

JANET MARIE HAMMONS



A beloved wife, mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully on November 20, 2024, in Dumfries, Virginia, at the age of 78. Born on January 28, 1946, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, she was the youngest daughter of Francis and Ruth Colaizzi.

Janet is survived by her devoted husband of 42 years, Jerry Hammons; her daughter and son-in-law, Erin and Chase Hudson; her granddaughter, Cassidy

Hudson; her sister, Arlene Marino; and numerous loving nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Norma Collinger; and brothers-in-law, John Collinger and Charles Marino.

Known for her infectious laugh and often wicked sense of humor, Janet's smile was truly contagious. Her marriage to Jerry in 1982 marked the beginning of an unwavering and loving partnership, where he became her rock, supporting and caring for her until the very end.

While Janet spent much of her life in Stone Mountain, Georgia, her family was her greatest joy, prompting frequent travels to be with them—from California to Nevada to Florida and back "home" to Pittsburgh. She cherished every visit, event, card game and shared pot of sauce over the years.

In 2022, Janet and Jerry relocated to Dumfries to be closer to their daughter and granddaughter. In her final years, Janet found great happiness in spending time with Cassidy—watching her dance and practice gymnastics, painting their nails, taking walks and enjoying weekly meals together.

Despite her lifelong struggle with mental illness, Janet remained resilient and compassionate. She found fulfillment in caring for others—not only as a mother, wife and daughter, but also as a nursing home volunteer who brought joy and companionship to many.

A Viewing will be held at the **D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY LTD.**, in Pittsburgh, on Sunday, December 1, from noon until the time of a service, at 2 P.M. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her honor to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

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