



Valerie M. Engstrume

April 6, 2022

Valerie M. Engstrume (Walsh), 66, of Wakefield, passed away at home on Wednesday April 6th, 2022, surrounded by her family.

Valerie was born March 3rd, 1956 in Wakefield, the daughter of the late Edward and Charlotte (Gaudette) Walsh. Valerie was a graduate of Prout High School, Class of 1974. She was a CNA for many years and then received her associate degree in Travel and Tourism from the Sawyer School in Westerly. She worked at URI as a housekeeper for 11 years, until retiring in 2020 due to health reasons.

Valerie was full of life and always quick to crack a joke or share a smile. She was “Ma Dukes” or “Momma Val” to so many “bonus kids” whom she loved as her own. She enjoyed traveling, mostly road trips with her devoted husband, any adventure her kids presented, spending time with her grandkids, music and the casino.

Valerie leaves behind her husband, James Engstrume Jr. Four children James (Tia) Smith of Ashaway, Robert (Jeanne) Smith of Uncasville, CT, Nicole (Corey) St. Peter of Hopkinton and Jennifer (Charles) Burr of Wakefield. Four grandchildren Thomas Mittendorf, Shyann Churchill, Victoria Smith, Andrew Smith and one great granddaughter, Isabel. Three sisters Patricia (Anthony) Ciccone of Wakefield, Colleen (Richard) Hartley and Charlotte Walsh, of Hernando, FL. As well as many brothers and sisters in law, nieces and nephews.

There will be no calling hours. A service will take place on Wednesday April

20th at 12:00 noon at the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery, Exeter, RI. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Cancer Center at South County Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery

301 South County Trail
Exeter, RI 02822

Previous Events

Committal Service

APR 20. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CC

“ My best friend who was there for me in good times, and saved my life and my children during storms. We shared secrets, promised to keep forever more. A precious smile that shined that brought sunshine to all on a rainy day. My Dad called her Vanilla...a cherished nickname for sure! I know she has beautiful wings and flies with precious Angels. I will see you one day, Gal Pal..please save me a seat....1 2 3 So Long Sissy. I love you 💖💖💖

Chrissie Conte - April 20, 2022 at 10:42 PM

LM

“ Jim and family,
So very sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in your memories.
Lori McGraw

Lori McGraw - April 20, 2022 at 01:45 PM

AP

“ Auntie~ Your laugh and fun-loving personality was contagious. I will always cherish when you visited the farm! We love you!

April - April 20, 2022 at 09:20 AM

BE

“ Bill & Cheryl Ellis lit a candle in memory of
Valerie M. Engstrume



Bill & Cheryl Ellis - April 19, 2022 at 07:16 AM

LC

“ It was always a blast at our class gatherings with Val!! She was loved by us all and will be missed terribly. RIP dear friend..



Linda Cullen-Fry - April 14, 2022 at 09:52 AM

AP

“ I liked seeing Valerie here and there,we would stop to catch up on family an each other then be on our way again. We always think there will be more time to stop an smell the flowers an be with our friends but life passes us by. Going to miss seeing Valerie. Mom an I want to send our condolences to all of Valerie’s family and friends. Sincerely Angie Pierson and Angela White

Angela Pierson - April 12, 2022 at 09:24 PM

VG

“ Hartley Family, we are so sorry for your loss. It’s never easy to lose a loved one. Colleen, I know how close you are with your sisters. I hope you only keep the good memories alive.

Vicki Gibb - April 11, 2022 at 05:02 PM

WG

“ Bumpy rides, powdered donuts and so many smiles! Love you and thinking of you all. She will be missed.

Wendy Gil - April 11, 2022 at 12:44 PM