



Anna M. Merrill

May 8, 1925 - February 25, 2020

Anna (Rizzo) Merrill, 94, of Clare, passed away peacefully at home with her daughter Kathleen by her side. She was greeted by angels and received into Heaven on February 25, 2020. Anna was born to Erminio and Quita Rizzo on May 8, 1925. Her parents journeyed from Italy to Ellis Island on the Maddona; where they made their home in Queens, New York. This is where Anna met her husband, Donald C. Merrill; the couple was married and relocated to Donald's home state of Michigan. Fluent in the Italian language Anna was a gentle woman, always a smile on her face and a kind word on her lips; she was beautiful in every sense of the word.

A loving wife and mother, she will be greatly missed by her surviving family; her youngest daughter Kathleen Merrill-Gierum (Wayne Gierum) of Michigan, Faith Teresa Cymbaluk (Bill Cymbaluk) of Florida, Mary Krappe of Michigan, Marie Merrill-Smedley (Mark Smedley) of Michigan, Rocky Merrill (MaryAnn Merrill) of Wisconsin, Gary Merrill (Kathy Merrill) of Michigan. Anna was greeted in Heaven by her husband Donald Merrill; daughter Ruthann Benchley-Merrill; son Michael Merrill; son Thomas Merrill; father Erminio Rizzo; mother Quita Rizzo, sister Mary and brother John.

She will also be missed by her loving grandchildren, Kristina DaSilva, Tammy Gladwin, Erika Hughes, Brad Hughes, Melissa Brugger, Franco Merrill, Rebekah Nettles, Raquel Ewing, Bridget Merrill, Anna Merrill-Christie,

Michelle Krappe, Krissy Krappe, Kevin Krappe, Steven Krappe, Adam Sanzone, Wendy Sanzone, Mya Berger, Carmen Merrill, Autumn Merrill and Nadia Kozak.

Visitation and services will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 10:30 A.M. until the time of services at 2 P.M. with Pastor Jim Young officiating. Burial will follow in the Cherry Grove Cemetery in Clare. Memorials are suggested to help with final expenses. On-line guestbook at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Cherry Grove Cemetery

1000 Cedar St.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)
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Tribute Wall

TG

“ Arrivederci Nonna, puoi volare.. This beautiful, strong Italian Grandmother of mine never lost her sense of humor or ever complained. She was and is a inspiration to myself and all of her children and grandchildren.

I was blessed to have been her first grandchild and had been to her house daily throughout my childhood. I have so many special memories that the two of us shared together. Playing jacks at the kitchen table, Birthday Parties and Christmas dinners, Laying down together, as you made shadow bunny figures on the wall to put me asleep, Playing with Kathy and waiting for our family Sunday Rigatoni dinner, you and grandpa putting the chipmunks album on for me and letting me watch H& R Puffenstuff. You singing the song Tammy my love, You Trying to teach me Italian. You sending me out into the Garden to pick cucumbers and Tomatoes for dinner. You were so patient and loving with everyone and so much laughter!

I had you all to myself for so many years and then Wendy came along, that cute, curly headed, adorable 2nd granddaughter and you taught me to share the TV and you. Less H& R Puff and more Sesame street. lol.

*I will never forget your love and I pray that I can share the same types of Memories with my first Grand Daughter keeping all of those wonderful moments of time alive. I love you to the moon and beyond. Some day I know we will be together once again. Until then run free Grandma and let the wind take you to places in my dreams.
xxxxxxx0000000*

Love
Tammy





Tammy Gladwin - March 03, 2020 at 04:23 PM

AC

Beautiful testimony Tammy, but don't make Wendy older than she is! I'm the second ! 😊

Anna Christie - March 03, 2020 at 10:52 PM

ST

Good grief. Did anyone bother to read that bullshit?? Seriously 🙄

Steven - August 22, 2024 at 02:22 AM

ST

Btw grandma was born in long Island not Italy. She didn't speak Italian and she never went to Italy. Her parents were immigrants from Italy but that's it. Thats like me saying I'm German because my grandpa was from Germany.

Steven - August 22, 2024 at 03:20 AM

KG

“ How I miss you already. I know with every step you are with me. Till we meet again. My love, my Mom.



Kathleen Merrill gierum - March 03, 2020 at 08:08 AM

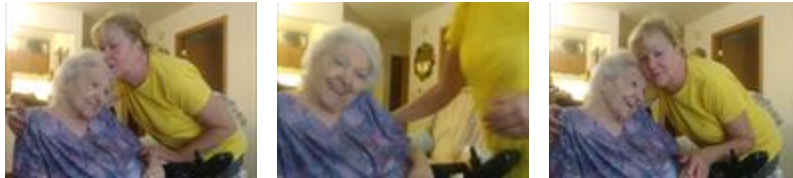
ST

What happened that Ford Taurus? Did you return it back to chemical bank?

Steven - August 22, 2024 at 02:59 AM

SK

“ I love you so so much grandma. I know i will see you again someday. I miss you sooo much! I'm thankful that i was a part of your life as you were mine. I'm thankful that i got to grow up with you and be with you throughout my childhood. I loved watching unsolved mysteries with you after school and getting Italian subs. ((Big big hugs)) i love you grandma!




Steven krappe' - March 01, 2020 at 12:21 PM

ST

Grandma looks just like mom. Mom was grandma's favorite. ❤️

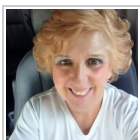
Steven - August 22, 2024 at 03:02 AM

DE

“ I can't even wrap my head around all this after I got the news I had to just brake down, you were the most sweetest lady's I've meet, after Kathy let me walk into the door of the family I became part of that family,Anna ain't just no Anna she's someone who I could call mom and know I could share everything with and only her would know, I've only knew mom for a few but seemed like years with me, Im so glad I got the chance to take care of you and get the greeting of meeting you, Anna (mom) she always had a story to tell me about her days back then we laughed and talked for hours I enjoyed it all from morning to night we talked, Anna and her family is the best I've meet!! the best part I loved about Anna was I got to take care of her  till we meet again momma let them angles be with you!!



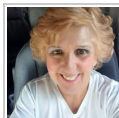
Desiree - March 01, 2020 at 12:35 AM



“ Warm loving and so easy to visit with ! Lizzie Tarrant has so many special memories of Anna !



Sheila Geary-Tarrant - February 29, 2020 at 08:55 AM



Becky loved Anna.. Becky died 4 days before Anna in her home in Clare, Michigan. God be with both family's and their loss !

Sheila Geary-Tarrant - February 29, 2020 at 09:00 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Anna M. Merrill.*



February 28, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Anna M. Merrill.*



February 27, 2020 at 07:40 PM



“ *Deborah D. Alessi lit a candle in memory of Anna M. Merrill*



Deborah D. Alessi - February 26, 2020 at 08:48 PM

JS

“ Oh my sweet grandma, how the days I remember coming to your house everyday with grandma Marie and watching your favorite soap Opra’s lounging around eating snacks, grandma always made sure you had clean linen and a hot meal. The days we would just look outside and enjoy the beauty of nature even if was raining or snowing, the Christmas party’s we would have at your home and so many more memories. I love you from the bottom of my heart, I hope you are at peace, and can finally rest. You are a fighter, I’m proud of you fighting this long, you no longer have to fight grandma. May god rest your beautiful soul with great grandpa and aunt ruthanne, til the day we meet again, I love you grandma ❤️

jessica sanzone - February 26, 2020 at 08:10 PM

CF

I love you so much!

I miss the soap operas so much 😞 I remember when hooking up the keyboard to the internet on the computer was a thing and her and grandma used to get so mad trying to connect it for me so I could watch my shows online LMFAO the length she would go to just to make sure I had something to do.

Chelsea Friday - February 27, 2020 at 09:11 AM

CF

“ *Rest In Peace great grandma. I have so many wonderful memories that I have been blessed with. From eating boxes upon boxes of chocolate covered raisins at your place, from walking to go get ice cream , and from always picking all the flowers out front and getting in trouble by the building people. Haha.*

I love you so much and am so sorry you didn't get the chance to meet your great great grandchildren but they know who you are and will always be reminded of what a special person you were.

With lots of love from me and my family ❤️

-Chelsea

Chelsea Friday - February 26, 2020 at 07:39 PM

WS

“ *Gramma was the best woman ever. I loved her smile and her laugh. I am so glad I moved back and was able to spend time with her. She loved the jello cake !!! She will be in my heart forever. I love you Gramma xxxxxxooooo*

Wendy Sanzone - February 26, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anna M. Merrill.*



February 26, 2020 at 05:58 PM

RN

“ I never got to know granda very well because of living across the state which is unfortunate but I do have a few memories of when I was a child that I will always remember and she was always such a sweet woman.



Rebekah Nettles - February 26, 2020 at 05:57 PM

FC

Mom was the most unjudgemental loving caring mother we were so blessed to have.

Faith cymbaluk - February 27, 2020 at 07:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Anna M. Merrill.



February 26, 2020 at 04:15 PM