



## Virginia "Jenny" Collins

January 31, 1972 - March 7, 2021

Virginia Carol "Jenny" Collins, 49, of Evansville, passed away Sunday, March 7, 2021 at her home surrounded by her family.

Jenny was born January 31, 1972 in Evansville, IN. She earned her Master's Degree from the University of Evansville; served as the City Controller under Mayor Weinzapfel and as the Chief Financial Officer for the Evansville Water and Sewer Utility. Jenny served the city of Evansville under three mayors. She was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vanderburgh County and also served on the Board of Directors of the Mesker Park Zoo Advisory Board.

Surviving Jenny are her husband of 30 years and high school sweetheart, Michael Collins; one daughter, Audrie Collins; two sons, Tyler (Megan Gresham) Collins and Evan (Katie) Collins; her mother, Carol Ashmore; brother, Richard Caleb (Sheila) Dauphin and one grandchild on the way, Osborne Collins.

Jenny was preceded in death by her father who raised her, Louis Richard Dauphin, Jr. and by her biological father that she met at the age of 45, Keith Stewart.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March

13, 2021, Rev. Eugene Schroeder officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery on Mesker Park Drive.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 8:00 PM on Friday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 9:30 AM until service time on Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 6202 W. St. Joseph Road, Evansville, IN 47720.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mesker Park Zoo Kenny Penguin Fund, 1545 Mesker Park Drive, Evansville, IN 47720.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive  
Evansville, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 12. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN 47712  
(812) 423-6471  
info@pierrefuneralhome.com  
<https://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

MAR 13. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church (County)  
6202 W. St. Joseph Road  
Evansville, IN

## Mass of Christian Burial

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Evansville, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Virginia "Jenny" Collins*



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**Pierre Funeral Home** - March 11, 2021 at 12:05 PM

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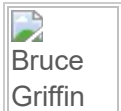
*What a beautiful lady and wonderful spirit*

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**Barb Preske** - March 11, 2021 at 01:54 PM

PD

*Whay a laxu. Lucky Mike*

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**PAULA J Dyer** - March 11, 2021 at 09:25 PM



Bruce Griffin

*I remember Jenny as being very nice to me when I was speaking at the Downtown arena meetings in support of building the arena. She was a member of Mayor Weinzapfel's staff who was very nice and professional in her job. My sympathies are with her family.*

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**Bruce Griffin** - May 04, 2021 at 12:19 PM



“ *Virginia "Jenny" Collins*

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January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM

PS

“ Mike, I was shocked and saddened to learn of Jenny's passing. May God Bless her Spirit and comfort your family during this difficult time.

Peter M Swaim - March 16, 2021 at 08:59 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Ginny's passing.. I met Ginny while she worked at the police department, and I worked down the hall at the police department.. she would always say hello and stop to talk .. she was so sweet❤️ She will be missed❤️❤️ My thoughts and prayers to all family and friends that Ginny's life touched.. 🙏🙏 Carmie,  
From EPD Records ❤️🙏🙏



Cm Dunning - March 12, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.



March 11, 2021 at 08:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.



March 11, 2021 at 08:34 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.



March 11, 2021 at 08:23 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.



March 11, 2021 at 07:32 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.



March 11, 2021 at 05:59 PM

UA

“ *United Veteran Benefits Agency purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.*



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**United Veteran Benefits Agency** - March 11, 2021 at 01:57 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Pierre Funeral Home** - March 11, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.*



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March 11, 2021 at 11:43 AM

JW

“ Tyler,

*We never met Jenny but we know what a wonderful mom she was from your stories of her. She demonstrated exceptional love and wisdom in how she raised you. Her example of how to live and love her friends and family give you memories to cherish as you remember her in the coming years. Our deepest sympathies for your loss.*

*Tom and Julie Welden*

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**Julie Welden** - March 11, 2021 at 10:42 AM

TW

“ *Tom and Julie Welden purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.*



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**Tom and Julie Welden** - March 11, 2021 at 10:37 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.*



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March 11, 2021 at 09:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.



March 11, 2021 at 02:31 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.



March 11, 2021 at 12:45 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.



March 10, 2021 at 09:42 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.



March 10, 2021 at 09:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.*

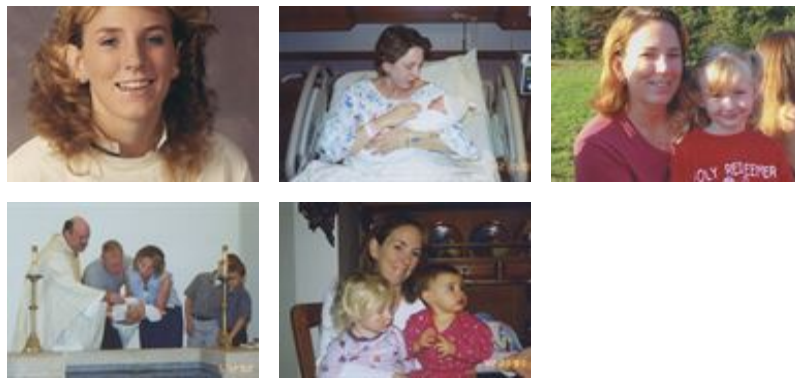


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March 10, 2021 at 07:31 PM



“ *204 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Pierre Funeral Home** - March 10, 2021 at 06:11 PM



“ *Jenny and I worked together in the City Controller office while she was City Controller.*

*She was a positive person- fun to be around. I enjoyed my time working with Jenny.*

*She was also my personal hero in the last few years. She was truly amazing. Most people would have given up the fight with cancer long before Jenny did, but she was a fighter. She really set the standard high on many levels.*

*She will truly be missed.*

*Phyllis Sanders*

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**Phyllis Sanders** - March 10, 2021 at 09:10 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.



March 10, 2021 at 12:45 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.



March 09, 2021 at 02:36 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.



March 09, 2021 at 02:10 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.



March 09, 2021 at 12:55 PM

 Paula  
Elandt

“ My dear friend Jenny, we haven't seen each other in many years but I always loved your letters years ago telling me about the kids and your excitement when you gave birth to your beautiful daughter. I know your boys don't remember me, as they were so little when you came to visit us at Fort Bragg (what) 25 years ago now? The letters gave way to emails and then FaceBook posts. I was so happy to still stay connected in that small way. For a few years in Panama we were Army Wives together - a sisterhood that only a few can understand. You were there for my older kids birthday cake and ice cream (I still use the cake plate you gave me). You and I made Christmas stockings together (I think you learned to sew with that project), but we had lots of laughs. I held your firstborn baby boy and kissed his sweet little head just like he was a family member. I always had a hard time keeping up with how clean you kept your house - I remember you even wiping down clean plates (because they might have dust on them) before setting the table. I'll never forget when you borrowed our old junker car and parked it outside of our quarters and suddenly it lit on fire in the street while we were talking - talk about a jaw dropping moment! I remember the first time Mike introduced his "Pretty Girl" bride to us on the beach at Fort Sherman. I thought you were so beautiful and had the warmest smile - we were instant friends! Jenny, you are walking with the Angels now. You will always be that young sweet girl that never spoke bad about others and loved her friends and family SO MUCH! We are all blessed to have shared your life. Mike, here is a virtual hug. You hang in there my friend - you will see her again one day!

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**Paula Elandt** - March 09, 2021 at 11:32 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.*



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March 09, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Audrie,*

*We are heartbroken and praying for you and your family in this difficult time. Your mom was an amazing lady and you have proven to be following in her footsteps. Please know your dance family has hugs waiting for you ANY time you need them.*

*Achieve Academy of Dance & Tumbling*

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**Erica Gee** - March 09, 2021 at 09:41 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.*



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March 09, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.*



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March 08, 2021 at 09:43 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.*



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March 08, 2021 at 09:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.*



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March 08, 2021 at 09:30 PM



“ *Family of Jenny,*

*It was a privilege knowing Jenny during her time in the Controller's Office. Always full of life and laughter. I am sure she will be missed tremendously. Prayers to her entire family.*

*Joni Evans, Levee Authority*

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**Joni L Evans** - March 08, 2021 at 07:31 PM

BD

“ *Mike and Family,*

*I will always hold on to those fun times we shared working the fish fry with Jenny and all of your family. Jenny always kept that smile on her face no matter how badly she was hurting. One strong lady that will be deeply missed. I'm holding you and your family in prayer! RIP, Jenny!*

*Becky Doshier*



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**Becky Doshier** - March 08, 2021 at 06:20 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.*



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March 08, 2021 at 06:02 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.*



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March 08, 2021 at 05:43 PM

DR

“ *Jenny was always a pleasure to work with. Very knowledgeable and helpful. She would greet you with a smile. My sincere condolences and prayers go out to her family.* ”

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**david rector** - March 08, 2021 at 05:08 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Collins.* ”



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March 08, 2021 at 04:51 PM