



Valorie B. Chaves Hockman

June 30, 1946 - February 18, 2025

The staff of Heishman Funeral Home/Heishman Funeral Service sends condolences to the family of Mrs. Valorie Hockman.

Valorie B Chaves Hockman, 78, of Strasburg, VA went home to be with our Lord on February

18, 2025. Valorie was born on June 30, 1946 in Washington, DC to Helen V. Espina Chaves

(DeLeon) and Miguel Badilla Chaves.

She grew up in Maryland and graduated in 1964 from Central High School in Seat Pleasant, MD.

She married the love of her life, James Randolph (Randy) Hockman on August 11, 1973.

Valorie is survived by her husband, Randy of Strasburg, VA. She is also survived by her four

children; son Craig Smith and wife Alberta of Edinburg, VA; son Keith Smith and wife Cathy of

Edinburg, VA; daughter Alisha Williams and husband Trent of Woodstock, VA; and son Jason

Hockman and wife Emi of Yokosuka, Japan. She was blessed with eight grandchildren, Tiffany

Smith, Grant Smith, Desiree Buskirk (husband Jordan), Luke Smith, Anna Durren (husband

Jacob), TJ Williams, Maxuel Hockman, and Carina Hockman, and one great grandson, Sullivan Alexander Buskirk.

She is also survived by her siblings, Angela (Anne) Bice of Mechanicsville, MD; Gloria Jean (Jeanie) Edwards and husband Jay of Viera, FL; Jose S. DeLeon Jr and wife Phyllis of Virginia Beach, VA; Anita DeLeon Georgia of Titusville, FL; Marie Browning and husband Chris of Glen Allen, VA; John DeLeon of Titusville, FL; Marcellina (Marcy) King and husband Don of Fredericksburg, VA; and sister-in-law Carolyn Miller and husband Rick of Gainesville, FL. Also surviving are many, many nieces, nephews and cousins and her Aunt Anita Taylor.

She was preceded in death by her father, Miguel Chaves; mother, Helen V. DeLeon; stepfather, Jose S. DeLeon Sr.; and sister, Adriana (Dee) DeLeon.

During her lifetime, Valorie worked in several different professions. In the 1970's, she worked for Peoples Life Insurance Company. In the 1980's and 1990's, she was a sales manager for Shenandoah Vineyards, a bailiff for the Shenandoah County Jail, and part of the production crew at One Stop Deli. She was the caregiver for her aunt, Margaret Funkhouser, providing loving care through the end of her life.

Valorie enjoyed photography, writing poetry, crocheting, and spending time in her flower gardens. She was known for her outgoing and magnetic personality – she never met a stranger.

Her true passion was helping to raise and babysit her grandkids (known as Mimi to them). She took great care journaling about the time spent with her grandchildren and left them the precious gift of her written memories.

A devoted Christian and a member of the Liberty Baptist Church, Valorie read her bible daily.

Valorie dealt with numerous health issues over the last twenty years of her life; however, she never let those issues affect her zest for living and loving. Her faith in the Lord never wavered.

She leaves a void in the lives of those who loved her.

At her request, there will be no service. The family is grateful to all who helped care for her,

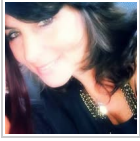
especially Kerri Armentrout, whom Valorie loved. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made

to the Shenandoah Co. Pregnancy Center, 28 Cedar Wood Ln, Edinburg, VA 22824 or Blue

Ridge Hospice, 333 W Cork St, Suite 405, Winchester, VA 22601. Cards can be sent to the

family at 680 Bruebeck Ln, Strasburg, VA 22657.

Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Valerie. She was such a kind and wonderful person and I remember visiting her with John in Virginia. She always made you feel comfortable and at home. She will be truly missed. Love Mindi

Mindi Nestler - May 17, 2025 at 01:01 AM



“ Craig and Alberta, So sorry for your loss! Praying for the entire family.

Eddie Sherman - February 24, 2025 at 01:12 PM



“ I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Valorie B. Chaves Hockman. On behalf of myself and all of us at the Town of Middletown, I extend our heartfelt condolences to her family, especially to Keith Smith during this difficult time. May the Hockman family find comfort in the cherished memories and the love of those around them. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Charles Harbaugh IV - February 24, 2025 at 08:36 AM

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“ To our dearest Valorie, thank you for being the absolutely wonderful, loving and dear friend to my mother, Myrtle Braithwaite, and the entire Braithwaite family. While we are most saddened by your passing on to Heaven, we rejoice in knowing that you are now in Heaven. Heaven is shining more brightly with your soul and absolutely glowing love, happiness and care. We are certain that your home in Heaven is most glorious in every way. Thank you for blessing our lives and the lives of everyone fortunate enough to meet you. We will remember and miss always!
With all of our love,
Myrtle Braithwaite, Winnie Braithwaite and the Braithwaite family.



Winona V Murray - February 23, 2025 at 02:32 PM

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“ Nancy Espina and family purchased the Always by Your Side - Glassware for the family of Valorie B. Chaves Hockman.



Nancy Espina and family - February 22, 2025 at 03:18 PM

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“ Valerie was a wonderful person and will miss her very much.



Nancy Espina - February 22, 2025 at 02:04 PM