



Shirley A. Francis

August 9, 1955 - September 23, 2024

Albany, NY-Shirley A. Francis, 69, entered Eternal Life Monday, September 23, 2024, at Albany Medical Center Hospital. Born in Albany, she was the daughter of the late Bernandino and Shirley Dennis Gambacorta.

Shirley graduated from Mercy High School in 1974, and Maria College in 1976. She was in logistics management all her life, working for Transcon Lines and Penske-Whirlpool Logistics. She and her husband Jerry formerly owned and operated Jerry's Village Inn in Colonie.

Shirley's entire world revolved around her love and adoration for her family. She was never happier than when she was spending time with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Shirley is survived by her husband Jerry of 42 years; her children Tammy Pelkey (Michael), Kellie Acker (James Jr.) and Shaun Francis (Julia); her grandchildren James III, John, Julia, and Jennifer Acker; Bryanna and Zachery Pelkey; her great-grandchildren Asher and Joie Christensen; and 20 nieces and nephews who she loved and adored. She is the loving sister of Bernandino Gambacorta (Jill), Bernadette Aviza (Charles), Grace Didio and the late Vincent Gambacorta.

Shirley loved the beach, camping, bowling, her beloved dogs, and going to Boston Red Sox Spring Training games. Shirley's family will miss her at the

Sunday dinner table, and miss her famous lasagna and Christmas cookies.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Shirley's family Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot only. Her Funeral Service will be conducted at 1:30 pm.

To leave a special message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Those wishing to remember Shirley in a special way may send a contribution to Lustgarten Pancreatic Cancer Research, 504 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556 or Lustgarten.org

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Service

SEP **28**. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley A. Francis*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - September 26, 2024 at 08:06 PM

DS

“ *Jerry, we just learned of your loss, we are so saddened and we will keep you in our prayers. We had many fun times at camp and her memory is in our hearts forever. Dan & Jen*

Daniel Sirois - October 24, 2024 at 09:10 PM

KW

“ *We had the pleasure of spending a summer with Shirley in the Catskills. She was such a caring and loving woman. My son Andrew and I will remember her fondly. Rest easy pretty lady.*

Katherine Walsh - September 26, 2024 at 07:59 PM

RC

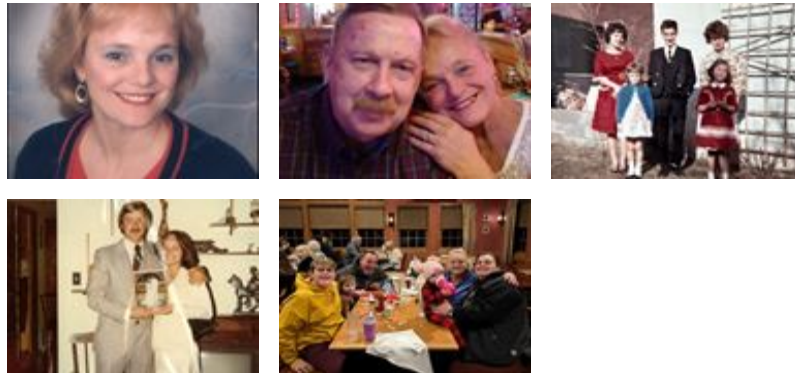
“ *Richard Conrad lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Francis*



Richard Conrad - September 26, 2024 at 04:27 PM



“ 242 files added to the album LifeTributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - September 26, 2024 at 04:00 PM

SL

*Beautiful memories. Very sorry for the loss of Shirley. A wonderful woman that adored her family. She will be missed!! Thinking of you all!!
❤️The Larocque's.*

Suzanne Laeocque - September 28, 2024 at 04:15 PM

LP

“ *Leslie & Marc Phillips purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Shirley A. Francis.*



Leslie & Marc Phillips - September 26, 2024 at 03:18 PM

SF

“ *You will be missed my friend!!
We had some really good times I will never forget.
I'm so very sorry Jerry.. You are in my thoughts an prayers.*



Sandy floyd - September 26, 2024 at 01:13 PM

CJ

“ Shirley was like a sister to me. We have memories that go back to the 80s. She had spunk, compassion and a heart of gold. We all lost a great woman!

Cathy Joyce - September 26, 2024 at 12:43 PM

FR

“ I will miss Shirley so much. She was such a big hearted sweet person. Her friendship meant the world to me.



Francesca - September 26, 2024 at 11:20 AM

DR

“ Shirley was a wonderful woman and will be greatly missed by not only our family, but everyone who knew her.

Our deepest condolences to the family

Donna and Roger - September 26, 2024 at 10:31 AM

MW

Dear Bonnie and family.. as you may know. Shirley was my childhood friend. I wish we had stayed in touch. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. Please accept my sincere condolences. Mella Garramone Weaver.

Mella Garramone Weaver - September 27, 2024 at 06:16 AM

JL

“ *Hard to believe this amazing lady is gone from our lives... our sincerest condolences. Our hearts are with you.*



Jose & Kristine Lopez - September 26, 2024 at 10:18 AM

LS

“ *Our deepest condolences to Shirley's family. Shirley was a big sister to me when I was growing up. She was a beautiful person inside and out. We will miss her warmth and open heart.*

Lisa Satalino - September 25, 2024 at 09:59 PM

BW

“ *I am very sorry for your loss- Brian White*

Brian White - September 25, 2024 at 07:25 PM

SF

“ *Slater Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley A. Francis.*

Slater Family - September 25, 2024 at 06:21 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Shirley A. Francis.*



September 25, 2024 at 06:21 PM

MF

“ Dear Grace & family,
Bob & I send our condolences to all of you.
May your sister rest in peace. 🙏🙏🙏
Bob & Maggie Franzese

Maggie Franzese - September 25, 2024 at 04:59 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the
family of Shirley A. Francis.



September 25, 2024 at 04:34 PM

ML

“ To Jerry and the entire Francis family, my deepest sympathy. May
the Father of mercy, and the God of all comfort sustain you through
this sad time. Mike Loomis

michael loomis - September 25, 2024 at 02:37 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Shirley A. Francis.



September 25, 2024 at 10:31 AM