



Anita Joan (Mayer) Flynn

March 28, 1933 - August 21, 2025

Anita Joan (Mayer) Flynn, age 92, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away on August 21, 2025, at MyMichigan Medical Center - Sault. She was born on March 28, 1933, in Dryburg, Michigan, to Rosario and Bernadette (Godin) Mayer.

Anita was raised in Dryburg. Her family farmed and she began her education in a one-room schoolhouse. She continued her education at Loretta High School in Sault Ste Marie graduating in 1951. After a year at home with her family, she joined the convent as a Loretto Sister taking the name Sister Mary Camille. She continued her education at DePaul University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in teaching. Anita was dedicated to the Lord and to teaching. She taught many places across the United States and Canada.

In 1982, Anita met Paul at a retreat and her life took on a new course. The couple married on Dec 20th, 1982, sharing many wonderful years together. At Paul's passing, Anita moved in with her sister Beatrice on Sugar Island. As devoted Catholics, Anita and Beatrice made a pilgrimage daily to the "mainland" for Mass.

Anita's smile was infectious, her energy unyielding and her passion for Catholic education was lifelong. An example of this being in 1993, at the age of 60, she spearheaded the reopening of St. Mary's School in Sault Ste Marie.

St Mary's had been closed for twenty-two years. She developed policies for the school which they still use today.

Anita was an artist, and she saw the world through the eyes of an artist, always noticing and exclaiming about the beauty around her. She enjoyed painting, carving and pottery. She also enjoyed reading and was an active member of Toastmasters. Anita loved to tell stories about her life and she was always eager to encourage and inspire others.

Anita is survived by her step-children, Michael Shane Flynn and Lisa Ann Flynn; grandchildren, Josh Maxwell, Grant Flynn, Gabriel Flynn, Grayden Flynn; sister, Beatrice Schlapkohl; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Anita was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Paul; parents, Rosario and Bernadette; step-daughters, Michelle Flynn and Kathleen Flynn; daughter in law, Julie Flynn; brothers, Damien Mayer, Alphege Mayer, Eugene Mayer, Louie Mayer, and Rene Mayer; as well as siblings who died in childhood, Little Eugene, Anita Angeline, and Joseph.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 29, 2025, from 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 11497 W. H-40, Rudyard, MI 49780. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers donations could be made in her honor to St. Mary's School, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 Giving - St. Mary's Catholic School - Sault Ste Marie, MI.

Anita's final resting place will be at the North Rudyard Cemetery in Rudyard.

Family Life Funeral Homes – Pickford assisted the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Cemetery Details

North Rudyard Cemetery (aka Rudyard Township Cemetery)

Rudyard Township c/o Jan Besteman
P.O. Box 277
Rudyard, MI 49780

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church
11509 W. H-140
Rudyard, MI

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

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“ 22 files added to the tribute wall



Lisa Ann Flynn - August 29, 2025 at 09:01 PM

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“ Nicole B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anita Joan (Mayer) Flynn.

Nicole B. - August 29, 2025 at 08:31 AM

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“ From Marge and Chuck White purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Anita Joan (Mayer) Flynn.



From Marge and Chuck White - August 26, 2025 at 07:28 PM

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“ The Booz Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Anita Joan (Mayer) Flynn.



The Booz Family - August 24, 2025 at 03:43 PM

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“ Peter & Lucy Rounds purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Anita Joan (Mayer) Flynn.



Peter & Lucy Rounds - August 24, 2025 at 02:52 PM

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“ *Anita was quiet spoken and enjoyable to be with. How wonderful that she is reunited with all those loved ones, family and friends, who meant so much to her. Our sympathy to remaining family!* ”

Frank and Cherie DuBord - August 24, 2025 at 10:21 AM