

Rosa Rosso

Rosa Rosso passed away peacefully on June 3, 2016 at Mount St. Mary Hospital. She was born on September 25, 1915 in Muzzana del Turgnano, Italy. Rosa married her beloved Gelsino Giuseppe Rosso on January 30, 1934. Together they set up a barber/beauty salon business in Milan until this was interrupted by WW II. By 1950, Rosa was a devoted mother to Luisa, Zina and Etta. Giuseppe emigrated to Canada in 1951 while Rosa looked after the family and business. In 1953, Rosa immigrated to Canada to be reunited with Giuseppe. Travelling with three daughters in February, across the Atlantic, they landed in Halifax, Pier 21 and boarded the train to Vancouver where they were welcomed by Uncle Giovanni, Aunt Beatrice and their family, followed by the ferry crossing



to Victoria. The Mauro family and Jim and Dodie Forsyth were instrumental in assisting Rosa after her arrival. They built their "casetta in Canada" surrounded by a garden of flowers, fruit trees, and vegetables. Joe and Rosa assisted new Italian Canadians and helped to found The Leonardo da Vinci Centre. They supported St. Andrew's Cathedral by serving on the Parish Council and by participating in the CWL. Education was a valued priority passed on to their family. Rosa will be remembered as a lively, responsible, independent, and strong person who was grateful to her adopted homeland, her

community, and the church. Predeceased by her husband in 1998 and her daughter, Luisa in 2015, she is survived by daughters, Zina and Etta; grandchildren, Laura (David) Nuttall, Zoael Makrysta, Dean (Maria) Barnieh, Lianne (David) Morin, Nadia (Derek) Barnieh; great grandchildren, Emily and Sarah Nuttall, and Tea Morin.



A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Wednesday, June 8 at 12 noon. She will be interred at Ross Bay Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Mount St. Mary Hospital, 861 Fairfield Rd. The family wishes to thank all the staff in Garry Oak and Mount St. Mary for their care and dedication in support of Rosa and the elderly. Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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