



Valerie Bessick Anderson

March 19, 1948 - October 26, 2018

Valerie Bessick Anderson of Chestertown, MD, passed away on Friday, October 26, 2018, at the University of Maryland Hospital in Baltimore at the age of 70.

Born on March 19, 1948, in Chestertown, MD, she was the daughter of the late Harrison Bessick and Helen Hamilton. She graduated from Garnett High School in 1966 and later attended Maryland State College in Princess Anne, majoring in art, with a dream to be a fashion designer. Mrs. Anderson taught in the Kent County Public Schools system as an Instructional Assistant for 33 years, retiring in 2010. She touched many lives working at Millington Elementary School, Chestertown Middle School, and Worton Elementary School.

She attended Bethel AME Church from an early age and served in several capacities, Junior and Senior Choirs, Bethel-Lites, Bethel Mass Choir, Sunday school teacher, usher, Church Treasurer and Steward Board. Mrs. Anderson founded the liturgical dance ministry, the Bethel Angels. She sang with the Souls of Faith, The New Inspirations, and the 100 Voice Choir of Kent County. She was a proud member of Maryland Support Staff Teachers Union and was recognized as one of Maryland's most influential teachers.

She was a dedicated member of Work in Progress Ministries in Millington.

Elder Anderson was the mother of the church where she served as Sunday School Superintendent, choir member, and leader of the Ministering Angels liturgical dance ministry. Her interests included drawing, painting, singing, and dancing. She loved all kinds of music, especially Gospel. Elder Anderson's favorite scriptures were Ephesians 6: 1-20, Psalm 139, and Psalm 24.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Jay Christopher Anderson; a brother, Melvin J. Hamilton; and two sisters, Patricia L. Jones and Rosalind Hynson.

She is survived by a daughter, Jana Carter of Kennedyville; a granddaughter, Jiordan Carter of Kennedyville; an aunt, Laretta Dotson of Baltimore; a sister-in-law, Shirley Hamilton of Chestertown; three nieces, Lauramae, Tracey, and Kimberly; and two nephews, Arthur and Harold, Jr.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018, from 10 – 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 105 Mill Street, Chestertown, where services will begin at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to join with the family after the service downstairs for a time of food and fellowship. Interment will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be sent to the Kidney Foundation, 1107 Kenilworth Drive, Suite 202, Baltimore, MD 21204.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
Chestertown, MD

Service

NOV 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Valerie Bessick Anderson* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 31, 2018 at 12:09 PM



“ *Valerie Bessick Anderson* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Valerie Bessick Anderson* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Valerie Bessick Anderson* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



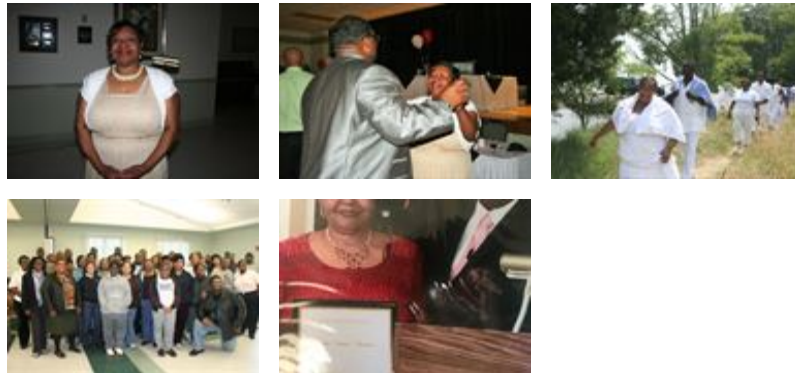
“ *Dana Simon Fellows lit a candle in memory of Valerie Bessick Anderson* ”



Dana Simon Fellows - November 03, 2018 at 08:39 AM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 02, 2018 at 06:57 AM

MR

“ *Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Valerie Bessick Anderson*



Maryann Ruehrmund - October 31, 2018 at 02:22 PM

MR

Jana, I an so sorry for your loss.

Maryann Ruehrmund - October 31, 2018 at 03:22 PM

KN

“ *Kerry Miller Nagle lit a candle in memory of Valerie Bessick Anderson*



Kerry Miller Nagle - October 31, 2018 at 12:26 PM

DJ

“ I'm almost lost for words, Valerie was a wonderful person, she was a prayer warrior, many days at Worton she prayed me through alot of things I was going through. As a staff at Worton she would call us together and have prayer with us when we needed to be encouraged. Heaven has gained a Angel! We will miss you but we know that you are with the Lord. To the family we will continue to pray for you. Love you!

Denise M Jones - October 31, 2018 at 11:02 AM

NM

“ Nikhia Munson lit a candle in memory of Valerie Bessick Anderson



Nikhia Munson - October 31, 2018 at 10:58 AM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 31, 2018 at 10:57 AM



“ *Ms. Anderson was my teacher from many a moon ago. Throughout my life she remained a constant. Always greeted with a smile and a hug. I am absolutely stunned seeing this. She will be greatly missed by so many.*



Mandy Worth - October 31, 2018 at 10:30 AM

CF

“ *Valerie was one of the nicest people you could ever want to meet. I got to know her when we both worked with children in the computer labs at our schools. I tell my grandchildren when someone passes they become a star to look after us and Valerie is certainly one of the brightest stars.*



Connie Fithian - October 31, 2018 at 10:26 AM



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Dolson Anderson - October 31, 2018 at 09:56 AM