was a grand lady. The Lord will put her to work helping others with pray. God Bless. Dan & Martha Rice, Tina Rice Gabell.

Dan & Marrha Rice, Tina Rice Favell - February 08, 2022 at 11:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marilyn L. Rossi / Awrey.*



February 08, 2022 at 08:39 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marilyn L. Rossi / Awrey.*



February 08, 2022 at 01:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn L. Rossi / Awrey.*



February 08, 2022 at 11:33 AM



“ *My Condolences to all of Marilyn's family, especially Teresa and Mary and their children, and Bill & Donna, whom I know best! She was a very sweet lady whom it was a privilege to know, and - although she will be missed - I am happy that the Good Lord finally came to take her on her way home! May her soul Rest In Peace!*



Fr Gregory Veneklase - February 07, 2022 at 09:45 PM

LP

My condolences to the Rossi family. I did not know Marilyn but felt I did through the many stories I heard from Tim. She was a wonderful person. May she Rest In Peace.

Lea Pinshower - February 10, 2022 at 12:18 PM

MG

Marilyn was one of the dearest of my 9 Leanna cousins. So many wonderful memories of times we shared. My thoughts and prayers are with all the Rossi and Leanna families. ❤️🙏

Muriel Gloeckle - February 18, 2022 at 12:37 AM

RH

Prayers and condolences to the Rossi Family. Fond memories visiting Amasa with my mother, Muriel Gloeckle, and skateboarding the hills when we were kids.

Ron Harling - February 23, 2022 at 11:01 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marilyn L. Rossi / Awrey.*



February 07, 2022 at 12:54 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Marilyn L. Rossi / Awrey.*



February 07, 2022 at 11:17 AM