



Valerie Ann Coldwell

May 27, 1938 - May 27, 2015

Valerie Ann Coldwell of Centreville, MD, died suddenly in a motor vehicle accident on May 27, 2015. She was 77.

Born on May 27, 1938, in Boston, MA, she was the daughter of the late Harold Wesson and Eleanor Staples. She grew up in Massachusetts and was a graduate of Rosedale High School. After high school, she went on to Sargent College, a school of Boston University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in physical education. Valerie began her career in Oakland, CA, and it would take her back to the Northeast to Holdbrook, MA, Warwick, RI, and to Maryland's Eastern Shore in Centreville, MD. She would go on to receive her Master's degree in counseling from Bowie State University. She counseled many years at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills, MD, and retired from Queen Anne's County High School in 2000.

Valerie was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who loved animals. She also enjoyed gardening and traveling, especially by boat. She was a member of Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church in Centreville, MD, and active member for many years with The Kent Island Yacht Club.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Frank L. Coldwell; her son, Doug Coldwell and his wife, Stacy of Ridgely, MD; two granddaughters, Addison and Mia; and two nephews, Gregory Wesson and his wife, Linda, and Chris

Wesson. Son, Rodney T. Coldwell (2004), and a brother, Richard Wesson, predeceased her.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday June 2, 2015, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Centreville, MD. A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday June 3, 2015, at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church in Centreville, MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to Animal Resource Foundation, P.O. Box 396, Chester, MD 21619, a non-profit "no kill" animal rescue organization which Valerie supported passionately.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location
408 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617
(410) 758-1151
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Mass

JUN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Mother of Sorrows Church
303 Chesterfield Avenue
Centreville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Valerie Ann Coldwell*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 01, 2015 at 02:27 PM



“ *Valerie Ann Coldwell*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Valerie Ann Coldwell*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

BH

“ Frank and Doug and all the family.....The Hoadleys were shocked and saddened to learn that Val had died. We all send our deepest thoughts and prayers at this sad time. But we also remember the wonderful times we all spent together on West Parish Road and even up north skiing. Val was a wonderful person - a loving wife, a great mother and a true friend. She left a positive mark on all she did. We will remember her great smile and her fun-loving nature. Our best to all of you as you trudge on.



Chet and Betty, Lynn, Jeff and Jon

Betty Hoadley - June 07, 2015 at 10:48 AM



So sorry to hear of this sad news. Val was like a Mom to me in my young years. Though I have not seen her or the family since Rodney passing. They are always in my heart. My sympathy to Doug and Frank.

Kevin Shaw - August 12, 2016 at 03:54 PM

ML

“ So sorry to learn of Valerie's death. We worked together at Chesapeake College. She always had a nice smile and was fun to work with. She always talked about her family - she was so proud of her children.

Mary Ellen Larrimore

Mary Ellen Larrimore - June 02, 2015 at 01:45 PM

DB

“ Sending our heartfelt sympathy to Frank, Doug and your family. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. E.P. & Linda Cronshaw and staff at Shore Lumber & Millwork



Debbie Bitter - June 02, 2015 at 01:37 PM

MR

“ Michael and Tammy Rosendale purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Valerie Ann Coldwell.



Michael and Tammy Rosendale - June 01, 2015 at 01:48 PM

BJ

“ Brandy Jewell lit a candle in memory of Valerie Ann Coldwell



Brandy Jewell - June 01, 2015 at 07:23 AM

KR

“ Kathy & Mike Root lit a candle in memory of Valerie Ann Coldwell



Kathy & Mike Root - May 31, 2015 at 07:18 PM

KR

*Frank and Family,
Our condolences are with you all. We loved Val very much and had a lot of fun going on our trips together. Whether it was sitting around a fire or drinking wine, we all had fun. Val will be greatly missed.*

Kathy & Mike Root - May 31, 2015 at 07:21 PM



Frank and Doug our condolences to you all..... I have many fond memories chatting with your Val back in QACHS days....quite a few giggles over the Rod and Doug exploits..... She was so caring we all will miss her....

Bill Hackett - June 02, 2015 at 09:53 AM

DW

“ *Deborah Wesson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Valerie Ann Coldwell.*



Deborah Wesson - May 31, 2015 at 11:17 AM

DW

“ *The morning of Valerie's birthday last Wednesday, I sent her an email sharing with her a fond memory of ours from the early 80's when we were first friends in Maryland. We used to sing together, out loud at the top of our lungs, "Valerie" by Steve Winwood...*



Valerie, I will always think of you when I hear this song. I will always miss you, always. You were my best friend, the best sister-in-law in the world, and simply a wonderful woman whom I'm fortunate to have had in my life all these many years. We shared a lot of wonderful times together, as well as some very sad times. This world has lost a great presence and we will not be the same without you.

I believe you are in a better place, with your son and your brother. Godspeed, Valerie.

All my love, Deborah

Deborah Wesson - May 31, 2015 at 10:37 AM



“ *Many wonderful memories of being her student at Holbrook High School. May God's love enfold your family and may her perpetual light shine.*

Kathleene and Andy Card

Kathleene Card - May 31, 2015 at 08:55 AM

CG

“ Cheri Gerardi lit a candle in memory of Valerie Ann Coldwell



Cheri Gerardi - May 30, 2015 at 09:39 PM

MF

“ Thoughts and prayers to you, Mr. Frank, Doug & family.



Mandy Pinder & Family - May 30, 2015 at 08:52 PM

AD

“ Alan & Rosetta Dinan lit a candle in memory of Valerie Ann Coldwell



Alan & Rosetta Dinan - May 30, 2015 at 11:56 AM

RR

“ Frank, Dougie and family, we can't begin to tell you how sad we are. We think it was about 45 years ago while you were living in NH when we first met. We shared many happy times, both in NH and later in Maryland. Val was always such a positive, kind, fun friend. Although she and you were not in our daily lives, you both will be in our daily thoughts.
Wayne & Ruth Ross

Ruth & Wayne Ross - May 30, 2015 at 08:02 AM

LC

“ *Loretta Clark Cudnik lit a candle in memory of Valerie Ann Coldwell*



Loretta Clark Cudnik - May 29, 2015 at 10:33 PM

Anne-Renee Livingston

“ *So sorry to hear this!*



Anne-Renee Livingston - May 29, 2015 at 08:11 PM

SW

“ *Stan Walker lit a candle in memory of Valerie Ann Coldwell*



Stan Walker - May 29, 2015 at 03:37 PM

JD

“ Val and I were on the faculty of Holbrook (MA) High back in the early 60s. We became friends and ski buddies. We discussed the possibility of moving to Denver, the "in" place at the time. One winter we rented an old farmhouse in New Hampshire so that we could ski nearby slopes every weekend. Sometimes we visited a local after-ski hangout. On one of those occasions a man named Frank asked me to dance -- and then immediately requested that I introduce him to my friend! What a clever guy! Well, we never made it to Denver and I think Val and Frank were married within that year. Over the years we have kept in touch, and they stopped by a few times on their trips to Florida. I wish it could have been more. Val and I shared the incredible joy of becoming first-time grandmothers in our 70s. I am so sad for her -- and for those two adorable little girls.

With deepest sympathies,
Janet & Joe Dickinson
Poquoson, Virginia

Janet Dickinson - May 29, 2015 at 02:57 PM

PB

“ I worked with Valerie at Chesapeake College. Her son Rodney and my son were good friends. I am so sorry to hear of your great loss. I will always remember her as a very special person, a wonderful friend and neighbor. Patsy (Usilton) Bunting.

Pat Bunting - May 29, 2015 at 02:32 PM

LP

“ Lisa Fleetwood & Bruce Plummer lit a candle in memory of Valerie Ann Coldwell



Lisa Fleetwood & Bruce Plummer - May 29, 2015 at 12:42 PM

SF

“ My family and I would like to offer our deepest sympathies to you and your family. We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are never alone. Turn to the Holy Scriptures for guidance and to help soothe your heart. Psalms 34:18 assures us that God is near to those broken at heart and crushed in spirit. Please accept our deepest sympathies.

S Ford - May 29, 2015 at 11:41 AM

MF

“ A group of KIYC Members had a raft up in Shaw Bay two weeks ago. Frank & Val were the first one's there greeting everyone with a smile. What a wonderful day we all had on the water. Lots of wonderful conversation & laughs. Val gave me a tour and history of their Boat. Great Lady-so glad I got meet her. She will be missed by many. Our sympathies to Frank and her Family.

Maureen and Paul Burbach

Maureen Fitzpatrick - May 29, 2015 at 10:35 AM

DW

“ Frank: Ron Smith called me this AM to tell me of your loss. My deepest sympathy to you, I clearly remember my visit with my brother Bob West back in summer of 2009. Bob spoke very highly of you and Val and boyhood memories. Again so sorry to hear of this tragic happening...

Bill West

Dr. William A. West - May 29, 2015 at 10:09 AM

BN

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. She was a wonderful neighbor and friend. I loved the talks we had about our families. We will greatly miss her! Rest in Peace Val!
Barbara , Susan and Kelly Nelson

Barbara Nelson - May 29, 2015 at 10:00 AM

BB

“ *Brenda & Mike Beaver lit a candle in memory of Valerie Ann Coldwell*



Brenda & Mike Beaver - May 29, 2015 at 09:34 AM

AS

“ *Valerie and I worked in the same department at Chesapeake College . She was a dear friend and a wonderful co-worker. Arlene Spedden*



Arlene Spedden - May 29, 2015 at 09:31 AM

CJ

“ *Claudia Jewell lit a candle in memory of Valerie Ann Coldwell*



Claudia Jewell - May 29, 2015 at 08:29 AM

MR

“ *Michael And Tammy Rosendale lit a candle in memory of Valerie Ann Coldwell*



Michael and Tammy Rosendale - May 29, 2015 at 07:45 AM

AP

“ *Art And Lenda Potts lit a candle in memory of Valerie Ann Coldwell*



Art and Lenda Potts - May 29, 2015 at 07:35 AM

ND

“ *Norma And Donald Dean lit a candle in memory of Valerie Ann Coldwell*



Norma and Donald Dean - May 29, 2015 at 07:28 AM

JS

“ *Frank and family our thoughts and prayers are with you. We have so many great memories of all the parties and time spent together, we will cherish them forever. I'm sure her and Mona are already chatting away. She will truly be missed. May she rest in peace.*

Joy & Shelley - May 29, 2015 at 07:03 AM

DE

“ Valerie, the first time we met you and Frank we fell in love with both of you. You were happy and filled with great stories and welcoming. We loved talking to you when you were on the boat together. We will truly miss you but your memory will keep our hearts warm. Rest in peace.

debbie - May 29, 2015 at 06:37 AM

DP

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Dawn Pierce - May 28, 2015 at 05:52 PM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Valerie Ann Coldwell



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - May 28, 2015 at 04:45 PM

GP

Our many blessings and prayers are with the family at this time in the loss of a wonderful lady. God will be by your side during this sad time. God Bless each on of you and please know that others care. Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - May 28, 2015 at 04:47 PM

LP

Love the video of Ms. Valerie on the beach. She surely was having a great time. What a wonderful lady that has left this community. Lynda Palmatary

Lynda Palmatary - May 31, 2015 at 07:29 AM

MD

“ *Matt And Roxanne Dean lit a candle in memory of Valerie Ann Coldwell*



Matt and Roxanne Dean - May 28, 2015 at 03:20 PM

DS

“ *Dear Frank and family,
Denny and I are heartbroken over Val's death.
We always enjoyed seeing the two of you at
the club and sharing stories. Please accept
our condolences and may she rest in peace.
Fondly, Debbie Stottlemyer*



<http://storage.lifetributes.com/Candles/new/candle-5.png>

Debbie Stottlemyer - May 28, 2015 at 01:48 PM