



Rosa M. 'Rosemary' Cusumano

September 12, 1939 - October 24, 2025

On behalf of our family, I want to thank you all for being here to celebrate the life of our mom, Rosa 'Rosemary' M. Cusumano.

Mom was born on September 12, 1939 in Terrasini, Sicily — a beautiful little town by the sea — and from the very beginning, she carried with her the warmth, strength, and heart of her Italian roots. She came to this country and built a life centered on love, family, and hard work. Everything she did reflected those values.

From the moment she became a mother, her life became about her family. She spent her whole life loving and raising her five children. Every decision she made, every bit of effort she gave, was for us. She had a tremendous work ethic and a deep sense of discipline, but behind all that strength was the most loving, kind, and selfless heart.

Mom was also an incredible cook — truly a master of homemade meals that brought our family together. Her pasta, cookies, and bread weren't just food; they were memories, made with love and patience. Every Sunday dinner felt like an event — the smells from the kitchen, the chatter around the table, and that comforting feeling that we were home. Those meals weren't just nourishment for the body — they fed our souls.

She was also a devoted wife. Our dad, Russell, who was legally blind, depended on her in many ways — and she never once complained. She sacrificed so much of her own life to care for him, to make sure he was comfortable and loved. The way she supported and stood by him was a true example of loyalty, compassion, and devotion.

Family meant everything to Mom. She loved being surrounded by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. You could see the joy in her eyes when everyone was together — laughing, sharing stories, and just being close. That was her happy place.

Mom's life was built on love, sacrifice, and faith. She taught us all what it means to work hard, to care deeply, and to always put family first. She didn't just talk about love — she lived it. Every single day.

It's hard to imagine life without her. She was our anchor — the one who kept us grounded, the one who made our family what it is. But even though she's no longer here in person, I know she's with us — in the traditions she created, in the love she gave, and in the strength she instilled in each of us.

So today, while our hearts are heavy, we also feel grateful. Grateful for her life, her lessons, her sacrifices, and the endless love she shared.

Mom — thank you for everything. You were our rock, our comfort, and our greatest blessing. We love you deeply, and we'll carry your love and your legacy with us forever.

Rosemary is the beloved wife of the late Russell. Loving mother of Joseph (Lynn) Cusumano, Salvatore (Tamara) Cusumano, Stephanie (Craig) Fenwick, Russell Cusumano Jr, and Rosa (Mauro) Peline. Very proud grandma of Neil (Sue) Cusumano, Brandon (Suzanne) Cusumano, Jenna (AJ)

Renshaw, Andre (Andrea Doyle) Cusumano, Dana (Joey) Zuccaro, Alicia (Tony) Deanovich, Jaclyn (Timothy) Miller, Melana (Michael) Szczesniak, Joanna (Chad) Davis, Stefan Fenwick, Marcel Fenwick, Nicholas (fiancée Kaitlyn Saputo) Pelini, Julia Pelini, and Cristian Pelini. Also very much loved great grandma of Ella Rosa, Malia, Joseph, Elijah, Ezekiel, Penelope, Arlo, Adriana, Aria, Nora, Enzo, Myles, and Leo. Dearest sister of Nicolina (the late Sebastiano) Coppola, Amelia (the late Sam) Cavallaro, Vince (the late Vittoria) Tocco, the late Jack (the late Sally) Tocco, the late Sam (Maria) Tocco, the late Stefania (the late Armando) Viselli, and the late Anna (Lorenzo) Viviano. Rosemary will be further mourned by her many nieces and nephews and extended family members.

Visitation Tuesday 2-9 PM with a 7 PM Rosary at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (n. of 22 Mile Rd.), Shelby Twp. Instate Wednesday 9:30 AM until 10:00 AM Funeral Mass at St. John Vianney Catholic Church 54045 Schoenherr Rd. (n. of 24 Mile Rd.), Shelby Twp. Entombment will follow the Funeral Mass at Resurrection Cemetery's Most Holy Trinity Mausoleum.

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Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

Rosary

OCT **28**. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
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Shelby Township, MI 48315
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Instate in church

OCT **29**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
54045 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Funeral Mass

OCT **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

FA

“ Frank A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosa M. 'Rosemary' Cusumano.

Frank A. - October 28, 2025 at 12:24 PM

LF

“ Lorenzo, Vincenza, Ciro, and family. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rosa M. 'Rosemary' Cusumano.



Lorenzo, Vincenza, Ciro, and family. - October 27, 2025 at 09:45 PM

LF

“ Lorenzo, Vincenza, Ciro, and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosemary M. Cusumano.

Lorenzo, Vincenza, Ciro, and family. - October 27, 2025 at 09:45 PM

CF

“ Coach Kelli & your Richmond Cheer Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Rosa M. 'Rosemary' Cusumano.



Coach Kelli & your Richmond Cheer Family - October 27, 2025 at 08:49 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rosa M. 'Rosemary' Cusumano.*



October 27, 2025 at 06:46 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rosa M. 'Rosemary' Cusumano.*



October 27, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“ *The Mezza Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosemary M. Cusumano.*

The Mezza Family - October 27, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“ *To the family of Rosemary Cusumano, sending condolences for the loss of your loved one. May you find strength in knowing that “God is close to the brokenhearted” as Psalms 34:18 says.*

Julie D. - October 27, 2025 at 01:05 PM

LS

“ Linn Szczesniak purchased the Country Basket Bouquets for the family of Rosa M. 'Rosemary' Cusumano.



Linn Szczesniak - October 27, 2025 at 12:06 PM

LS

“ Linn Szczesniak planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosemary Cusumano.

Linn Szczesniak - October 27, 2025 at 12:06 PM

CC

“ Cecilia colasanti-Valente purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Rosa M. 'Rosemary' Cusumano.



Cecilia colasanti-Valente - October 25, 2025 at 05:49 PM

CC

“ Cecilia colasanti-Valente planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosemary Cusumano.

Cecilia colasanti-Valente - October 25, 2025 at 05:49 PM