



Sarah (Chieffo) Johnson

August 22, 1944 - March 18, 2025

Sarah M. (Chieffo) Johnson, 80 years young, of Memphis embarked on her last journey on March 18th, 2025, to be reunited with her husband Bill, the love of her life.

Sarah was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. She met her forever love while she was working in a candy store. After 3 years of marriage, they moved to Memphis, NY to be in the country. Of course, their first purchase was a horse! Anybody that knows her from her 4-H and Appaloosa Horse show era, knows her as "Dawn's Mom", and she was the best show mom ever! When she worked at Excellus, she would go to Helping Hounds on her lunch break to play with and walk the dogs. After she retired from Excellus in 2017, she was always on the go - whether it was taking trips with her friends or volunteering at the Camillus Senior Center. Sarah was a member of the Camillus Elks Ladies Auxiliary. She had weekly get-togethers with the Sassy Seniors and Silver Sneakers for exercise classes, coffee, or to listen to live music. Sarah is known for her determination, independence, quick wit, and love for dancing and music. She was an inspiration and admired and loved by all who knew her. Her grandson was the light of her life. Sarah was predeceased by her husband William in 2005 and her brothers Joseph and Teddy.

Surviving are her daughter, Dawn (Peter) Addabbo; her grandson, Cole Addabbo; several nieces, cousins, amazing friends, and her beloved dog

Luna.

Calling hours will be held Saturday, March 29th from 2 to 4 pm at B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee St. Camillus with a short service to follow.

A celebration of Life party for Sarah will be held right after the service from 5 to 8 pm at the Camillus Elks Lodge #31, 6117 Newport Road, Camillus.

For those wishing to attend the burial services, please be ready to leave the funeral home on Monday, March 31st at 10:45 am to follow the procession to the cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Sarah's wishes are to consider donations to her favorite charities; Francis House, 108 Michaels Ave, Syracuse, NY 13208 <https://francisshouseny.org/support/>, Helping Hounds Dog Rescue, 7268 Caswell Ave, North Syracuse, NY 13212 <https://www.helpinghoundsdogrescue.org/donate>, or Friends Forever Animal Rescue, 174 Gristwood Rd, Pennellville, NY 13132 <https://friendsforeverny.com/donate>

Family and friends would like to send a special thank you to Francis House for their excellent care of Sarah. Your staff is beyond amazing and our gratitude is immeasurable.

Please sign her guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home
10 W. Genesee Street
Camillus, NY 13031
(315) 672-3400
info@bushfuneralhome.com
<https://www.bushfuneralhome.com/>

Service

MAR 29. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

MAR 29. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Camillus Elks Lodge #0031
6117 Newport Rd
Camillus, NY 13031
(315) 672-3106
camilluselks@gmail.com

Graveside Service

MAR 31. 10:45 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments created a Tribute Video in memory of Sarah (Chieffo) Johnson*



B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments - March 31, 2025 at 01:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sarah (Chieffo) Johnson.*



March 28, 2025 at 03:16 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sarah (Chieffo) Johnson.*

March 28, 2025 at 03:16 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss Sarah was a great lady I worked with her for many years at Excellus BCBS. She had a great sense of humor and was always a joy to talk to. Praying for you all.*

Andrea Mook

Andrea L Mook - March 27, 2025 at 10:21 AM

LR

“ Liz Reed lit a candle in memory of Sarah (Chieffo) Johnson



Liz Reed - March 23, 2025 at 12:46 PM

CP

“ So sorry for the loss of your mom, I worked with her many years ago at Syracuse Savings Bank. She was such a great person and would light up the room when she walked in. May your beautiful memories help you through this difficult time.

Christine (Barlow) Pullano - March 23, 2025 at 06:10 AM

RS

“ So sorry for the loss of Sarah I knew her from Pine Grove Fitness Center we had many good times together Rose Marie Surace

Rose Marie Surace - March 22, 2025 at 06:57 PM

TD

“ Tane Demo lit a candle in memory of Sarah (Chieffo) Johnson



Tane Demo - March 22, 2025 at 03:51 PM

GE

“ Dawn, Cole and Pete,

My heart goes out to all of you. Sarah was definitely one to always remember. Being one of the "Sassy Seniors" we all, and her especially, lived up to the name. I always enjoyed the fact that she liked to dance as I became her forever dance partner. She will be missed but now she can rest in peace and be with the "love of her life".

Ginny Ezzo

Ginny Ezzo - March 22, 2025 at 11:51 AM

SC

“ Stacey Castellini lit a candle in memory of Sarah (Chieffo) Johnson



Stacey Castellini - March 21, 2025 at 08:07 PM

JH

“ I will miss you Sarah. Rest in peace. ❤️ Jackie and Matt

Jacqueline Hall - March 21, 2025 at 06:11 PM