



Sister Rosalie Ann Desmond, OSB

November 15, 1939 - February 22, 2026

SISTER ROSALIE DESMOND, OSB

Birth: November 15, 1939

Monastic Profession: June 22, 1965

Born to New Life: February 22, 2026

Sr. Rosalie Desmond (“Desi”), a Benedictine Sister of Emmanuel Monastery, died at Stella Maris Hospice after a long decline with Alzheimer’s disease.

Rosalie was born to Mary O’Connor Desmond and James Desmond in Bayonne, NJ. She attended St. Mary’s Elementary and Star of the Sea High schools there and subsequently worked for Western Electric Company. Rosalie entered St. Walburga Monastery in 1963 where she received the name Sr. Timothy Marie, returning to her baptismal name when that was allowed.

Rosalie taught primary grades in Blessed Sacrament, Elizabeth; St. Joseph, Maplewood; and St. Benedict, Newark. She became one of the founding members of the Benedictine Sisters of Baltimore in 1971. Having received her BS in Education from Seton Hall University, she continued ongoing education through Loyola College while teaching in St. Jerome’s, Madonna and Ascension schools. After leaving full-time teaching, she worked, in different years, in the offices of two schools and a parish.

Within her Benedictine community she shared her gifts in a variety of ways, including as a hair stylist and assistant treasurer. She was a congenial companion and known by our broader community for her spirit of hospitality, a hallmark of Benedictine life.

Rosalie is survived by her brother Tom and his wife Liz of Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ; predeceased by her parents, her brothers Jim and Tim Desmond and sisters Marie Ozmanski and Peggy Critchley. She is survived by many nieces and nephews and their families. Please pray with them and our Benedictine community. We know she is at home with the One she loved. We give thanks for her and for those whose life she touched. We also pray in gratitude for the staff at Stella Maris Nursing Home and her faithful friend and visitor Dale Smith.

A Memorial Mass will be offered on Monday, March 16, at 10:30 am, in the chapel of the Carmelite Monastery, 1318 Dulaney Valley Road, Baltimore MD 21286.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Sr. Rosalie to the Benedictine Sisters of Baltimore, 2229 W. Joppa Road, Lutherville, MD 21093.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAR **16**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Carmelite Monastery
1318 Dulaney Valley Road
Towson, MD 21286

Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Desi was always kind and hospitable, offering you tea or a snack as soon as she saw you. Her bright eyes and ready smile would help people feel that she was ready for whatever they needed. What really stands out is Desi's genuineness and forthrightness, clarity in her love of God and all creatures. I join her Desmond and Benedictine families in feeling her absence here, while rejoicing in her passing on to her heavenly place.*
Mary Agah

Mary Agah - March 15 at 04:09 PM

ME

“ *Sr. Desi radiated joy whenever I saw her. She and my birth mother were on the same floor at Stella Maris, so I usually would see Sr. Desi during these visits.*
She was helpful and caring about others even while she was a patient herself.

Margie Ehart - March 09 at 03:58 PM

BR

“ *Rest in peace Aunt Rosalie. I will cherish all the fun memories I had with you!* ❤️

Brielle Romsak - March 03 at 09:43 PM

BC

“ You are loved and missed, Aunt Rosalie ❤️



Brian Critchley - February 26 at 03:08 PM

DM

*DESI, May your soul now REST IN PEACE. Till we meet again.
Dotsy Olsen Macchia*

DOROTHY P MACCHIA - March 01 at 09:52 PM

JA

“ You'll be forever in my heart dear Godmother and Friend! ❤️



Joanne Ajosa - February 25 at 01:00 PM

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Joanne Ajosa - February 25 at 12:57 PM

FA

Aunt Rosalie will always be remembered as a loving and loyal aunt, friend and true follower of Jesus...May she rest in peace and continue her legacy in heaven. Much Love, Frankie

Frank Ajosa - March 03 at 11:00 AM

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Joanne Ajosa - February 25 at 12:57 PM

ME

“ Rest in Heavenly Peace, Aunt Rosalie 🙏



Meghan - February 24 at 06:45 PM

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Antonio - February 24 at 04:56 PM

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“ May your soul rest in the same grace you shared with the world.



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