



## Colette P. Gawlowicz

February 3, 1933 - August 26, 2018

GAWLOWICZ - Colette P.

August 26, 2018 of Depew, NY. Dearest sister of Mary Ann (Norman) Begier, Elaine (late William) Mulville and James J. (late Marion) Gawlowicz; loving aunt of Michael (Gayle) Mulville, Martha (Kenneth) Schmitt, Matthew Mulville, Mark (Giana) Mulville, JJ Gawlowicz, Eric Gawlowicz, Mary Beth (Thomas) Damon and Margaret (Randy) Berlin. Also survived by great-nieces and nephews. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends Wednesday from 2-6 PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga, (2 blocks south of William St.). A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday at 11:30AM in St. Philip the Apostle RC Church in Cheektowaga. Colette was inducted into the WNY Softball Hall of Fame and played for Koch's Annies, was a former physical education teacher at Lake Shore Central School, former Attica Golf Club Ladies Champion, graduate of SUNY Brockport and received her Masters from University at Buffalo. Send condolences at [SmolarekCares.com](http://SmolarekCares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **29**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga  
2510 Union Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **30**. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Philip the Apostle Church  
950 Losson Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ I was truly shocked to learn of Colette's passing. We were both part of the original faculty when the Highland school first opened its doors. We taught together, golfed together and laughed together for many years. After retirement we stayed in touch by phone and got together for lunch when we were both in Buffalo. She was filled with life and laughter and her friendship will be sorely missed. My deepest sympathy to her family, all of whom meant so much to her. I wish love, peace, and comfort for all of you. I am having a mass said for her here in Florida. Joan Weiss

Joan Weiss - August 31, 2018 at 06:34 PM

SR

“ I was Colette's hairstylist for over 10 years; first off I am shocked beyond belief as I just saw her Friday the few days before her death; she wasn't even sick; in fact we joked how she was never sick and never going to get old lol I truly will miss her tremendously as we laughed the whole time she was in to see me; she always said oh im just here to visit with you not for my hair! Im ever so sorry to the family as I left for out of town on Saturday and wont be back until this coming Monday and I missed the wake n funeral I feel so bad and would love to donate to something if someone would let me know? I do know Colette always talked how she loved dogs as she said she is going to get another one soon a havenese 🥺 I know she is golfing and walking her new pup in heaven now..... again my deepest sympathy on your loss... I for one will miss seeing her every 4 weeks.. blessings and prayers to all.....💔  
Sincerely Susan Ryan from Head 2 Toez  
716-408-7144

susan ryan - August 31, 2018 at 12:41 AM

CM

“ *Miss Gawlowicz was my phys ed teacher at Highland Elementary. I loved her!!! She was always so kind to all the kids. Rest in Peace!*

*Connie Strombell Morrow*

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**Connie Morrow** - August 30, 2018 at 09:24 PM

NP

“ *Colette and I were friends at Highland when I first started teaching music and she was the phys ed teacher. Her humor and wit, determination and personality were qualities that made her an awesome friend! My sympathies to her family; Colette was one in a million!*

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**Nita Dietsch Parsons** - August 29, 2018 at 06:35 PM

JK

“ *Joyce and Karen are sharing love, sympathy, and many, many happy memories. Being friends since the 1960's, we have so many good times to remember - Florida, parties, dinners, trips to Toronto, watching games, and moving on the same street. Also we shared so many family tragedies and celebrations. We will never forget you !*

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**Joyce and Karen** - August 29, 2018 at 02:05 AM

TZ

“ *THE ZIRKELLBACH. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Colette P. Gawlowicz.*



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**THE ZIRKELLBACH.** - August 28, 2018 at 10:39 AM

BC

“ *Shared many of good times with Collie and lots of laughs. She was a special member of our family. Rest In Peace.*

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**barbara zirkekbach Chiariello** - August 28, 2018 at 09:57 AM

BK

“ *Ms. Gawlowicz was always kind to me and my family, as a coworker of my mom's at Highland Elementary and as my first gym teacher. Please know that Colette is in my prayers.*

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**Bryant Kiedrowski** - August 28, 2018 at 09:15 AM