



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 Twp. Cemetery

cemetery Rd
Amasa, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI

Funeral Service

FEB 9. 11:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

TW

“ I'm sure gonna miss her. You know I got to say this, but kula moiakka to you all. What a special bond we had. I always loved her laugh when I would tell her my corny jokes.

Sorry for your loss,
Tracey West

Tracey West - February 08, 2022 at 07:20 PM

MB

“ McGinty Bros purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.nashfuneralhome.net/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Marilyn L. Rossi / Awrey.

McGinty Bros - February 08, 2022 at 03:10 PM

JS

“ So very sorry for your loss!! Marilyn will be missed by all who knew her! Her smile was contagious that's for sure. Sending love and prayers.

Jessica Schultz - February 08, 2022 at 01:59 PM

TF

“ The Brami Family lit a candle in memory of Marilyn L. Rossi / Awrey



The Brami Family - February 08, 2022 at 11:52 AM

TF

Dear Rossi Family, so sorry. That should have read The Brami Family. Marilyn was a very special lady for all of us. Lots of good times at your family home. Peace and love to all of you.

The Brami Family - February 08, 2022 at 11:56 AM

JN

“ *Julie Noblet lit a candle in memory of Marilyn L. Rossi / Awrey*



Julie Noblet - February 07, 2022 at 04:50 PM

JR

“ *Marilyn and Eli's children,
You have lost a woman that lived a very full life. She was a wonderful mother and friend to many. I remember her as a nurse at the hospital when our boys would need a visit to the ER and she would repair them!! Our prayers are with you all at this time. I am sure that she and Eli are having a great reunion!! Jim and Adrienne Rossi and family!*

Jim Rossi - February 07, 2022 at 03:39 PM

JB

“ *God be with you all as you go through this time. I know you will miss your Mom. We can take comfort to know she is now in Paradise. I will continue to remember her and all of you in my prayers. In friendship and God's love, Judi Bjork*

Judi Bjork - February 07, 2022 at 09:40 AM

TF

“ May God 🙏 Bless you for all that you done.



Tom Hoenig and Family - February 06, 2022 at 05:22 PM

GR

“ Sending Love and Prayers to the Rossi family! Love, Andrew, Gretchen, PJ, Ace & Cash

Gretchen - February 06, 2022 at 04:47 PM

GR

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



Gretchen - February 06, 2022 at 04:43 PM