



Mrs. Valarie Cone

December 20, 1961 - March 29, 2025

Statesboro, Georgia

Valarie Jean Newkirt Cone, known to many as “Val”, was born on December 20, 1961, in Millen, GA to the late James Newkirt and Eddie Lee Washington.

She received her formal education in the public school system of Bulloch County in Statesboro, GA. Valarie was a stay-at-home mom until her youngest children began elementary school, she then gained employment with Popeye’s and later moved to Savannah. She began working at Saint Joseph’s Hospital in Savannah, GA in Environmental Services and later transferred to Patient Transport.

After many years working in the medical field, she became a full-time caregiver, married the love of her life, Walter, on August 1, 2007. They later moved to Macon, GA to continue caring for her patient and brother from another mother, Charlie Kernigan of Macon, GA.

Valarie loved her plants and flowers. She also enjoyed baking cakes, making wine, listening to gospel music, reading the bible, and working in the yard. Valarie spent the majority of her life caring for her husband, children, grandchildren, and many others.

On Saturday, March 29, 2025, God picked a flower from His garden and handed it to Valarie. She peacefully entered in to rest at her residence. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Lafayette Cone; father, James Newkirt; parents, Mr. Alex and Eddie Lee Washington; sister, Latonya Newkirt.

Valarie leaves cherished memories to four sons, Maurice Washington of York, PA, Terrence (Kimberley) Ripley of Pooler, GA; Sammy Ripley of Savannah, GA; Julius Ripley of Statesboro, GA; and one daughter, Julia Hollis; two stepsons, Walter (Tunisa) Cone, Jr. and Nicholas Cone of Macon, GA; grandchildren, Nia Washington, Darrell Knoch, Courtney Ripley, Cameron Ripley, Ryan Kelley, Reyce Ripley, Tiffney Ripley, Tierra Ripley, Jakhia Ripley, Keri Lanier, Jaylan Lanier, Stephanie Hollis, Steven Hollis, and Donald Hollis. Siblings, Beatrice Dunbar Thomas of Statesboro, GA; Charles Dunbar of Covington, GA; Toney Washington of McDonough, GA; Estella (Carlton) Roberson of Brooklet, GA; Timothy (Senora) Washington of Orlando, FL; Rhenetri Washington and Rheneta Ward of Statesboro, GA, James Lashon (Sharon) Newkirt of Greer, SC. Uncles, Maurice (Kimberly) Jackson of Statesboro, GA; Calvin (Patricia) Washington of Evans, GA; Virgil Newkirt of Millen, GA, aunts; Kathy Lacy of Augusta, GA and Lillian Brown of Statesboro, GA; eleven great-grandchildren, five nephews, six nieces, nine great-nephews, four-great nieces, a host of cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Family and friends may visit the funeral home on Friday evening, April 11, 2025, from 5 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. for viewing and visitation.

The funeral service for Mrs. Valarie Cone, will be held at 3 P.M. Saturday, April 12, 2025 at the Ben Samuel Hill Memorial Chapel of Hill's Mortuary, Inc. with the Elder Donald Chavers, Jr., officiating. Burial will follow in the Johnson Grove Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, Portal Georgia.

Services may be viewed via-live stream at our Hill's Mortuary, Inc. Facebook

page or at C & C Photography and Media Production (www.youtube.com/@ccphotographyandmediaproduc2575)

Final rites have been entrusted to Hill's Mortuary, Inc.

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 11. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Hill's Mortuary, Inc.
58 Packinghouse Road
Statesboro, GA 30458

Funeral Service

APR 12. 3:00 PM (ET)

Hill's Mortuary, Inc.
58 Packinghouse Road
Statesboro, GA 30458

Burial

APR 12 (ET)

Johnson Grove Missionary Baptist Church
149 Johnson Grove Church Road
Portal , GA 30450

Tribute Wall

SW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Senora Washington - April 12, 2025 at 07:59 PM

MF

“ Oh my oh my where do I begin 🥹🥹🥹 ...I will forever remember u..the conversation we shared was endless also u was my mother n law for many years 🥹🥹...this gift u gave me I did not want u gained wings on my born day 🥹🥹 when I got that call I broke down 🥹🥹 🥹...rest up Ma Dukes I got ur son he will forever be n good hands like Allstate u know how we Rock 💋 #LLVC

Monswel Fleming - April 11, 2025 at 12:13 PM

AW

“ Rest up Val met you at your Mom's house Mrs Eddie was a good friend of mine and she talked highly of you sleep on and take your rest prayers for family and friends ❤️❤️🙏🙏

Annette Williams - April 11, 2025 at 11:18 AM

MS

“ Val you will be truly be missed I’m going to Miss all the good conversations we used to have I am so glad I did get to see you the end of last year and I enjoyed every minute of your company and you always told me you love me and I love you more. now take your rest, beautiful angel



Marilynn Stimage Simms - April 10, 2025 at 07:02 PM

JF

“ Jennell Foyd-Tompkins and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Valarie Cone.

Jennell Foyd-Tompkins and Family - April 10, 2025 at 04:07 PM

JF

“ Jennell Foyd-Tompkins and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Valarie Cone.



Jennell Foyd-Tompkins and Family - April 10, 2025 at 04:07 PM

SB

“ To the family you all are in our prayers. We Love you all! ❤️🙏❤️
Rev. Paul & Sis. Regina Benton



Sis. Regina Benton - April 10, 2025 at 03:29 PM

WF

“ We send our love & deepest condolences to the Washington and Cone families. Soon death will be no more..... Sincerely Eugene & Bonita McCray White Family

White Family - April 08, 2025 at 09:12 AM

SF

Heaven has reclaimed one of it's Angels. Rest in Peace cuzin! Love and prayers to our family, and all impacted by such a huge loss! Kisha and Jay Spann, Calvin and Patricia Washington Rev 21:4

Spann and C. Washington Family - April 09, 2025 at 09:08 PM

DF

“ My condolences to the family.



Delphia Florence - April 07, 2025 at 08:32 PM

DF

“ My condolences to the family



Delphia Florence - April 05, 2025 at 10:39 AM

LS

“ *Sending heartfelt prayers and condolences to the family.* ”



Lavern Smith - April 03, 2025 at 06:17 PM

JF

“ *I have lost my best friend and no one can replace the bond we shared. I will miss Valerie and pray that God gives us all, (family), strength during this sad moment.* ”

Jennell Floyd-Tompkins - April 03, 2025 at 12:03 PM

JF

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



Jennell Floyd-Tompkins - April 03, 2025 at 11:55 AM

AP

“ *ARNOLD PERKINS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valarie Cone* ”



ARNOLD PERKINS - April 02, 2025 at 12:42 PM

TE

“ *Tricia Eason-Redding sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Valarie Cone*



Tricia Eason-Redding - April 01, 2025 at 01:36 PM