



Rose Mary Day Recchia

June 25, 1938 - March 20, 2026

Rose Mary Day Recchia, born June 25, 1938, passed peacefully surrounded by love. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, educator, and lifelong member of her community, she lived a life dedicated to family, faith, teaching, compassion and generosity.

Rose was born to Sarah Teresa Goss Day and George William Day and was raised on her family's farm near Willis, Michigan. She often shared memories of sitting on the fence singing to the farm animals she loved so dearly — an early reflection of the warmth and compassion that would shape her entire life. Determined to pursue higher education, Rose worked full time while attending college, paying for her education entirely on her own. She graduated from Lincoln High School in Ypsilanti in 1956 and earned her Bachelor of Science in Education from Eastern Michigan University in 1961, becoming certified to teach kindergarten through 12th grade. She later earned a Master's Degree in Education from Marygrove College.

Rose devoted her professional life to teaching and was deeply proud of her career as an educator. Early in her career, she participated in a pilot program that later became Head Start, helping shape early childhood education initiatives. Over the years, she taught students across all grade levels and concluded her career teaching emotionally impaired high school students, a role that reflected her patience, empathy, and unwavering belief in every

child's potential.

She shared 59 loving years of marriage with her husband, Richard Recchia, who survives her. Together they built a strong and loving family.

She is lovingly remembered by her children: Monique Recchia Castria (husband Frank; daughters Caris and Vita), Raffaele Recchia, Richard Recchia, Dayna Recchia (daughter River Rose Marie), and Reigis Recchia (wife Kori; children Reagan and Reed).

Rose is also survived by her sister, Barbara Day Carpenter. She was preceded in death by her siblings Joe Day, Liam Day, Marie Day Laskey, June Day Hutting, and Roger Day.

A lifelong learner and adventurer, Rose loved history and traveling. She visited 49 states and six continents, passing her sense of curiosity and wanderlust on to her children and grandchildren. She was a deeply giving person whose faith guided her throughout her life. Music was one of her great joys, and she participated in her church choir for many years.

Rose was a lifelong member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, where she worshiped from birth. Her faith remained central to her life, and she will be laid to rest at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Sunday, March 22, 2026 from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. at the Robison-Bahnmilller Funeral Home in Saline. A Rosary Service will be held at 10:30 A.M. Visitation will continue on Sunday at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ypsilanti from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. A Mass of Catholic Burial will be take place at 2:00 P.M. with Fr. Pieter vanRooyen as Celebrant. A luncheon will take place immediately following the Mass, at the Church. Graveside Services will take place on Monday, March 23 at 10:30 A.M. at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, corner of Willow Road and

Whittaker Road in Milan, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Rose's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959, and envelopes will be available at the funeral home and the Church. To leave a memory you have of Rose, to sign her online guestbook or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Corner of Willow Road and Whittaker Road
Milan, MI 48160
<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/1639/saint-joseph-cemetery>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

Rosary Service

MAR 22. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

Visitation

MAR 22. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
9425 Whittaker Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
<https://www.sjypsi.com/>

Mass of Catholic Burial

MAR 22. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
9425 Whittaker Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
<https://www.sjypsi.com/>

Luncheon

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Tribute Wall



“ *Monique,
Your Mom was always so full of laughter and energy. Whenever I had a sleepover at your house it was always nonstop activity! My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your entire family. I love all the pictures, she truly was a wonderful woman inside and out.*
Mary Kay Zies

Mary Zies - March 31 at 01:29 PM

MO

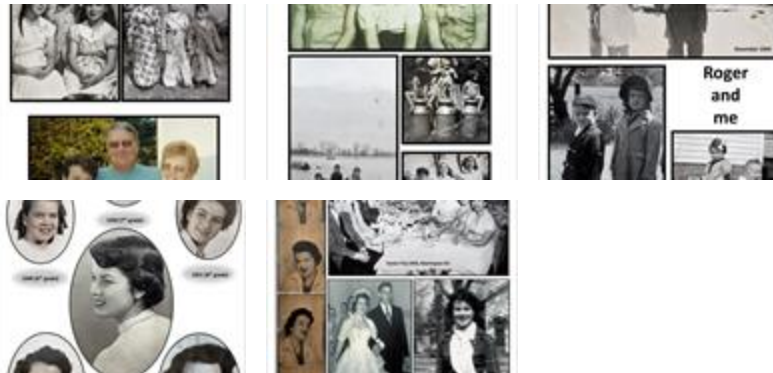
“ *Monique lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Day Recchia*



Monique - March 28 at 08:39 AM

MO

“ *23 files added to the album Action shots*



Monique - March 24 at 01:11 PM

MS

“ Mrs Recchia was always so kind and good to the children in her care, no matter if it was in a school, a bus, or visiting her home. I have fond memories of her and her family and will always keep them close in my heart. Send love and prayers of peace to her family.

Michele Sexton - March 22 at 08:48 AM

NL

“ That is a beautiful picture and just how I remember her. She was always so kind and nice to all of us. Always with a smile on her face. I have fond memories from my childhood and the interactions with our family. May your memories be a blessing.

Nancy (Yargeau) Lizak

Nancy Lizak - March 22 at 08:20 AM

VS

Thinking of all of you. So many memories of days spent at your house growing up. Your mom was always optimistic, kind and no nonsense. I am grateful to have experienced her grace in my life.

Vicky (Yargeau) Schott - March 22 at 08:46 AM

AH

Dear Dayna-My sincere condolences to you and your family. Your mother seems to have had the most blessed life filled with love, family, travel and career. May her memory be eternal. With love, Anne Hogan

anne hogan - March 30 at 03:46 AM

LB

“ I always remember that it was a red letter day when Aunt Rose came to visit our family. She was not a lot older than we children were, and could be counted on to get outdoors and play, instead of just talking in the house. We played softball sometimes, other times we wandered around as she took pictures of us and the farm animals.

Her enthusiasm and joy in spending time with others was always obvious, throughout her life. I have so many pictures in my mind of the love on her face as she came to greet me. I hope to see that wonderful smile again one day, Aunt Rose. In the meantime, I will think of you often, and with love.

Lorraine Burton - March 20 at 06:45 PM



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Reigis Recchia - March 20 at 04:05 PM

AB

That beautiful smile

Amy Boni - March 20 at 10:29 PM



What a gift Rose was to all who crossed her path. A wonderful teacher at Edsel Ford High School; a fellow tenor in the choir for our cantatas; a lover of Ireland, a traveler & a teller of stories. God Bless Rose & her family.

Jim Opfermann

Tammy Opfermann - March 21 at 07:22 AM