



Julie Anne Smith

October 21, 1962 - March 27, 2016

Julie Anne Smith, 53, of Estero, died Sunday, March 27, 2016 after bravely living with cancer for nearly two years. Formerly of Cranston, RI, she had been a Florida resident since 1994. She was born October 21, 1962 in Providence, the daughter of and Domenic and Lucy A. (née Neri) Colarusso.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Lucy Colarusso and brother, Peter V. Colarusso.

She was a graduate of Classical High School and Rhode Island College, School of Nursing. As a registered nurse, she worked in home health care, providing compassionate, loving service to all her patients. She was indeed a servant to those in her care and had a determined work ethic, often giving time outside of the structured workday to help those in her charge.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her loving husband and companion of 20 years, Jeffery R. Smith; her beloved children, Elaina Marie Colarusso of New Canaan, CT,

Lucca

Domenic Smith Of Estero, FL and Bianca Marie Smith of Estero, FL; her father,

Domenic Colarusso; her brother, John Domenic (and his wife Elaine) Colarusso of

N. Kingstown, RI; and three cherished grandchildren, Sophia Nasrin Karimnejad,

Gian Domenic Karimnejad and Mina Simone Karimnejad.

She was an avid gardener, and found joy in taking care of her home, yard and orchids,

leaving the vegetable garden to Jeff. A beautiful woman both inside and out, she loved

animals especially Pete, Petey, Coco and Tallulah. As a young woman, she was always

the most beautiful girl in the room but had a no-nonsense attitude and didn't suffer fools.

She inherited her innate sense of compassion from her dad, Domenic.

As much as she loved her vocation, her greatest accomplishment was her family. After

raising her oldest daughter Elaina, she and Jeff made a beautiful life together with Lucca

and Bianca. Julie enjoyed getting away in the North Carolina mountains where they spent

warm and quiet family time unplugged from everyday life.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Estero, 20300 Trailside Drive, Estero, FL 33928. Those who knew Julie are invited to join the family in celebrating her life.

A service will be held at a later date in Rhode Island and will be announced.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Hope Alzheimer's Center, 25 Brayton Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920. This is in keeping with the compassionate care Julie so freely offered to others; Julie's mother Lucy was a day client at the center in her final years.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **16**. 5:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Estero
20300 Trailside Drive
Estero, FL 33928

Tribute Wall



“ *Julie Anne Smith*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Dear Domenic, Ronnie and I are truly sorry for your loss. I will call you. Mario C.*

Mario Casinelli Jr - April 18, 2016 at 08:00 AM



“ *Julie was my husband's nurse for many years. She was so compassionate and caring. We looked forward to her visits as she was always upbeat. As both of them struggled with their final days we met several times at the hospital and cancer center. Bruce passed on Feb 23 and Julie just one month later. I am sure she will be taking care of him in heaven.*

Joan Kuehm

joan Kuehm - April 08, 2016 at 10:07 AM



“ *Amy Warren lit a candle in memory of Julie Anne Smith*



amy warren - April 07, 2016 at 10:31 PM

AW

“ *Our deepest sympathy, thoughts, and prayers to a new friend and teammate. We are so sorry for your loss.*

*Amy, Dan, & Justin Warren
FMHS*

amy warren - April 07, 2016 at 10:25 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Our deepest sympathy, The Bourk Family.*



Yvonne Bourk - April 03, 2016 at 08:24 PM

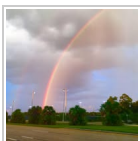
LT

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Jeff,
Lucca, and Bianca! May God ease your pain
at this difficult time.*

Lee, Laurie and Zach



laurie Trevino - April 01, 2016 at 12:37 PM



“ *Amy Hoefling lit a candle in memory of Julie
Anne Smith*



Amy Hoefling - March 31, 2016 at 08:51 PM

DE

“ *Delphine lit a candle in memory of Julie Anne Smith*



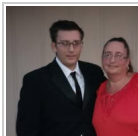
delphine - March 31, 2016 at 08:04 PM

JF

“ *Julie was a beautiful person and wonderful mother. Our thoughts and prayers to her family and a special hug from Jenel to Bianca.*



Joe, Heather and Jenel Favata - March 31, 2016 at 06:47 PM



“ *Barbara Thomas lit a candle in memory of Julie Anne Smith*



Barbara Thomas - March 31, 2016 at 04:45 PM

NS

“ *Jeff, you Lucca and Bianca are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Nick and Nancy

Nick Smith - March 31, 2016 at 06:02 AM

BN

“ JULIE WAS SUCH A CARING, GIVING PERSON, A GREAT NURSE A BLESSING TO ALL WHO KNEW HER BOTH PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL PRAYERS TO ALL OF US WHO LOVED HER, AND HER FAMILY, A GREAT LOSS.

BONNIE NEGOLA - March 30, 2016 at 04:18 PM

BP

“ Loved working with Julie for her skill, integrity, compassion and humility and when my mom needed home care nursing I wanted the BEST for her and requested Julie to be her nurse. Will miss her!

Bev Patten - March 30, 2016 at 02:01 PM



“ My condolences to Julie's family. I worked with Julie in home health and she was truly an angel on earth to her patients. Her compassion was truly an inspiration to all those who knew her. She will be greatly missed.
Love always, Melissa Godek RN

Melissa Brauning Godek - March 30, 2016 at 10:54 AM

CL

“ Too many to count down Ledo's (then) beach; we had the best childhood growing up; all of us.... Colarusso's, Lauro's, and Campangions. Blueberry picking up to Auntie Maria's house, from Auntie Anna's thru the thicket path Uncle Carl and Bob made us. Having Grandpa's 12 egg pound cake made from scratch; every Sunday. As we grew older, we all went our own ways. It makes me sad; we could have had more memories; before this very day. Your cousin; Claudia

Claudia - March 29, 2016 at 08:39 PM