



## Bernadette Christine Affa

July 6, 1945 - April 8, 2024

Bernadette C. “Bonnie” (Groller) Affa, 78 of Fort Collins, CO., passed away peacefully April 8, 2024 with her children by her side. Bernadette was born in Allentown, PA July 6, 1945 to Joseph J. and Mary H. (Gerencser) Groller. Bernadette graduated from Central Catholic High School in Allentown PA.

Bernadette worked as a Bank Teller for Merchants Bank and eventually became a Human Resources Administrator for the Frito Lay and McDonalds corporations. She had an amazing penchant and love for all things finance and bookkeeping. She helped open one of the first Wal-Mart stores in the Ft. Collins area and continued to work for them in various roles over 36 years.

Bernadette was married to the love of her life Ernest M. Affa for over 41 years before his passing in 2007. They created a wonderful life and family together. Being Ernest’s wife, mother to their two children and ‘Nonna” to her grandchildren were the roles that brought her the most joy. Bernadette made a point to celebrate and be with her grandchildren any chance she had. She was the matriarch of a wonderful family and will be greatly missed.

Bernadette was someone you could always count on and confide in for anything. She always held loved ones close and valued relationship with family and friends. Bernadette loved to watch sports and was an avid Rockies

and Broncos fan. She also had an affinity for watching the Game Show Network. She was an excellent cook and shared her love through her cooking.

The time we shared with her was a gift and will live forever in our hearts. Until we meet again. Ti Amo.

Survivors: Bernadette is survived by her son Dean Affa: granddaughters Madison and Abigail; her daughter Coriann Batz, son-in-law Heath and grandsons Kiefer and Brody; brother Joseph J. Groller, and his wife Kris; brother-in-law Trent Conelias; brother-in-law Sonny Affa and his wife Jane. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Predeceased by her husband Ernest M. Affa; sister Joanne T. Conelias; and nephew Michael J. Conelias.

The Funeral Mass will be held 10 am, Friday, April 19, 2024 at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 5450 S. Lemay Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80525.

In lieu of flowers memorial condolences and memories can be left on this site or you may send a card in memory of Bernadette to her family in care of Bernadette Affa at Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive Street. Ft. Collins CO, 80524.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

APR **19**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish  
5450 S Lemay Ave  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

# Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Bonnie at Walmart for 20 years we followed each other to different stores, she was an amazing person and a more amazing friend , always willing to listen. I will really miss her

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**Susan Caracciolo** - April 17, 2024 at 09:21 AM

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“ Strong Family Bonds lead to everlasting Memories. Some devastating and cruel but mostly joyous and wonderful. These Family Memoies began in Allentown and Journeyed to Newport News, Upper Marlboro and ended in Denver/ Fort Collins. The Joys of Birthdays, Weddings, Anniversaries, Vacations and just plain old “Family Get Togethers” were created over the last 6 decades. Among the Joyous times there were, unfortunately woven, times of premature and sudden sadness. But, strong Family Bonds shed the sad for the Everlasting Joy of “Good Times”. Uncle Joe and I were fortunate to spend some precious time this past February in Fort Collins with Bonnie, Dean, Corie and Family. It was heartbreaking but at the same time full of Happiness and Love. Family was the “Key Ingredient“ that made our visit so satisfying. Now Bonnie, Ernie, Joanne and Michael are back together in Heaven to Reminisce of Fond Memories and Experience New and Everlasting Joy.

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**Brother-in-law Trent** - April 13, 2024 at 11:41 PM

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“ I was heartbroken to hear of Bonnie's passing. She has been my best friend for over 70 years. My heartfelt sympathies go out to Dean, Cori and all of the families. She will certainly be missed by all. She will be reunited with her love Ernie and now they can both rest in peace. I loved her and will pray for all of you . So many wonderful memories for us all. Love ❤️ Ti amo. NOREEN AND LENNY

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**Noreen Resetar** - April 13, 2024 at 09:51 AM

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“ Heidi M Beegle lit a candle in memory of Bernadette Christine Affa



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**Heidi M Beegle** - April 13, 2024 at 09:15 AM