



## Shelleen M. Soltys

February 15, 1974 - February 20, 2021

Shelleen “Shelly” Soltys, 47, of Fairmount passed away at home with her family by her side following a nine-year battle with cancer. Born in Syracuse and a life resident of the area, she graduated from the Clonlara School based in Ann Arbor, MI. She was a communicant of St. Josephs Church.

Shelly’s passion early on was for dancing. She was involved in the Syracuse School of Dance and had founded as well as performed in a local dance Troupe across New York State. Her children were her world and she drew strength and motivation from them to keep going and living each day. She volunteered as Room Mother at her children’s elementary school as well as a troop leader for the local Girl Scouts/Brownies.

Throughout her personal battle, she often reached out to other cancer patients to offer support and advocate with them for better care and treatment. Shelly made it her mission to raise awareness of colorectal cancer and always made an effort to help others even if she herself was struggling. She loved to travel and get outside in nature. The Adirondacks and the beaches of the Atlantic were her favorite places of calm and healing. She had an enormous place in her heart for all creatures large and small and shared her life with many animal companions.

She was predeceased by her sister Christine “Chrissy” Coleates in 2016 and now their journey continues together again.

She is survived by her children, three daughters; Angelique Christine Trichilo, Chloe Elizabeth Soltys, and Clara Madeline Soltys; a son John "Jack" Zachary Soltys; the children's father John Soltys III; her siblings John Coleates, Harold "Hal" (Wendy) Coleates, Jr., Holly (Michael) Legnetto, Jeanne (David) Steckel, and Mary (Joe) Esposito; her granddaughter Luna Marie Trichilo; her parents Harold and Mary Coleates, Sr.; and many nieces and nephews.

Private services were held at B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, Camillus.

Contributions may be made to organizations that were dear to Shelly including the Colorectal Cancer Alliance ([www.ccalliance.org](http://www.ccalliance.org)) or ASPCA ([www.aspca.org/ways-to-give](http://www.aspca.org/ways-to-give))

Please sign her guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments created a Tribute Video in memory of Shelleen M. Soltys



B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments - February 26, 2021 at 11:17 AM

CT

*I loved this video. It had so many happy memories. Thank you*

Carol A Turner - February 27, 2021 at 10:20 AM

MG

*She was a wonderful mother and a great person and im sorry for your loss and i know she is with god resting and without pain ,a true trooper and a wonderful human being ,she has a wonderful kids and great parents ,she will be missed but her spirit lives forever ,love Michael Gilbo rest in peace shelly*

Michael Gilbo - February 28, 2021 at 10:24 PM



*I will never forget the woman I performed with and shared a dressing room where we took stunning photo's of you dressed in elegant 1920's attire. A radiant beauty, warm, funny and kind I am blessed to have known you. The world has lost someone very special. Rest in peace sweet lady you are loved*

Hottoddy De Croti - March 03, 2021 at 07:54 AM

TO

*I was not used to such a beautiful woman being so nice and friendly to me. such an open and engaging personality. you had a way of drawing me out of my shyness. the only thing that helps me out of my sadness of your passing was our conversations about God. and as such I know you are now free and you dont feel sadness anymore. God bless you and than God you came into my life.*

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**Tony** - March 29, 2021 at 08:39 PM

RC

“ *Sending prayers of sympathy to the Soltys and Coleates families. Shelly was very special to the members & cooks from the Elizabeth Ministry. She fought very hard while offering her pain and suffering to our Lord. Praying one day, you will be with her once again. May she rest in eternal peace.*

*God Bless,  
Rita Condon*

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**Rita Condon** - March 16, 2021 at 03:33 PM



“ *We are so sorry to all of the Soltys family for your loss! From our days in the PTA, I remember that no matter how sick she would be, she always had a can do attitude and a beautiful smile on her face to inspire us all! She is now dancing with all of Gods Angels and saints! Sending our thoughts and Prayers, Mary Jo, Barry, and the Copeland Family.*

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**Mary Jo Copeland** - February 28, 2021 at 09:01 PM

RD

“ i remember meeting Shelleen at WG open house during Jack's freshman year. She briefly talked about her condition and we spent the rest of the conversation talking about Jack and what he needed to do to be successful in Regents Earth Science that year. I was impressed with her attitude that she was going to fight her disease. Jack ended up being one of my best students over 40 years of teaching. As great a student, he was an even better person. That's a credit to mom.... that old saying "you plant corn, you get corn" applies here no doubt. I was very sorry to read this news this morning. If there is anything i can do to help, please don't hesitate to ask. Jack and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Bob Deegan  
West Genesee HS  
Teacher/Coach

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Robert Deegan - February 28, 2021 at 11:07 AM

CH

“ Shelly was an incredible human being. She helped me nurture my love of dance and performance art. She instilled in me the value of extending a hand to those who wanted a platform to express themselves through movement and dance. So many wonderful things to say about her, so little space to write it all. My heart is with her family. I miss you Shelly.

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Christina - February 28, 2021 at 09:04 AM

CH

“ I met Shelly through Christine. She would bring the kids into OCB to see Chrissy on Family Nights and from there, we all became like sisters. I would go see Shelly with Chrissy when she was doing Roller Derby and then when she started dancing. One particular instance that I fondly think about is when Shelly pulled Ric up on stage for his birthday at the Lost Horizon and embarrassed the heck out of him.

We had so many fun times. We also had rough times. After Chrissy was diagnosed, they were more inseparable than ever and I was able to watch them love and fight for one another first hand.

To her kids, your mom was one of the strongest women I have ever met- it must be a trait in your family- because her sister Chrissy was also. Know they loved you with every ounce of their being and that they will always watch over you. They are together again and no longer in pain.

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**Christine** - February 27, 2021 at 10:40 PM

KR

“ My deepest condolences to her beautiful, wonderful family❤️ I feel blessed to have known Shelly and her family, my life was better for it. RIP sweet angel and thank you for the immense light you brought into our world xoxoxoxo🐱♀️

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**kristy** - February 27, 2021 at 06:15 PM

Renee Frateschi

“ Sending all of my love to the many, many family and friends that are grieving the loss of the most amazing and special human I’ve ever known. Shelly, you have been the most sincere and special friend to me for about 13 years. Through that time, we have shared countless laughs, tears, and incredibly deep conversations. I learned so much from you, and will forever be inspired by your strength and courage. You fought so hard through obstacles and battles I don’t know that I would have the courage to face. I know it was always your babies that kept you going, and made you fight for as much time as you could have. There aren’t words to describe how amazing of a mother you were to your children. You put your entire heart and soul into them, and your spirit absolutely lives on through them. My heart truly breaks for their loss, but I know they will be ok, because they have their Mommas fight inside of them, and we’ve all seen how deep that fight and strength can carry someone 💜 I would have given anything to have had your guidance, wisdom, and unconditional love as a mother. Instead, I got to receive it as a friend, and for that, I am forever grateful. Thank you for trusting me as your friend, and thank you for trusting me as your nurse. Your trust was never something I took lightly. I am grateful for each and every talk and every experience I was blessed enough to share with you. I will miss you so very much, I can’t possibly put in to words how much I will miss you. But I know we will be together again someday. I love you, and I take comfort in knowing that you are now truly at peace, free from this worldly pain, and that you are reunited with Chrissy. Rest easy my soul sister. I hope you’re throwing sparkles around up in heaven 💖💖💖



Renee Frateschi - February 27, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ *We are all so sorry for your loss, Shelly was such a joy. Hopefully your good memories will give you some comfort now at this sad time. With sympathy, Bill, Mary Anne, Will & Ned Cody*

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**Mary Anne Cody** - February 27, 2021 at 11:28 AM