



Desiree "Desi" Elizabeth Merola

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Desiree "Desi" Elizabeth Merola, 34, passed away on Saturday, May 3, 2025. Born in Syracuse NY, she attended Christian Brothers Academy, The American School in Switzerland (TASIS), CUNY Hunter College, NYU Sterns Business School, and Syracuse University Whitman School of Management EEE Program. Desiree was a freelance computer coder and an artist. She designed and fabricated various award-winning jewelry pieces and collections. Desiree also ran multiple support groups to assist with mental health conditions. She had a passion for traveling the world including trips to Italy, Switzerland, England, Ireland, France, Germany and more. Desiree was a beautiful pianist beginning at 10 years old. She also enjoyed group yoga on the beach, diving, hula hooping, playing with her dog, Aidee, and attending her UFO watch group.

Desiree is predeceased by her father, Alfonso John Merola III DMD; grandfather, Thomas Collins; Uncles, Edward "Teddy" Collins and John Collins; and her two great-grandmothers, Genevieve Speach and Genevieve Collins.

She is survived by her mother, Monica Anne Merola (Collins); her twin brothers, Alfonso John Merola IV DDS (Kaleigh Merola) and Austin Joseph Merola; grandparents, Beverly Merola, A. John Merola MD, and Mary Triggs; nephews, Giovanni, Luca, and Dominick Merola; as well as several cousins, aunts and uncles; and her beloved dog Aidee.

Special thank you to Delray Medical Center, including the Neurology Unit. Another special thank you to the team at Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency. A special thank you to all the family, friends, and medical teams for all your love and support through Desi's journey.

A funeral Mass in celebration of Desiree's life will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 10 A.M., in Holy Cross Church, 4112 E. Genessee St. DeWitt, NY. Family and friends may call on Tuesday,



Obituary

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May 13, 2025, from 4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. at THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd., (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of Desi's life to Christian Brothers Academy, 6245 Randall Rd, Syracuse, NY 13214 and Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency, 1951 NW 7th Ave, Miami, FL 33136.



Events


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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, May 13, 2025


 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


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

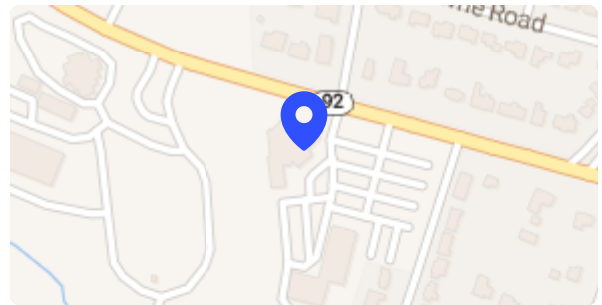


Funeral Mass

 **Wednesday**, May 14, 2025

 10:00 AM ET

 **Holy Cross Church**
4112 E. Genesee St., Syracuse NY 13214





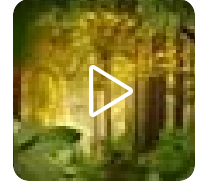
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Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home shared a **Tribute Video**.



May 13 at 5:30 AM



Le Moyne College, Office Of Alumni posted:

Please accept the most heartfelt sympathies of Le Moyne College. We hope the love and memories that you will forever hold in your heart bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

May 13 at 11:24 AM



Kathleen & Joe Kenny posted:

Sending you our deepest condolences on the heartbreaking loss of such a beautiful soul..

May 13 at 8:57 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Merola family.



May 13 at 3:57 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Desiree "Desi".



May 13 at 3:57 AM



Patty Waddington posted:

So very sorry and sad for Merola family in your time of loss. May God bless and keep you.

May 12 at 10:37 AM



Tribute Wall

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Katie Wagner shared a video to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Desi was one of my best friends and helped me through some of the most difficult times of my life; she helped me hold on at times like no one else could. I enjoyed talking with Desi more than anyone in the world. Everyone should be so lucky and blessed as I was to have a friend like Desi in their life. I know how deeply loved by her family she was and how much she loved you all, who she spoke of all the time. My deepest condolences to you all for the loss of one of the brightest lights this world could know. Desi will be forever loved and remembered, beloved memory eternal. I believe I'll see Desi again someday in eternity, but I wrote this song for her until then because I'll miss her so much. Love you forever Desi.



May 12 at 8:21 AM



Matthew Kane posted:

Desi. You were a bright light. Growing up across the street you were the kindest and most beautiful little girl that grew into an amazing young woman. Monica, Austin and Fonz.. I'm just so sorry. I really am. Prayers 🙏

May 11 at 6:56 PM



John J Hennigan posted:

Didn't know Desi or any of her family and friends, but my condolences. She sounds like a beautiful and talented person who was taken from us way too young.

May 11 at 10:28 AM



Mike Cartini posted:

Dr. Merola and family So sorry for your loss. Too soon for someone so gifted. May your many wonderful memories comfort you now and in the future. My condolences to all.

May 11 at 3:04 AM



Theresa Quilty posted:

Much love and support to a favorite CBA family. Sharing your loss!

May 11 at 2:28 AM



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NS

Nicholas Speach lit a candle in honor of Desiree "Desi".

I am so sorry for your loss, may God guide your family with support and love to guide you to find peace and understanding of your loss. (Nicholas Speach)

May 10 at 10:32 PM



LD

Love, Gio, Luca And Dominick sent a Rose Garden Heart to the Merola family.

May 10 at 4:14 PM



LD

Love, Gio, Luca And Dominick planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Desiree "Desi".

May 10 at 4:14 PM



MC

Mary Ann Collins lit a candle in honor of Desiree "Desi".

To one of the most beautiful , kind , artistic young woman . Thank you Desi for being there for us . We will miss you above and beyond words .I wish we could turn back time 🙏❤️ Aunt Mary Ann .

May 10 at 2:29 PM



SD

Sincerely, Your Team At Merola Dental sent a Serenity Wreath to the Merola family.

May 8 at 1:55 PM



SD

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Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Desiree "Desi" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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