



## Jean E. Ryan

March 2, 1955 - April 7, 2019

Jean E. (Gelheiser) Ryan, 64, of Adams, died on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at Williamstown Commons.

She was born in Adams, on March 2, 1955, a daughter of the late John and Helen (Hanlon) Gelheiser. She attended schools in Adams and graduated from Hoosac Valley High School with the class of 1974.

Jean last worked for many years at the Red Carpet Restaurant in Adams. Earlier she had worked at the Adams Pizza House and had been a home daycare provider.

Jean was the life of the party, meeting and making friends anywhere she went. Her door and front porch were always open to friends and family. In her younger years she was a member of softball and bowling leagues. She enjoyed playing Bingo and the challenges of gambling.

She is survived by her two sons; Patrick Ryan and his wife Jess of Dalton and Jason Ryan and his wife Karla of Adams; eight grandchildren, Hayden, whom she resided with and raised, and Emma, Addie, Kiara, Elijah, Austin, Alex and Connor; two brothers, James Gelheiser and his wife JoAnne of Adams and John Gelheiser and his wife Margaret of Adams; her former husband, John Ryan and many nieces, nephews and close friends. She was predeceased by her daughter, Kelly Ryan and by her sister Judith Adamczyk. The funeral will be held on Thursday evening at 6:00 P.M. in the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St., Adams, celebrated by Rev. Steven Montesanti, Pastor of the Parish of St. John Paul II, Adams.

Burial will be private for the family at a later date.

Calling hours are Thursday from 3:00 P.M. until the time of the service in the funeral home. The family requests the omission of flowers and suggests memorial donations be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 11. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Paciorek Funeral Home  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My brother Johnny & I went to the Red Carpet for Lunch specifically to see Jean and say Thank you to her and to Ann for the many years of great meals served to my parents Nick & Margie with my brother and occasionally me, when they would bring their cars to McAndrew King for service. We didn't see Jean, and thought we had arrived too late. After paying and saying goodbye to friends who we met for lunch, we asked for Jean & Ann. Ann had left already. Then we learned about Jean's death. We are very sorry. After the death of our parents in 2016 & 2017, we don't get back to all the places they frequented. Jean had told me after I attended Danny Zalogas burial, that he was a friend of hers also. I had the honor of being Danny's coach in Park City in 1985!  
Once again, we are very sorry about Jean's passing, she made our visits to Adams enjoyable and memorable!

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**Anne & John Ruggeri** - December 27, 2019 at 04:46 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Jean was a special lady. She had such a larger than life personality and always had a smile on her face! Lunches at the Red Carpet will never be the same again. I'll miss our conversations and her joking ways. May you RIP Jean.

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**Kimberly LaFleur** - April 09, 2019 at 09:24 AM

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“ Patrick, Jess and family very sorry for your loss . Your mother is now in heaven looking down with great love for everyone May she Rest In Peace.  
Dan, Susan and Brianne Caritey

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**Daniel Caritey** - April 08, 2019 at 09:03 PM

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“ I first met Jean in the first grade. I remember her being so impressed that I could count to 100. We were friends all through school and afterward. She was larger than life, always happy and a friend to everyone. Her smile and outgoing personality will very much be missed. Love you, Jean!! RIP

*Lisa Minardi Tetlow*

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**Lisa Tetlow** - April 08, 2019 at 07:39 PM