



Ms. Valerie Lynn Kelley

August 5, 1981 - April 7, 2022

Ms. Valerie Lynn Kelley, 40, of Peoria, IL transitioned to her heavenly home at 11:51pm on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home. Valerie, affectionately known as Val, was born on August 5, 1981 in Peoria, IL to Viola (Lewis) Jowers and Kenneth Kelley.

Val attended Peoria Public Schools, graduating from Peoria Central High School in 1999. Val attended the University of Illinois, Champaign Urbana, graduating from the University of Illinois, Springfield with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accountancy. After graduating, she worked for Clifton-Gunderson Accounting, then went on to work for PCCEO (Peoria Citizens Committee for Economic Opportunity, Inc.) as a payroll clerk until she entered the hospital on Christmas Day 2021.

Val accepted Christ as a child. She loved going to church and had been singing since she was three years old. She was a member of Star of Hope Full Gospel Church where she was the minister of music. Val had a strong bond with Bishop Joseph Johnson.

Val was active in the Peoria theatre community performing in several musical productions at the Peoria Players and Corn Stock Theatre. She was also a member of the Board of Directors at Corn Stock Theatre.

Val had a good sense of humor. She was funny, intelligent, compassionate and loving. Those are only a few of her endearing qualities. Val loved children and had a special way with them. Babies loved her! Val's cousins called her "The Baby Whisperer". She loved good food and loved to cook. She also

loved singing and dancing. Val was a movie buff, watching game shows and HDTV. Val had a more than extraordinary bond with her mother. They loved being together with her and her family.

Val leaves many to cherish her most precious memories, her mother, Viola (Andrew) Jowers; her father, Kenneth Kelley; one brother, Keenen Kelley; three sisters, Danielle Kelley, Karen Dawson and Kay Kelley all of Peoria, IL and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews; other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Floyd and Rosie Lewis and Keith and Shirley Kelley.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Saturday April 16, 2022 at Star of Hope Full Gospel Church with a visitation one-hour prior beginning at 9 am. Bishop Joseph Johnson will officiate. Valerie will be laid to rest at Swan Lake Memory Gardens.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](https://www.SimonsMortuary.com).

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE (Central Time).

Due to Covid-19, social distancing is encouraged to be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services.

*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

*It is our responsibility as Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Cemetery Details

Swan Lake Mausoleum

4601 W War Memorial Dr
Peoria, IL 61614

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Star of Hope Full Gospel Church
417 W. Romeo B. Garrett Avenue
Peoria, IL 61605

Funeral Service

APR 16. 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

Star of Hope Full Gospel Church
417 W. Romeo B. Garrett Avenue
Peoria, IL 61605

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Valerie Lynn Kelley*



Simons Mortuary - April 19, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Valerie Lynn Kelley*



Simons Mortuary - April 14, 2022 at 04:44 PM

MM

Beautiful memories love u all Mendy Hughes

Mendoria Hughes Mendy - April 14, 2022 at 07:41 PM



“ *Ms. Valerie Lynn Kelley*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Valerie Lynn Kelley*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Entombment at Swan Lake Memory Gardens*



Simons Mortuary - April 19, 2022 at 02:16 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Ending of Valerie Kelley's Funeral Service*



Simons Mortuary - April 19, 2022 at 02:16 PM



“ *I remember meeting you and thinking to myself how cool it was to have so many siblings. You sounded like an amazing person, and I wish we were raised together. I would've learned a lot from you. I love you*

Karen Dawson - April 17, 2022 at 10:03 PM

JT

“ Viola I’m so very sorry for your loss. It was a pleasure getting to know you and Val. She was a fighter and the bond you two shared was beautiful to witness. Sending hugs and prayers to you.
Jami Turner



Jami Turner - April 14, 2022 at 08:51 PM



“ Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Ms. Valerie Lynn Kelley.



April 14, 2022 at 03:27 PM

AC

“ *NEW HOME MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH*
433 East First Street
Galesburg, Illinois 61401
Church Number (309)345-0209

Email: newhomebaptistchurch433@gmail.com

Pastor Kemp Jones, Sr.

April 14. 2022

To the family of Ms. Valeria Kelley,

Once again we find ourselves bowed down in humble submission to the divine will of almighty God.

Be assured that the passing of your loved one was his will and that all things done by him are not to be doubted even though we don't understand.

We hope that these few words will comfort you in the tomorrows to come.

There is promise in each sunrise.

There is hope for each new day.

There's a sunbeam for each raindrop,

There is help along the way.

There is faith for all life's problems,

There is strength for the trials you face,

There is mercy and compassion,

Even in life's darkest place.

That makes all life's sorrows dim.

When you place your hand in God's hand,

And walk life's path with him.

We, the Pastor, Officers, and Members know that she will be missed.

Respectfully Submitted

Pastor Kemp Jones

Annette Cato Church Clerk

ANNETTE lynn CATO - April 14, 2022 at 03:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Valerie Lynn Kelley.*



April 14, 2022 at 02:22 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about this I went to middle school with her we always were clowning and messing around sorry for your loss rest in piece sweetheart Michael Winter Granville II*

mike winter - April 14, 2022 at 09:30 AM

RM

“ *Such a beautiful Young lady with an Angel voice. It's sad u had too leave us so soon.. Star Hope Family is going too miss u greatly. I'm personally goin miss you smile & sing..Sleep Peacefully Sister with our Lord & Savior..Mrs. Vi my heart felt prayers are with u during this difficult time..sending love Too The Jowers & KELLEY FAMILY* ”



Roxanne McGhee - April 14, 2022 at 03:19 AM

RF

“ *Rena Webster Horton & Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Valerie Lynn Kelley* ”



Rena Webster Horton & Family - April 13, 2022 at 06:12 PM

TF

“ *Little Val truly loved to sing. A very pleasant personality. Never forgotten.* ”



The Jackson Hopson Family - April 13, 2022 at 05:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ms. Valerie Lynn Kelley.



April 13, 2022 at 11:00 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ms. Valerie Lynn Kelley.



April 13, 2022 at 05:22 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of Ms. Valerie Lynn Kelley.



April 12, 2022 at 08:58 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Ms. Valerie Lynn Kelley.



April 12, 2022 at 05:45 PM