



## Rosalie Audrey Sasso

April 1, 1917 - May 18, 2019

Rosalie Audrey (Church) Sasso, age 102, of Drummond Island, Michigan, died May 18, 2019. She was born April 1, 1917, on Drummond Island, to Stanley Jesse Church and Nona Gladys (Bailey) Church.

A lifelong Drummond Island resident, Rosalie completed school through 8th grade on the island and then attended high school in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. She graduated with the Sault High School Class of 1936. While in Sault Ste. Marie, she met Frank Michael Sasso, a soldier stationed at Fort Brady, and they were married in 1937. They lived in Sault Ste. Marie, starting their family, with Rosalie working at Bell Telephone and Frank working at the Tannery. They moved their family back to Drummond Island in 1955, Frank eventually began working at the dolomite quarry. Rosalie had an eclectic work career including owning and operating the Drummond Island Runway Grill for several years with her sister Tess Byrne. Rosalie was proud of the fact that for over 60 years, she lived in the oldest house on the island and, at the time of her death, was the island's oldest resident.

Rosalie was active in the Sewing Club, Drummond Island Museum, and Drummond Island Library. She was an avid reader of history and politics and was more than willing to share her thoughts on politics with you. She liked to pick wild raspberries and strawberries, feed squirrels and other wildlife, knit, crochet, and rake and burn leaves in her yard. Rosalie never surrendered her

dignity, independence, or personality.

Rosalie is survived by her children, Frank (Susan) Sasso, Cherry Maria Cloudman, and Mary Tess Hoey, all of Drummond Island; grandchildren, Kimberly (Chad) Cameron, Rebecca (Jerry) Newell, Nichole (Mike Allison) Sasso, Suzanne (Brad) Kuusinen, Lynn (Tim) Van Alstine, James (Terri) Cloudman, Kristen (Alec) LaPoint, Michelle (Mark Fenlon) Hoey, and Joyce (Rob) Anderson; great grandchildren, Frank (Shannon) Smith, Alex Smith, Nicholas Newell, Garrett Newell, Cory Matkovich, Kurt Matkovich, Claire Kuusinen, Hunter Kuusinen, Nate Van Alstine, James (Brittney) Cloudman, John Cloudman, Alec James LaPoint, Tessa LaPoint, Tyler (Katie) Anderson, Alyssa Anderson, and Colton Bucht; and great great grandchildren, Brock, Dylan, and Aubriee.

Rosalie was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; sisters, Tess Byrne, Althea Krahnke, Bernice Mack; and brothers, Jack Church, Keith Church, and J.Wells Church.

Services will be held Thursday, May 23, at The Drummond Island Township Hall. Visitation will be held from 10:30am – 12:00pm followed by the funeral service at 12:00

Burial will be in Drummond Island Township Cemetery. Luncheon to follow at the Drummond Island Township Hall

Memorials contributions may be made to Drummond Island Historical Museum, P.O Box 293 or Drummond Island Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 202, Drummond Island, MI 49726

R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.rgalerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rgalerfuneralhome.com).



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **23**. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Drummond Island Township Hall  
29935 E. Pine St.  
Drummond Island, MI 49726

## Funeral Service

MAY **23**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rosalie Audrey Sasso*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Rosalie Audrey Sasso*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Rosalie Audrey Sasso*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *My father Herman Leonard and Rosalie were cousins through the Jesse Wells Church family. Rosalie was also a friend of my mother's and I remember her fondly. She was a very nice, kind person and she will be missed by all. My deepest sympathy to the family.*

*Leona Leonard DeKeyser*

**Leona DeKeyser** - May 22, 2019 at 10:45 PM

CB

“ Dear Lynn, Tim, & Family~

*Sending our condolences for the loss of your  
Grandmother.*

*What a wonderful long life she had! She will be  
watching over all of you!*

*Love~*

*Cheryl & Dennis*



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**C. Bernard** - May 22, 2019 at 09:11 PM



*Thank you so much Cheryl and Dennis. She did have a very long life  
and the things she has seen in 102 years is amazing. I am so lucky to  
have had her all my life. She is the one that taught me the love of  
history and family trees*

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**Lynn VanAlstine** - May 24, 2019 at 06:59 PM



“ *My heart goes out to all of Rosalie's family. It is my hope that all of the memories you have and those that are being shared bring some comfort.*

*As many might know my Grandmother Bernice McInnis Benson Holmes and Rosalie are/were 1st cousins. So Rosalie was a mainstay throughout my family life on Drummond. I have so many fond memories; I will always remember her as a kind loving person, who would share her valued opinions on, well, just about everything. I loved that about her. She was such a treasure and will be sorely missed.*

*Maybe no irony that I had the opportunity to have a short visit with her recently. She was so clear minded that it warmed my heart to speak with her. Just a brief conversation, but one I will treasure. Again, my heart goes out to her family, may the peace of loving memories give some comfort to all of you... Cathi Benson Shaul*

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**Cathi Benson-Shaul** - May 22, 2019 at 03:00 PM



*Thank you*

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**Lynn VanAlstine** - May 24, 2019 at 07:00 PM

DA

“ *Condolences to the family. Rosealee was a great friend to my mother, Bea Leonard.  
RIP, Rosealee.*

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**Diane Adams** - May 21, 2019 at 10:34 PM



*I remember taking her to Detour and us all sitting and waiting and their conversations. She sure looked forward to your mom.*

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**Lynn VanAlstine** - May 24, 2019 at 07:04 PM

SA

“ Shirley A. Van Alstine purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Rosalie Audrey Sasso.



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**Shirley A. Van Alstine** - May 21, 2019 at 09:27 AM

MM

“ Growing up with Frank and Rosalie as our neighbors holds so many great memories. Kasey and I would visit on a regular basis. We would play in her back yard during the fall season when all the leaves were down. She raked her leaves and burned them during that season as well. You sure were a blessing to our island family. Miss those days. Love to the Sasso Family.

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**Marilyn Anderson McGuire** - May 21, 2019 at 09:11 AM

M&

“ She had a good long life and now she is at rest. Our sympathies to Rosalie's whole family. Cherish the memories  
Mike & Diane

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**M&D** - May 20, 2019 at 09:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rosalie Audrey Sasso.



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May 20, 2019 at 08:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Rosalie Audrey Sasso.



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May 20, 2019 at 07:03 PM



“ *She was a grand lady.*

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**sharon sadegh** - May 20, 2019 at 06:51 PM