

# REGINA HELEN "CLEAN JEAN" (COLLINS) NICOSIA



Age 76, passed away on February 1, 2025, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Jean is survived by her beloved husband, Gregory; her son, Gregory, Jr. and his fiancée, Leah; her son, Geoffrey; and her daughter, Grace and her husband, Zack. She is also survived by her sister, Nancy Collins. She was predeceased by her parents, John and Catherine Collins; and her son, Michael.

Jean met Greg in New Brunswick, New Jersey, while he was pursuing his Ph.D. at Rutgers. It was literally a love at first sight that marked the start of an adventure that took them to Middlesex County Fair Grounds, then to St. Thomas, Pennsylvania and finally to Pittsburgh, where they made their home and raised their children.

Jean's career was as dynamic as it was impactful. She began her career as a ballet and modern dancer, before pivoting to dance therapy, where she used her deep understanding of physical expression to help others heal. Jean then earned a Bachelor of Arts from Chatham College, before continuing her education at the University of Pittsburgh, where she obtained both a Master of Public Administration and later a Master of Social Work. From 1984 to 1994, Jean served as Chief Operating Officer at Advanced Diagnostics, a medical diagnostic and clinical trauma center founded by her husband, demonstrating her leadership and dedication to improving healthcare services. Beginning in 1997, Jean commenced her own practice as a clinical social worker, where she continued to serve the community, working alongside her husband at Advanced Diagnostics.

Beyond her professional achievements, Jean was a tireless advocate for animals and animal rights. She worked as an animal rescue agent for American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, while living in St. Thomas. Throughout her life, she rescued dozens of dogs, cats and was largely responsible for the building of the Cumberland Valley Humane Society Animal Shelter. Her love for dancing remained a life-long passion. She also found joy in traveling the world with her family, particularly her parents and sister and cultivating beautiful orchids. Those who knew her cherished her spontaneous sense of humor and the warmth she brought into every room.

Her memory will live on in the hearts of those she touched through her kindness, laughter and unwavering compassion for all living creatures. A private family Ceremony will be held in her honor. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), <https://support.peta.org/>, a cause close to Jean's heart. No Visitation. Arrangements by **STEPHEN M. BRADY FUNERAL HOME INC.**, (412)-321-0495.

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