



# Jerilynn J. Colella

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## **Jerilynn J. Colella**

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**J**erilynn (Havens) Colella, 64, of Fulton, NY, passed away suddenly on July 31, 2018. She was born in Norfolk, Virginia and moved to Rochester, NY with her family as a child where she grew up and attended Wayne Central High School. Jerilynn graduated from St. John Fisher College, and worked as an accountant, retiring in 2011. She was well known for her passion for raising and handling Irish Setters and was a member of the Irish Setter Club of America. Jerilynn loved to cook, and her grandchildren were the joys of her life and always made her smile. They often referred to her as Grandma Jeri Berry!

She was predeceased by her parents, Gerald and Jean (Whittenberg) Havens.

Jerilynn is survived by her husband of 38 years, Sam Colella; her daughter, Rachel (Robert) Squire; three grandchildren, Samuel, Jacob and Madelyn; sisters, Jodi (Tom) Rieflin, Lani Verzillo and Lisa Foggett; her brother, Jeff Havens; along with aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Family and friends may call on Saturday, August 25, 2018 from 9:45 am – 11:45 am immediately followed by a Funeral Service in celebration of Jeri's life at 12:00 PM at THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Jeri's name to Arc of Onondaga Foundation, 600 S. Wilbur Ave., Syracuse, NY 13204.




# Events

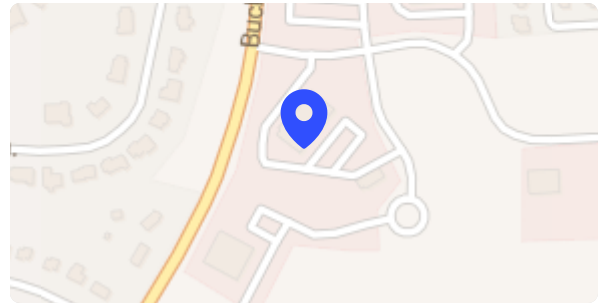
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## Visitation

 **Saturday**, August 25, 2018


 9:45 AM - 11:45 AM ET


 **Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**  
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212

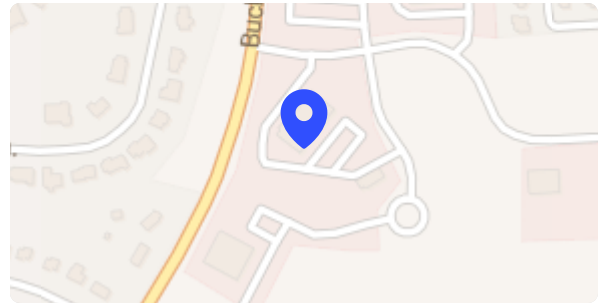


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# Tribute Wall

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**Cathy Mears** posted:

Remember sleepovers on that fold out couch in the basement. Long talks in the telephone both of us cussing like sailors. Seeing each other again after 22 years and laughing like loons. You will be missed. Sniff, sniff

September 1 at 4:29 PM



**Bernie Reed** posted:

Too young to drive.....your mom would drive you to the Geneva exit as we ventured into the world of dogs. That was 48 years ago and how does one condense forty-eight years of laughter and yes, some heartbreaks too as we learned about dogs and dog shows as well as each other. In summer we camped in our vans, stayed at Anne Marie and Randy's for Combined and shared motel rooms at specialties. Who will ever forget that I accidentally drove off with YOUR van keys in my pocket leaving you stranded!! Grading puppies as you compared bands with my son who was closer in age to you. Pittsburgh, as you told the teen aged team in the next room to be quiet or ELSE .Coke bottles bursting in winter from the frigid temps and trying to clean up frozen sodas in the van. Whether Irish or English setters, they were "our" setters as we co-owned.As you worked your way through college and started to date Sam to your wedding day when the flowers failed to arrive. Do you think the neighbor lady minded that we picked flowers? The day Rachel made her arrival and I was honored to select her Christening dress, the lovely Baptismal service and the party after in Syracuse with your family. How we panicked when we "lost" Rachel at Seneca Lake Park only to find her playing happily with new found friends. When you moved to Fulton, I told you I could only visit in summer, and you thought nothing of 4 feet of snow as "normal". But her bridal shower was a beautiful summer day. Finally, the wedding of Bob and Rachel in her grandfather's church.....another moment to remember.As the years went on and health issues intervened, the days of dog shows were only memories to reflect on but meanwhile friendship remained.Be at peace my friend.Bernie

August 22 at 10:32 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Your Light Shines to the Colella family.



August 21 at 4:31 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Colella family.



August 21 at 3:35 AM



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**With Love Always, Lani And Bob** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Colella family.



August 20 at 7:02 AM



**Ida And Bob Smythe** posted:

We were shocked to hear about Jerilynn Thinking of you with love and emotion. Our deepest sympathy. Ida and Bob Smythe Raleigh, North Carolina

August 20 at 5:07 AM



**Bob Smythe** August 24 at 12:57 PM

my thoughts and prayers go out to the Colella family, I enjoyed getting to know Jeri. "Cousin Bobby" Smythe Nashville Tennessee



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Colella family.



August 12 at 6:07 PM



**Debra Hamilton** posted:

Such a difficult passing for all who knew Jeri. She was a force to be reckoned with. I always had so much fun with her. Our first outing together was to Wine Country circa 1986. Freezing that October. Never forgot our hysteria while we tried to stay warm. She was s dear friend. I'm so glad our paths crossed again recently. Loved catching up. Loved going to Rachels wedding with Candy Macaluso. Rest easy my friend. Your legacy is safe with all your Irish Setter buddies. I will be in St. Louis for the memorial. I will be with everyone in my heart. ❤️ Sending love and hugs to Sam and Rachel. 🥹❤️

August 12 at 6:03 PM



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**Debi Zalyski** lit a candle in honor of Jerilynn.

Jeri was a very dear friend of mine as we were bartenders at the same restaurant and went to many of the same dog shows, always fun to be with and shared many heartfelt talks. Much sympathy to the family as this was a great loss and will be missed by all who new her. Till we meet up in the ethers I will cherish the memories we shared. Rest in peace my dear friend.



August 11 at 9:46 AM

LT

**Linda Tripodi** posted:

Our deepest sympathy.Jeri was part of our Irish Setter Family. WE bred to Jeri's Rambo.Loved talking to her.

August 10 at 3:28 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Jerilynn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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