

Rozala of Italy

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Rozala of Italy (also known as **Rozala of Lombardy**, **Rozala of Ivrea** or **Susanna of Ivrea**; c. 950–960 –1003) was a Countess of Flanders and Queen consort of the Franks. She was regent of Flanders in 987-988 during the minority of her son.

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Biography

Rozala (Susanna), born sometime between 950–960, was the daughter of King Berengar of Ivrea, King of Italy (c. 900 – 966).^[1] Her mother was Willa of Tuscany, the daughter of Boso, Margrave of Tuscany and his wife Willa.^[2] In 968 she married Arnulf II, Count of Flanders (d. 987).^{[1][3]} On her husband's death, she acted as regent for her young son.

On c. 1 April 988 she married secondly the much younger Robert the Pious (972–1031), the *Rex Filius* of France; the marriage had been arranged by his father Hugh Capet.^{[4][3]} According to disputed account she brought her husband Montreuil^[3] and Ponthieu as a dowry, other assert that she was berieved her right to that territory. Upon her marriage, she took the name of *Susannah*, and was the queen consort of the co-ruling king Robert, under senior King Hugh. From 991/992 the couple lived basically separated as Rozala had become too old^[3] (c. 38) to have more children and they lacked marital happiness.

When her father-in-law died in 996, however, Robert repudiated her completely, desiring to marry Bertha of Burgundy in her place.^[5] That marriage was not lawful because of too close kinship so Robert married a third time 1003 with Constance of Arles who bore him seven children.

Rozala retired back to Flanders, where she died and was buried. Robert retained control of her "dowry",^[3] or the rights to the mentioned territory.

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Countess consort of Flanders

Reign 968–987

Countess regent of Flanders

Reign 987 – c.995

on behalf of Baldwin IV of Flanders

Queen consort to co-king of France

Reign 988–996

Queen consort of France

Reign 996

Born c. 950–60

Died 1003
Ghent

Spouse Arnulf II of Flanders
Robert II of France

Issue Baldwin IV of Flanders
Mathilda

Marriages

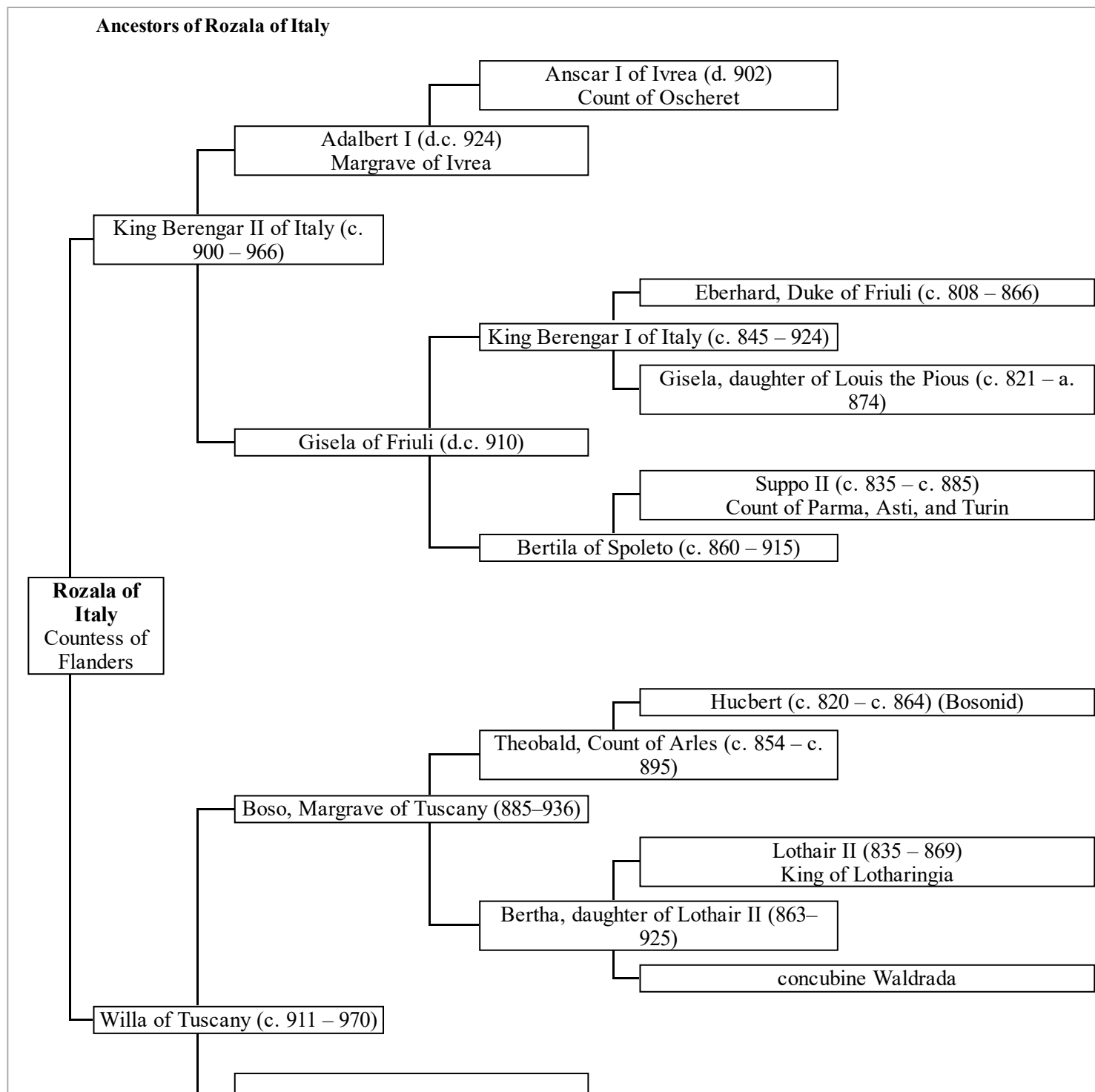
Rozala was firstly (968–987) married to Arnulf II, Count of Flanders. They had the following children:

- Baldwin IV, Count of Flanders (980–1035)^[1]
- Mathilda (d. 995).^[1]

The second marriage (988–996) with Robert II of France did not produce any children.


House	House of Ivrea House of Flanders <i>by marriage</i> House of Capet <i>by marriage</i>
Father	Berengar II of Italy
Mother	Willa of Tuscany

Ancestry



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2. Detlev Schwennicke, *Europäische Stammtafeln: Stammtafeln zur Geschichte der Europäischen Staaten*, Neue Folge, Band II (Marburg, Germany: J. A. Stargardt, 1984), Tafel 59
3. Vasiliev, Aleksandr Aleksandrovich (1951). *Hugh Capet of France and Byzantium. Dumbarton Oaks Papers*. **6**. Dumbarton Oaks, Trustees for Harvard University. pp. 233–4. JSTOR 1291087. "...compiled at the beginning of 988, certainly before April 8. We know that in the same year the young Robert, at the age of eighteen (he was born in 970), married Rosala-Suzanne, the elderly widow of the Count of Flanders, Arnulf II, who died at the outset of the same year (988). The union was brief and lasted barely a year. Robert repudiated the "old Italian" widow in the following year, 989, but reserved for himself her dowry, the Chateau de Montreuil.¹³ ¹³Richeri Historiarum liber IV, c. 87: Rotbertus rex cum in 19. aetatis anno iuventutis flore vernaret, Susannam uxorem, genere Italicam, eo quod anus esset, facto divortio repudiavit. Ed. G. Waitz (Hannover, 1877), pp. 168-169. See Pfister, *op. cit.*, p. 1, n. 1; 44; 218. Cf. F. Lot, *Les derniers Carolingiens*, p. 219: Robert's marriage in March 988. But see F. Lot, *Études sur le règne de Hugues Capet*, p. 4, n. 2: he rejects his own previous dating, March, 988."
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Rozala of Italy House of Ivrea Born: c. 950–960 Died: 1003		
Preceded by Adele of Vermandois <i>with vacancy</i>	 Countess consort of Flanders 968–987	Succeeded by Ogive of Luxembourg <i>with vacancy</i>
French royalty		
Preceded by vacant	Queen consort to co-king of the Franks 988–996	Succeeded by vacant
Preceded by Adelaide of Aquitaine	Queen consort of the Franks 996	Succeeded by Bertha of Burgundy

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