



## Valarie Kepner

July 27, 1962 - July 16, 2024

Valarie Ann Kepner, 61, of Augusta, GA, entered into eternal rest on July 16, 2024 after a brief and courageous battle with cancer. Valarie was born July 27, 1962 in Muncy, PA, she was the daughter of the late James Brittain and Arlene Brittain, North Augusta, SC.

She attended Muncy High School and graduated from Bloomsburg University in 1985; she received a master's degree in education from Chapman College. She was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force serving her country before being honorably discharged in 1993. She was employed by the Department of Justice and ended her tenure as Director of Education at Edgefield Federal Correctional Institute.

Valarie's greatest joy was being a mom to Jordan and her stepchildren. She was an amazing daughter, sister and aunt. Valarie was a faithful member of St. Mary on the Hill Catholic Church serving as Lector and Eucharistic Minister. Valarie was an avid Notre Dame fan and realized a lifelong dream of visiting the campus and watching a home football game in the fall of 2023. She was a Disney enthusiast and made many trips with her daughter to Disney World and Harry Potter World in Orlando, Florida. Valarie loved her cats Whisper and Phantom; and was an avid cross stitcher and reader. Valarie never missed birthdays or anniversaries. She enjoyed going out to dinner with her friends and she will be missed by all that knew her.

Valarie was preceded in death by her husband Jeffrey Lee Kepner and her father James Brittain. She is survived by her daughter Jordan Kepner-

Donaldson (Thomas), her mother Arlene Brittain; sisters Vicky Wheeland (Todd) of Globe, AZ and Julia Brittain-Hulyo (Michael) of Lititz, PA. She is also survived by her stepchildren, Jason Kepner (Beth) and Jamie Kelley (Jorby); her step grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at St. Mary on the Hill Catholic Church on August 23, 2024, at 11:00 o'clock with visitation starting at 10:15 until the time of service.

A reception will be held directly after the service at 28 Eagle Pointe dr., Augusta Ga, 30909.

Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors, 2502 Richmond Hill Road, Augusta, GA, 30906.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **23**. 10:15 AM.

St. Mary's on the Hill

## Memorial Service

AUG **23**. 11:00 AM.

St. Mary's on the Hill

# Tribute Wall

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“ VAK, you will always be significant to my career and I thank God for your Leadership at Edgefield !! Love you always Jordan K DONALDSON.

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**Errol Thomas** - August 03, 2024 at 08:35 PM

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“ It's so hard to except the fact that you are gone. My mother, my biggest fan, my permanent cheerleader. I miss you mom. I miss your good morning texts. I miss you checking in on me to see how my days been. I miss discussing new movies and tv shows. I miss it all. Love you mom.

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**Jordan Kepner-Donaldson** - July 28, 2024 at 07:59 PM

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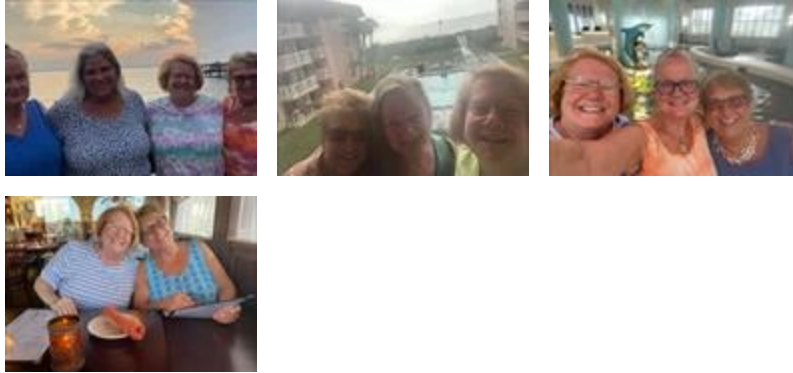
“ To my brave and beautiful sister. To say I will be lost without you is an understatement. I will miss our phone calls no matter how brief and text messages just to say hey! You accepted all challenges with grace and dignity including this last one that just couldn't be beaten. I love you and will miss you. You were the strongest and the best of us.

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**Julia Brittain-Hulyo** - July 27, 2024 at 08:41 PM

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“ *Valarie has been a lifelong best friend since our college days at Bloomsburg University. We were planning another reunion with our friends for next year. My life will never be the same without her.*



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**Stephenie** - July 27, 2024 at 02:03 PM

MD

“ *Val was a good friend of mine in high school - we were in band together. I'm shocked to hear of her passing. My condolences to the entire family.*

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**Margaret Finkler Dikel** - July 26, 2024 at 11:11 AM

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**Anna** - July 22, 2024 at 08:54 PM

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“ You will be so missed ... I always saw you as a bonus mom and you were such a huge part of my childhood... Fly high Mrs. Valerie ❤️ I love you



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**Anna** - July 22, 2024 at 08:53 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Valarie Kepner



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**Jordan Kepner-Donaldson** - July 22, 2024 at 07:54 PM