Rosemary "Mother Rose" Gillman

August 9, 1935 - October 29, 2018

October 29, 2018 of Sloan, NY. Beloved wife of the late Christopher Gillman; dearest mother of Theresa (David) Markey, Christopher, Wesley (Heike), George (Bridget), Gerard, Martin, Geri Anne (David) Elsen, Lawrence, Claude (Patricia) and Gilbert (Nicole); grandmother of Kyle and Cassidy Gillman, late Anthony Strozyk, Braedan, Delaney and Keegan Gillman, Sarah McCoyand Gabrielle Gillman; sister of late Betty, Jeanne, late Henry, Patricia, Nancy, Marjorie, Madonna, Edward and Robert; survived by numerous nieces and nephews; The family will be present to receive relatives and friends at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2047 Broadway, Village of Sloan on Wednesday and Thursday 2-4 & 7-9 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday at 10 AM in St. Andrews R.C. Church in Sloan. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Ann Marie Zon's Nicaragua Mission or St. Andrews Church, 34 Francis Ave., Sloan, NY 14212. Rosemary was a registered nurse at Mercy Hospital and retired in 2006, was a member of the Legion of Mary, Eucharistic minister at St. Joseph's Hospital and recited the rosary at Garden Gate nursing home. She distributed Communion to shut-ins in her neighborhood and belonged to the Cursillo movement. She went to Lourdes, France on a pilgrimage with Sr. Teresita and adopted her as a "prayer sister". Her hobbies included knitting, gardening and swimming. Share condolences at SmolarekCares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **31**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Sloan, NY 14212

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Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **2**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew's RC Church
34 Francis Ave.
Sloan, NY 14212

Tribute Wall

TH

1 file added to the album Tess

theresa - October 28, 2020 at 08:52 AM

TH

Happy times upon heaven!

theresa - October 28, 2020 at 08:53 AM

KH

Dear Family of Mother Rose,
I am very sorry for your loss. My heart is aching and I have only known Rosemary for 12 years or so. Rosemary was a Lay Eucharistic Minister at St. Joseph Hospital and I was a Catholic chaplain there. She would come to me with questions or problems that come up during her times of ministry. I came to know of her large family and felt a deep admiration for her. She would attend our annual celebrations of our shared ministries. I loved to hear her stories and relished our united love for our Lord. I came to see her a couple weeks before her surgery at Mercy. She shared the health problem she was having and hoped to find a solution but it sounded very serious to me. We talked awhile and I felt grateful that we reconnected after a few years of not seeing one another (I retired). She was always down to earth and clear on her mission, to serve our people with love and kindness. I am grateful to have known her. I will continue to pray for the repose of her soul and for your family, who grieve for her. May our dearest Lord hold you all in the palm of His hand.

Kermy Haraszko

Kermuth Haraszko - November 05, 2018 at 07:28 PM

MP

Dear Marjorie and family,

So sorry to learn of the death of your sister Rosemary. Be sure you have my sympayhy and will be in my prayers.

Marykay [Woods] Posluszny

marykay posluszny - November 05, 2018 at 05:59 PM

DB

Gerry,
On behalf of the entire Pittsburgh Emmaus Community, we are sorry for your loss. May your Mom rest in peace. Amen
Love,
Dan and Marlene

Daniel J. Buck - November 02, 2018 at 09:18 PM

RA

My dear Franciscan Associate friend Rosemary always expressed to me loving kindness and concern. Our time together was so inspirational in that we studied together in becoming Associates with the Order of St. Francis Sisters in Williamsville, prayed together, laughed together, shared needs together and even volunteered together. Oh how your presence Rosemary will be missed, but your loving spirit will continue to touch me as I pray, laugh, share and volunteer. May your loved ones be comforted with all the loving/pleasant memories.

With my blessings and my husband's blessings of sympathy,
Renee and Fred Abbott

Renee Abbott - November 01, 2018 at 07:08 PM

PD

Gerard, our deepest sympathies. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Mrs. Konczal, Paula & Dan Dell'Isola, Douglas & Dawn Konczal

Paula Dell'Isola - November 01, 2018 at 01:44 PM

PW

Your loss, is Heaven's gain. You had a wonderful MOM! Surely, GOD has a special place for her. Phyllis Walkowiak

Phyllis Walkowiak - October 31, 2018 at 06:45 PM

KC

Geri Anne and family. I am so sorry to hear about your mom. I really enjoyed getting to know her over the past few years while working at the convent. She was a sweet lady and she will be missed. My sincerest condolences to you and your family.
Kim (Cassel) Cirillo

Kim Cirillo - October 30, 2018 at 08:28 PM

CP

They say most people go through life without ever finding one true friend. But, if you should find one, he/she is more precious than gold. God has sent you as a treasure and you are more precious than gold. I will miss the Christmas boxes, the lunches, the phone conversations and our yearly dinner at the millennium. I will miss the cherry pies for your birthday. I will miss hearing of your prayers for your children. But most of all I will miss you. I cry because I miss you already. You are such a blessing to so many. A woman of grace, kindness and love and I thank God for you and will hold all of the memories deep in my heart until we meet again in Heaven. Thank you Rosemary for everything.

Love,
Carol

Carol Pietrzyk - October 30, 2018 at 06:34 PM

SM

Grandma Rosemary,

I am not sure what to write because this day happening has never crossed my mind, I thought you were going to live forever. You were one of the most wonderful, thoughtful and kind people I have ever known. Although I am 29 years old, you made sure I still got the infamous Christmas box every year and cards for every holiday or milestone. I will miss my grandma lunch dates and your 4 am phone calls or texts. My last memory with you was at my nursing pinning ceremony and of you telling me how proud you were of me, I can only hope to be half the nurse that you were. I will cherish that day and every other day i spent with you in my heart. I know you are up in Heaven having a beautiful time. I will miss you so.

Until we meet again ❤️

Sarah McCoy - October 30, 2018 at 05:52 PM

EW

I came to know Rosemary through her son Gerry and she would call me occasionally out of the blue just to check in and we would talk about Gerry or other issues of concern to her at the time.. I was fortunate enough to be invited to her 80th birthday celebration as well as visit with her when she came to Pittsburgh, while I lived there. In the the few years I knew her I can attest that she was a good woman who cared about her family and society in general. My condolences to all her family !

Erik Wittmann- Cleveland, Ohio

Erik Wittmann - October 30, 2018 at 02:46 PM

She was a very caring and giving woman. She was loved by many and will be missed by many. My condolences to the family.

Cheryl A. Repeta

Cheryl Wojtanowski - October 30, 2018 at 12:34 PM

FL

I am so sorry that I am out of town and will miss the Wake and Funeral of
Rosemary. As soon as I return, I will schedule a Mass for her at St. Mary of
the Angels. It was always good to see her at St. Mary of the Angels Convent,
especially in the Chapel.

Fr. John Leising

Fellow Associate
& Chaplain at SMA

Fr. John Leising - October 29, 2018 at 03:18 PM

JB

Our condolences to the Gillman family. We were neighbors to your family on Fougeron St. in Buffalo long ago! Your Mom was always such a gentle soul. May she enjoy her reward in heaven.

Janet Tucholski Bonarski
(My sisters are Theresa, Helen, Sue and Ann)

Janet Bonarski - November 01, 2018 at 09:48 AM

GE

Janet, it has taken me a year to see this. I am Geri Anne Gillman. Aka Annie. I remember you and your beautiful sisters. This is so unbelievably touching that you remembered our mom. Thank you. And may God bless and keep you ans yours. Mother Rose, I know is praying for you and smiling at the thought of your kind family. With my appreciation.

Geri Anne Gillman Elsen - October 31, 2019 at 01:53 AM