



Mrs. Valeska "Terry" Louise Lyle

August 24, 1936 - November 1, 2017

Mrs. Valeska Louise Terry Lyle, 81, of Peoria, IL peacefully transitioned from this life to her heavenly home at 7:35 am on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at Unity Point Methodist Hospital.

Valeska was born on August 24, 1936 in Paris, Tennessee to Jerome Sr., and Valeska (Cravens) Terry. She married Lee Vincent Lyle on December 31, 1964. Lee preceded his wife in death on April 9, 2002.

Valeska was a graduate and Valedictorian at Henry County High School in Paris, TN and was a graduate and licensed Cosmetologist from the Oehrlein School of Cosmetology. At the age of 51, she decided to pursue a degree from Illinois Central College. Once graduated from ICC, she became a counselor of nontraditional students. Valeska found great joy helping her students, some of whom became her surrogate children prior to retiring in October 2000.

Valeska leaves to cherish her most precious memories her loving children, Iva-Surette "Bikie" Washum of Peoria and Mauren Anthony Lyle of St. Louis, MO; one brother, Bobby Cravens of San Antonio, TX; two sisters, Jackie (David) Payne of St. Louis, MO and Sandra Figaro of Peoria; four grandchildren, Tony, Jeremy, Mauren, II and Dominique; seven great grandchildren; special God Daughters, Sonia Hendricks and Brenda (George) Yetton and a host of surrogate children who loved her also. She is also preceded in death by her parents, Jerome Terry, Sr., and Valeska Hinton and two brothers, Jerome Terry, Jr. and Michael Terry.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at St. Paul Baptist Church. Pastor Deveraux Hubbard will officiate
Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 9. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

St. Paul Peoria
114 W. Forrest Hill Avenue
Peoria, IL 61604

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Valeska "Terry" Louise Lyle*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Valeska "Terry" Louise Lyle*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *To The Family Of Mrs. Valeska "Terry" Louise Lyle:*

We bow our heads in humble submission to the will of God who provides comfort to everyone in their time of need. We understand the hurt and pain that you all are experiencing at this present time, but know that God can heal and deliver you all no matter where you hurt. We are praying that God will shower down his blessings upon your lives, and provide the strength that is needed in this difficult time. .

Prayerfully Submmitted,

Melvin and Marjorie Kay Douglas (Williams)

Marjorie K. Douglas - November 17, 2017 at 10:28 AM



“ *Sandra Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valeska "Terry" Louise Lyle*



Sandra Walker - November 09, 2017 at 09:14 AM

AH

“ *Annette Housley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valeska "Terry" Louise Lyle*



Annette Housley - November 08, 2017 at 08:25 PM

VK

“ *Dear Iva & Family - Was very sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. Earth has no sorrows that Heaven can not heal. Losing one so near & dear can leave quite a void. The only one who can fill it is our Heavenly Father. I am praying that He will grant you comfort & peace as you contend with her departure. May your many memories of the love & care she provided give you the strength to carry on. Sending you my prayers, love & understanding.*



Vickie King - November 08, 2017 at 11:07 AM

CR

“ *I remember Terry well from her time working at ICC. She cared about those students with whom she worked and would go the “extra mile” to make sure everything was done throughout the Student Services area to give each student the best opportunity to succeed. I heard many stories through the years about all of you in her family and know that she truly loved each of you. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time, and I hope you will find comfort in the wonderful memories you have gathered with this wonderful spirit.*

Cheri Rodgers - November 07, 2017 at 11:55 PM

BA

“ Terry was such a special lady. Our paths crossed many many times through the years beginning as a neighbor of my parents when she lived on Nebraska, then when we worked at ICC, and finally when both my father and she were at Rosewood. Her kind heart and outspoken attitude was something I adored. I was proud to call her a friend.



Becky Atkinson - November 07, 2017 at 06:03 PM

BH

“ Terry was bright, shiny star in the heavens who always appeared when life got dark. She loved her students dearly and always found room in her heart for one more person to love. She was my “sista from another mother” and my friend for 32 years. I shall miss her.
Barbara Hartnett

Barbara Hartnett - November 07, 2017 at 12:01 PM

JS

“ I worked with Terry on several occasions at ICC. She was extremely knowledgeable, helpful, and professional. And then there was that captivating smile! My sympathy for her family. Jerry Servie

jerry servie - November 07, 2017 at 10:10 AM

TT

“ Terry was one fantastic woman who made ICC what it is today. She always had a smile on her face and made all those around her feel special. I will always remember that whatever she did, she did it because she loved students and wanted them always to get the most out of their potential. Whenever I talked to Terry I always felt better after the conversation than before, that is her legacy. God will accept her into his arms and gain from her smile

Thomas K Thomas - November 07, 2017 at 09:16 AM

JB

“ *JOANIE PINK BROWN sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Valeska "Terry" Louise Lyle*



JOANIE PINK BROWN - November 05, 2017 at 06:27 AM

EC

“ *Sincere condolences to Terry's family. She was a beautiful lady inside & out with a beautiful smile. She's no longer suffering but resting in Jesus arms. Be encouraged in the coming days.*



evelyn tate clayton - November 03, 2017 at 01:22 PM

EB

“ *Emel Buckner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valeska "Terry" Louise Lyle*



Emel Buckner - November 02, 2017 at 11:49 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss prayer go out for family and friend weeping May remains for a night but rejoicing come in the morning May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with you all amen*



Dorotha Williams - November 02, 2017 at 07:34 PM