



Rosemary C. Romick

May 7, 1959 - February 7, 2026

Rosemary Caldwell Romick passed away February 7th, 2026 in Iron Mountain, MI.

Rosemary was born May 7th, 1959 in Keokuk, IA. She was the youngest of 7 children. She spent her childhood in Iowa, playing with and learning from her older siblings and cousins.

While in school she fell in love with her government class and intended on becoming a lobbyist in Washington, D.C. Her life pivoted however. After high school she attended Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa where she graduated with an Associate's Degree in Medical Assisting. Four days after graduation she got a job at the Cedar Rapids Veterans Affairs Hospital. She once said "A wish to help American Veterans came from my father who was a retired US Navy man and a former POW of WWII". Her father, Don Jones, who she affectionately called "pop" was one of the people Rosemary admired most in this world. One of her favorite life lessons that she often said she learned from him was to be the best you can be and to always be kind.

Rosemary would spend the next 38 years of her life dedicated to the VA Healthcare system in a variety of administrative roles, before retiring as the Compliance Officer at the Oscar G Johnson VA Healthcare System in Iron Mountain, MI; a position which she was very proud of and very good at. It was

while working for the VA that she met the love of her life. Rosemary married Bruce Romick on March 7th, 1983. They shared 42 years, 2 children and a lifetime of memories together. Their lives took on many different adventures, leading to many new places including Iowa, Washington and Arizona before finally settling in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

When she wasn't working, Rosemary found her peace in the simple joys: a good book, the keys of her piano, and the warmth of the afternoon sun. She was a devoted advocate for animals, often opening her home to those in search of a family - particularly cats, of which there were always at least two running around her home. To know Rosemary was to know a woman of genuine kindness, sharp wit, and a vibrant spirit. Above all, her family was her heartbeat. Having navigated a bit of an unstable childhood of her own, she was determined to build a different world for her children. She succeeded, creating a sanctuary defined by unconditional love, strength, and open communication. Whether it was a much needed hug or a steady hand through a struggle, Rosemary was the "safe place" for everyone that she loved.

Rosemary is survived by her husband, Bruce Romick of Iron Mountain, MI; her daughter, Donnelle Romick of Iron Mountain, MI and son, Matthew Romick (Alonso Quiñones) of New York City; her sisters, Sheryl Heater (Gene Heater) and Sheila Jordan of Mount Pleasant IA, her brother, Michael Caldwell (Brenda Caldwell) of Iron Mountain, MI and step brother, Steve Owens; as well as several nieces and nephews and loving cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Jeanne Owens; father, Don Jones; brothers, Jim Caldwell, Tom Caldwell and Denny Caldwell; and her aunt, Joyce Jones.

Visitation will be held at the Evangelical Covenant Church 120 O Dill Drive, Norway, MI 49870 on Thursday, February 12th, 2026 from 9:00 until 11:00am.

A funeral service will follow at 11:00am with Pastor Jim Danielson officiating. A luncheon will be served immediately after the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks you please consider donations to be made in Rosemary's name to charities fighting cancer and/or liver disease.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Rosemary Romick online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **12.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical Covenant Church
120 O'Dill Road
Norway, MI 49870

Funeral Service

FEB **12.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry to hear about Rosemary. We were former coworkers at the VAMC in Iron Mountain but lost touch when she transferred to AZ. She was a good friend, very diligent, hard working, and faithful to the veterans. She will be missed by all who knew her. She’s gone far too young. Rest in peace, Rosemary. My sincere sympathy to Bruce, children, and all of the family.

Cynthia Gordon - February 14 at 08:19 AM



“ Rosemary was a wonderful, sweet lady. She was a person who loved sharing her knowledge and love of her job and family. I am truly sorry for your loss.

Priscilla Larson

Priscilla Larson - February 12 at 08:49 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rosemary C. Romick.



February 11 at 01:25 PM

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“ -NY Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rosemary C. Romick.



-NY Family - February 10 at 09:09 PM

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“ -NY Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosemary C. Romick.

-NY Family - February 10 at 09:09 PM

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“ Rosemary, her brother Mike, and I spent many many hours/days playing together as children and through our adolescence. Posey, (Rosemary's family nickname) kept us laughing constantly. She was very witty, quick with a funny comment, and easy to make laugh. She was also a good friend as we got older. She was kind, warm, and compassionate. Rosemary will be missed and my thoughts and prayers remain with her family and all who loved her.

Lisa Buffington (cousin)

Lisa Buffington - February 10 at 03:51 AM

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“*Rosemary was such a generous soul. She was an amazing coworker and dear friend. Her knowledge of government policy was impressive. Anyone who ever had a question could rely on her to give us the correct guidance. You also saw how much she loved her family. She was proud of her children. Hugs and prayers to all of you as you navigate this terrible loss.*

Maryanne Gibler - February 10 at 01:13 AM

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“*Went to high school with Rosemary. Had a lot of good times! Never dated, but hung out together a lot. Always got her home on time as didn't want to p×ss Don off. Lost touch with her and Bruce when we started moving around. Rosemary was a bridesmaid in my wife's and my wedding! She will be missed!!! (Dan and Jill Irvin)*

Dan Irvin - February 09 at 07:19 PM