



RoseMary DeRidder

December 15, 1941 - November 11, 2025

NORWAY- RoseMary DeRidder age 83 of Norway, passed away Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at Freeman Nursing and Rehabilitation Community in Kingsford, MI.

She was born on December 15, 1941 in Iron River, the daughter of the late Lawrence and Angeline (Tessaro) Giordana.

RoseMary graduated from Iron River High School in 1960 and went on to receive her LPN degree from Northern Michigan University.

She married Richard DeRidder on June 15, 1963 at St. Agnes Church in Iron River.

RoseMary worked for Dickinson Co. Memorial Hospital for 9 years and then Carlson/Trump general surgeons and then Benishek/Cecconi's general surgeons, retiring after 35 years.

She enjoyed cooking Italian food, walking her dog Kelly, reading and for 26 years taking trips to Las Vegas with friends, but what she enjoyed the most was spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

RoseMary is survived by her husband of 62 years Richard; sons Dean

(Barbara) DeRidder and Dane (Kelly) DeRidder; daughter Deanna (Tom) Christesen; grandchildren Nicolas (Stacie) DeRidder, Dayna (Steve) Hodgins, Benjamin (Audra) DeRidder, Amanda (Jake) Gatien, James (Ellen) DeBartolo, Charlie and Sam Christesen; 14 great grandchildren (with 3 sets of twins) Claire, Logan, Hailey, Russell, Grant, Willa Rose, Marilyn, Flora, Easton, Tucker, Lillian, Leo, Enzo and Marco; brother Larry (Margaret) Giordana; sisters Florence Grzyb and Betty Gingrass; brother-in-law Tom (Shirley) DeRidder; sister-in-law Pat Giordana; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother Edward Giordana.

A private Memorial Mass for family will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church in Norway.

Interment will be held at the Norway Township Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

Tribute Wall

MC

“ So sorry to hear of Rosie’s passing. Many happy, funny memories working together at the surgeons’ office. Keeping her family in my prayers.

Mary Lou Clement - November 14, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of RoseMary DeRidder.



November 14, 2025 at 10:05 AM

GB

“ So sorry to hear of Rosemary’s passing. Wherever she was, she lit up the room with her smile and friendliness. She was a special lady. Sending our deepest sympathy to the family.

Gus and Sandy Blom

Gus & Sandy Blom - November 13, 2025 at 06:04 PM

SD

“ Dick, Dean, Dane, Deanna and Families,

It doesn't seem possible that God has called our sweet Rosie home, she will be welcomed by all of her family and friends.

This has been a long and hard struggle for you all, especially for Rose. How the nurses loved her at Freeman's Nursing Home. When we visited her recently, I felt it was our last visit, she put her hand up and waved goodbye.

We will see you all soon for her Mass. Always know that a mother's love is infinite, she loved her family so much. May you continue to feel her love every day, even though she's no longer with us. Her memory will remain forever.

May you all be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you at this difficult time. May your heart and soul find peace and comfort.

Our thoughts and prayers,

Tom and Shirley

Shirley DeRidder - November 13, 2025 at 11:28 AM

BH

“ I have so many fond memories of Rosemary from our days working side by side as young nurses. She had the greatest personality that helped us make it through sad and difficult times while caring for patients. One memory that stands out from the rest is when she and I along with our nurse friend Karen Zadra Justus took the long trip to Green Bay to purchase our wedding gowns on the same day at the same store. It was such a fun and successful experience for three future brides of April, May and June 1963. God Bless You Rosemary, I am happy that your journey is over. R.I.P. my friend!
Bitsi Hamm

Bitsi Hamm - November 13, 2025 at 10:20 AM

MH

I worked side by side with Rosie for many years ... I have many memories of those days . RIP Rosie ... you deserve it ☐ 🙏

Marian Hiatt - November 14, 2025 at 09:01 PM