



Ms. Valeria "Herky" Suzette Griffin

November 15, 1963 - April 7, 2019

Ms. Valeria "Herky" Suzette Griffin, 55, formerly of Peoria, IL passed away at 1:03 PM on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at UnityPoint Health Methodist.

Valeria affectionally known as Herky, was born on November 15, 1963 in Greenville, MS to Will "LC" Griffin and Gladys Bell.

Valeria was a fun-loving mother and grandmother who truly enjoyed her family and friends. She loved people and often helped family and friends whenever possible. Valeria loved traveling, cooking, shopping and sports, mainly football "Steelers" but most of all spending time with her grandchildren.

Valeria leaves to cherish her most precious memories her three daughters, Carla (Victor Gavin) Griffin, Tequila "Missy" Griffin and Taffyell (Michael) Ellis of Peoria; two brothers, Anthony Griffin of Texas and Corey Shields of Peoria; seven sisters, Sheila (Bryan) Griffin-Hill and Emma Bell both of Quincy, IL, Linda (Dwayne) Griffin-Gray, Phyllis (Nick) Farmer, Sharon Shields, Julia Williams and Aisha Robinson all of Peoria; her fiancé, Author "Spoonie" Runnels of Quincy, IL; twelve grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, one son, Carl Wells, Jr., two brothers, Lonnie Shield and Andre Shields, two sisters, Rita McClain and Sherri Holmes.

A memorial service will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church with a visitation beginning at 9:30 AM. Pastor Jimmie Burnside will officiate.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences

may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Moriah M.B. Church
505 W. Nebraska Ave.
Peoria, IL 61604

Memorial Service

APR 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Valeria "Herky" Suzette Griffin*



Simons Mortuary - April 12, 2019 at 06:19 PM



To the bereaved families, I'll like to give my deepest condolences and prayers.

Doris Douglas - April 15, 2019 at 04:48 PM



“ *Ms. Valeria "Herky" Suzette Griffin*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Valeria "Herky" Suzette Griffin*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *R.I.H "Herky" you were a bundle of laughs back in the day.*



J. W - May 24, 2019 at 08:32 PM

CS

“ *Curtis Shumate sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Valeria "Herky" Suzette Griffin*



Curtis Shumate - April 15, 2019 at 04:08 PM

BS

“ *Belinda Spencer-Little sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Valeria "Herky" Suzette Griffin*



Belinda Spencer-Little - April 13, 2019 at 08:25 AM

JB

“ *My Condolences Goes Out to The Entire Family, Val was a Beautiful Person and She Will be Truly Missed, Everytime Val Came to East St. Louis She Set it on Fire with Her Love and Her Compassion for People. Val, We Love You and You Will be Truly Missed by Us All. TO BE ABSENT FROM THE BODY IS TO BE PRESENT WITH THE LORD, I LOVE YOU CARLA AND SLEEP IN PEACE VAL, SWEET ANGEL!!!!*



JOYCE BROOKS-THOMAS - April 12, 2019 at 11:22 AM

EC

“ Evelyn Tate Clayton sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Valeria "Herky" Suzette Griffin



evelyn tate clayton - April 12, 2019 at 12:19 AM

JB

“ Joyce Barnes lit a candle in memory of Ms. Valeria "Herky" Suzette Griffin



Joyce barnes - April 11, 2019 at 05:45 PM

CS

“ Curtis Shumate lit a candle in memory of Ms. Valeria "Herky" Suzette Griffin



Curtis Shumate - April 11, 2019 at 01:28 PM

JB

“ Joanie Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Valeria "Herky" Suzette Griffin



Joanie Brown - April 11, 2019 at 12:53 AM

BH

“ Man this is beyond hurtful. She wasn't only my aunt, she was like my mother. She taught my kids how to walk, she potty trained them, she spent time with my children when there fathers was absent and when my parents was absent. I will forever miss you. This hurts so bad. I lost my favorite cook, my favorite decorator and a piece of me.

I LOVE YOU AUNT HERKY 🥹🥹🥹🥹🥹🥹🥹🥹

Bryanna hill - April 11, 2019 at 12:39 AM

KC

“ Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Valeria "Herky" Suzette Griffin



Kathy collins - April 10, 2019 at 08:12 PM



“ My heart is so broken to hear of the passing of Herky, a long time friend, I will forever miss talking to her.

RIP my friend

Diane Herron-Warfield

Bloomington, IL

Diane Herron - April 10, 2019 at 03:52 PM

MR

“ Mattie Risby lit a candle in memory of Ms. Valeria "Herky" Suzette Griffin



Mattie Risby - April 10, 2019 at 12:09 PM