



## Denise Giambelluca

December 10, 1954 - December 26, 2017

Denise Giambelluca, 63, of Columbia, formerly of Poplar Bluff, passed away Tuesday, December 26, 2017 at Bluff Creek Terrace Assisted Living. She was born December 10, 1954 in Poplar Bluff, the daughter of Sam and Judy (Perry) Giambelluca. Her mother and sisters had faithfully supported her during her long and courageous battle with breast cancer.

Denise was a 1973 graduate of Poplar Bluff High School. She attended Three Rivers Community College where she received her Associate degree and Murray State University where she received her Bachelor's degree. While at Three Rivers, Denise was a cheerleader and basketball homecoming queen. Denise was employed with Drury Hotels as a Manager and Corporate Trainer, and most recently with American Campus Communities where she was an Area Manager.

Denise had a passion for sports. She loved both pro and college football and basketball, especially the Mizzou Tigers and the Arizona State Sun Devils. Most of all, she loved Three Rivers Raiders Basketball. She received the Distinguished Alumni Award for her support of both Three Rivers Community College and their basketball program. She also loved her time helping her father at AAU Track and Field events. Denise was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. She enjoyed doing needle work and was an avid collector.

Along with her mother, Judy, of Poplar Bluff, she is survived by one son: Glenn Petersen Jr. of Elizabethtown, Kentucky; four sisters: Teresa Salyer (Clinton) of Poplar Bluff, Elaine Guthrie of Fort Collins, Colorado, Mary Glasgow (Wayne) of Chickasha, Oklahoma and Angee McDaniel (Scott) of Columbia, Missouri; one grandson: Sam Petersen; nephews: Sam Bartmess, Perry Salyer, Derek McDaniel, and Justin McDaniel and nieces: Amy Weigand and Emily Thurman. She was preceded in death by her father, Sam Giambelluca.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2017 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Poplar Bluff. A Time of Remembrance will take place at 3:00 p.m.

Interment will be private for the family. In lieu of flowers, expression of sympathy may be made to Deon Starman Breast Cancer Foundation or Three Rivers College Alumni and Friends Program both in c/o of Parker-Millard Funeral Home 12 E Ash St. Columbia, MO 65203.

Arrangements are under the direction of Parker-Millard Funeral Service and Crematory; 12 East Ash Street, Columbia, Missouri, 65203; (573) 449-4153. Condolences may be left online for the family at [www.ParkerMillard.com](http://www.ParkerMillard.com).

# Events

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**JAN**   **Celebration of Life**                      02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Holiday Inn

2781 N Westwood Blvd, Poplar Bluff, MO, US, 63901

**JAN**   **Time of Remembrance**    03:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Denise Giambelluca.



January 12, 2018 at 04:14 PM

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“ John and I are so very sad for your family's loss. We are thinking of and praying for you all at this difficult time! Grace Blaich



**Grace Blaich** - January 10, 2018 at 01:16 PM

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“ We were very saddened to learn of Denise's passing. Denise was a classmate and friend. Our fondest memories of Denise were of her ready smile and boundless energy. We wish to extend our most sincere condolences to her family and all who knew and loved her.

**Stephen Bess & Vicki Henthorne Bess** - January 08, 2018 at 07:13 PM

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“ You will be so missed. I did not know you well, but I do know you were and always will be well loved. Elaine, I am so sorry.

Vicki Hicks Evans  
Class of 75 PB

**Vicki Evans** - January 04, 2018 at 02:51 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to the family. I had the privilege of working with Denise. I recall with great fondness the first time we meet in person. She entered the room with her sunny smile, her radiant personality, and her cowboy boots. She exuded enthusiasm and friendliness. She will be missed.  
Jane Downing

Jane Downing - January 03, 2018 at 06:58 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denise Giambelluca.



January 02, 2018 at 01:56 PM

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“ Denise was very close to my heart and home being that I'm from the Show Me state as well. I can't think of a time Denise didn't tell me she was going St. Louis without telling me. Great memories of times we played and worked together. You'll stay in my thoughts, heart and prayers. Rest peaceful now. - Julie (Close) Warick

Julie Warick - January 02, 2018 at 01:51 PM

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“ I'm sorry to hear that Denise has passed. I knew Denise from ASU. It is my hope that family and friends can take peace in knowing that her suffering is over. I hope you find solace in the memories and laughter through your tears. Take care of yourselves. Rest easy Denise.

Devon Mitchel - December 30, 2017 at 09:43 PM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. It is a lovely picture of her and I remember that beautiful smile. Praying for Gods comfort for you all Rita miller mcvey

rita millet mcvey - January 01, 2018 at 10:03 PM

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“ I graduated with Denise in 1973. Our class had a couple of reunions some years ago, and we were there in Poplar Bluff. Denise never knew a stranger. She had a contagious smile, and caring spirit. She always loved life, and in conversation she never took her eyes off you. Denise, you are soaring with the angels, and with the

Lord today. We will miss you, but never forget you. Thank you for being a part of our lives. This earth was better because you were in it. Now, Heaven gains a tremendous soul for eternity. The Gann Family: Jackie/Vickie/Jonathan



**Jackie Gann** - December 29, 2017 at 11:55 PM

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“ Denise was born on my mother's birthday. Steve and Tad Sun were at Lucy Lee Hospital feasting on shrimp in Judy's room after delivery. Tad attended all Giam births. Nesie has been our little sister all her life. She has been so well and truly loved. She's now dancing on Sam's shoes with the angels. Kay Sun Mickey, Mary Pat Tasch and Stephanie Sun Vinson, otherwise known as the babysitters.

**Kay Sun Mickey** - December 29, 2017 at 07:50 PM

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“ I consider myself lucky to have had Denise in my life. She cared deeply for her family, friends, co-workers and the thousands of students she served. There was always room in her heart for more. She will be greatly missed.

**Michael Coakley** - December 29, 2017 at 02:16 PM



“ Thank you Coakley. You were a wonderful friend to her and she spoke of you often. I'm glad i got a chance to meet you on one of my trips to AZ. Angee

**Angee Giambelluca McDaniel** - December 29, 2017 at 06:40 PM

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“ We are so sorry to hear about the loss of this wonderful lady. Our condolences to the Giambelluca Family and Friends. Denise will be dearly missed.

Catherine Nicolini Rice and Nick Nicolini

**Catherine Nicolini Rice** - December 28, 2017 at 12:39 PM



“ Thank you so much.

**Angee Giambelluca McDaniel** - December 29, 2017 at 06:40 PM



“ I graduated with Denise at PBHS Class 1973. I always thought highly of Denise and her dad Sam Giambelluca. I am sad hearing of her passing away. She was a dear and pleasant Lady. She was loved and will be dearly missed. Patricia Wootton

**Patricia Wootton** - December 29, 2017 at 11:45 PM

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“ I remember Denise's genuine smile in high school. Peace to her family.

**Debbie Christian** - December 27, 2017 at 05:57 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Denise's passing. Praying her family finds peace.



**Mary Armes** - December 27, 2017 at 03:24 PM



“ What a wonderful lady from an incredible family! I will pray for all of you! God Bless!!!!

**Chris Rushin** - December 27, 2017 at 03:43 PM



“ Thinking of all the family, praying for you and Denise! God Bless all of you!

**Mary Beth Foster** - December 27, 2017 at 03:53 PM



“ Happy trails, Denise.

**Joe Stokely** - December 27, 2017 at 06:11 PM



“ I am so sorry.

Susan Price

**Susan Price** - December 27, 2017 at 07:03 PM



“ I am so sorry....Wonderful memories of a Beautiful Lady!

Perry Dahm

**Perry Dahm** - December 28, 2017 at 02:47 PM



“ Having had the pleasure of working with Denise in higher education administration and knowing of her background in Poplar Bluff, I can say that she was a wonderful person, full of life, and always willing to go the extra mile in whatever undertaking she was involved in. RIP, Denise Giambellucca.

John Barham

**John Barham** - December 29, 2017 at 12:20 PM



“ I was so shocked and saddened to hear of Denise's passing. We worked together at TRCC in the Student Affairs division around 2002 - 2003. She was a lovely, exceptional person who was excellent at her job. So effective was she that the national corporation that worked with the College hired her! My condolences to the Giambelluca family. May God strengthen you during this difficult time. Prayerfully Yours, Randall E. Lee

**Randall Lee** - December 29, 2017 at 06:15 PM



“ Thank you to everyone for all of your kind words about my sister Denise. She will be so missed. Angee Giambelluca McDaniel

**Angee Giambelluca McDaniel** - December 29, 2017 at 06:42 PM



“ Denise one of the good ones. Happy for her good life, her inspiration for others and her peace at last.

**David Stokely** - December 30, 2017 at 07:06 PM



“ I met Denise in the fall of 1974 at Three Rivers CC... and we were friends ever since. I just found out about her illness and passing today... God got a new angel but a lot of people lost a dear friend. I can only offer my prayers to her family as they go through these hard times... may God bless them with his love.

Carl Townsend Jr

**Carl Townsend Jr** - January 10, 2018 at 02:09 AM