



Valerie Newlin Watkins

September 4, 1959 - September 16, 2022

Valerie Newlin Watkins, 63, died on Friday, September 16, 2022. She was a beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, and friend.

Valerie was born in Decatur, Alabama and grew up in Charlotte, North Carolina before settling down in Wilmington, North Carolina. She moved to Wilmington to attend college on an athletic scholarship for the UNCW Swimming and Diving team. Valerie was involved in the community through many non-profit organizations including the North Carolina Azalea Festival and the Cape Fear Fair and Expo. She also enjoyed working for Chick-fil-A where she did marketing for local restaurants and traveled the country to open new stores. Valerie loved cheering for the Carolina Panthers and The University of Alabama, searching for shark teeth at the beach, and spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband Skip Watkins and her children V.J. Watkins and Brian Watkins. She is also survived by her brother Gary (Deborah) Newlin, her sister Anita Stack, her nephew James Webb, her niece Candis Fortner, her Labrador Ruby, and many more family and friends.

The family is planning a celebration of life and details will be provided at a future date.

A celebration of life will be held at the Carriage Hills clubhouse, located at 1111 Steeplechase Rd. Wilmington, NC 28412, on Sunday, October 9th from 1 - 4 PM.

Tribute Wall

DR

“ I knew Val through her husband, Skip. She was so loved by many and will be missed.

I remember her love for sharks' teeth and collecting other unique treasures from the sand and other places she traveled.

Val, you are finally home.

RIP

Dina

Dina Routhier - January 20, 2023 at 08:19 AM

DA

“ The world is not as bright today as one of its shining stars has left us. Valerie was one of the sweetest, kindest caring individuals I knew, from the first I met her at the UNCW pool throughout her lifetime. Our deepest sympathy to you, Skip, and your family, Coach and Ellen

Dave Allen - September 24, 2022 at 03:03 PM

RM

“ Valerie was an incredible person always with a beautiful smile. We shared lots of laughs at Chick-fil-A different Wilmington locations. She's gave me ride from Cape Fear Fair one year. I camp out few Chick-fil-A's Val doing the marketing. Thank You for our our Friendship and Time giving to others, In Loving Remembrance 🌹

Ricky Meeks - September 24, 2022 at 01:47 PM

PG

“ I'll speak for all of the team-mates that she welcomed to UNCW's swimming program that Valerie will be missed. As the matriarch of the program and fondly known as "Ma-Moo", my prayers go out to her family as we celebrate a life well lived.

Peter Gratale - September 24, 2022 at 12:01 PM

LF

“ Wonderful woman and friend! Always a smile and encouraging word for others - I shall miss her- and many many hugs and prayers to her whole family during this time of Val's passing .

Linda Fuelling - September 21, 2022 at 06:56 PM

TF

“ She will be missed, but remembered forever by all those who knew her. All prayers from the Cina Family.....

The Cina Family - September 21, 2022 at 03:46 PM

CD

“ Valerie, you were an inspiration in so many ways; I've always heard of you but I didn't really dimension the magnificent professional you were until I got to work with you. Your legacy as a professional, and your warmth and happiness will always preceded in your Chick-fil-A family. Flight high and we will see you again in eternity ✨✨✨

Carmen Diaz - September 21, 2022 at 10:01 AM

DC

“ RIP Val, my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Deborah Conard - September 21, 2022 at 08:05 AM

TF

“ *The Wildeboer Family sends our thoughts and prayers and love - Val was a wonderful woman and friend. She will be missed but the fantastic memories will be cherished forever*

The Wildeboer family - September 20, 2022 at 10:48 PM

KF

“ *Love y'all very much. I'm so very sorry and am praying for your family. Marty and Kristoff* ❤️❤️

KRISTOFER FEURER - September 20, 2022 at 10:10 PM

AL

“ *Skip ...you and the family are in my thoughts and prayers more than you will know. I Loved Val! Some of most happy memories were you guys being part of beach house when we were all roommates at the WB. I do remember a lot of fun swim parties! I will always feel honored to have been in your wedding. That beautiful Poplar Grove Plantation wedding might have gotten a little rain but you guys did not let it affect a thing. I always knew in my heart you were meant to be. I cherish my necklace from that day and always will. You got to keep on keeping...Val would expect that!* ❤️ Anne

Anne Lineberry - September 20, 2022 at 09:22 PM

MH

“ *Still so hard to believe this vibrant woman is gone. My sincere condolences to the family* ❤️

Mary ann Hooper - September 20, 2022 at 08:46 PM

FR

“ Skip and family, please know you are all in our prayers during this time, as well as in the days to come. Praying for comfort and strength.

Frankie & Bobby Rose - September 20, 2022 at 08:32 PM

TW

“ I'm so sorry for your loss 🙏🙏🙏

Thomas Wilson - September 20, 2022 at 08:27 PM

AA

“ My condolences to Valerie's family and friends, I was honored to work with such a wonderful person at the Chick-fil-A, she did a lot for the community. Much love 💕

Ashley Albritton - September 20, 2022 at 08:00 PM

SE

“ May you fly with the pelicans now lady and watch over all of us who love you and miss you lots.

Sabrina Elliott - September 20, 2022 at 07:12 PM

JH

“ Skip, I am so very sorry for your loss my friend. I still carry such fond memories of our times together and the never ending giving nature of both Val and yourself. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

John hurtado - September 20, 2022 at 07:11 PM

RM

“ Skip you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. ❤️

Ronnie and Sandy Mayton - September 20, 2022 at 06:20 PM

SO

“ Skip is there a memorial service scheduled?
So sad my friend 🙏🙏🙏🇺🇸🍀

Sam O’Leary - September 20, 2022 at 05:49 PM

LS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Skip. My heart goes out to you and your family. Prayers for peace and comfort. ❤️

Lloyd Shannon - September 20, 2022 at 05:49 PM

HC

“ You are already missed by so many people. Thank you for investing in me and for always being an amazing friend.

Hannah Chitwood - September 20, 2022 at 05:43 PM

NI

“ Prayers for the whole family ❤️🙏🙏🙏❤️

Nancy Fisher irwin - September 20, 2022 at 05:39 PM

BR

“ Sending prayers of comfort to the family.

Bernice Reid - September 20, 2022 at 05:27 PM