



Valerie Diane Freshwater

July 9, 1940 - October 23, 2017

Valerie “Diane” Freshwater the daughter of Rosella Conaway Vann and the late Gaskin Barnes of Seaford, DE was born on July 9, 1940. Diane was raised in Bridgeville, DE by Frances and Minerva Blockson.

After a long hard fight Diane passed away peacefully in her sleep on Monday, October 23, 2017 at The Delaware Hospice Center in Milford, DE, at the age of 77.

Diane graduated from William C. Jason Comprehensive High School in Georgetown, DE in 1960. She spent her working life as a certified nursing assistant caring for the elderly, spending most of her work life at Chancellor Care working with an incredible team of colleagues. Diane liked to say that Valerie was her professional name. In 1988, Diane met Jackson Freshwater and on day one, he shared with everyone around him that Valerie was the woman he was going to marry. Diane and Jackson married on August 28, 1999. Diane and Jackson filled their early years dancing and listening to a variety of music, from Gospel to the Blues into the wee hours of the morning. Her favorite song was “His Eye is on the Sparrow”.

Diane’s love of life and easy laugh filled the hearts of all those around her. She was a generous, quick-witted individual with a love of game shows. Diane’s infatuation with teddy bears can be seen throughout her home. In her heydays, she loved playing Spades and not just for fun. Later she could be

found several times monthly enjoying her passion for BINGO or taking long drives on Sundays after church.

In later years, Diane and Jackson were members of the Kingdom Empowerment Christian Church of Seaford DE. During those years, with a smile on her face, Diane fought her illness living the best she could til she joined the Lord.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings Vaughn Conaway and Norma Wyatt.

Diane is survived by her husband Jackson Freshwater, daughters Pandora Daniels (Vance) of Lincoln, DE and Ja'Cherra Freshwater of Milford, DE siblings Arnold Vann (Shirley) of Seaford, DE, Teri Vann of Seaford, DE, Frances Blockson (Junior) of Milford, DE, Andra Cannon of Seaford, DE, Forrest Williams (Faye) of Seaford, DE, William Frisby of Philadelphia, PA, Leon Marshall (Susan) of Woodbridge, VA. Grandchildren, Antron Hazzard, Reggie Hazzard (Brittany), Marcus Hazzard, and Jaleel Freshwater, and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, family and friends.

Lovingly Submitted, The Family

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Valerie Diane Freshwater, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

Tribute Wall

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

H. Fields - October 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I would like to offer my condolences for your loss. I hope you will find comfort in knowing that Jehovah, the God of all comfort, will soon eliminate all grief and provide permanent consolation when “all those in the memorial tombs will hear [Christ’s] voice and come out”! (John 5:28, 29) God promises that “he will do away with death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces.” (Isa. 25:8) Then, instead of having to “weep with those who weep,” all earth’s inhabitants will “rejoice with those who rejoice.”—Rom. 12:15.

M Jones - October 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I am so sorry to learn of the passing of Valerie she was a beautiful lady and my prayers go out to her family Rip Val

Kathaleen Bagwell - October 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ *When I heard of my friend Diane's Home going it was heart felt. God Bless Her Spirit and help my friend Jackson in this sorrowful time. May God Bless and Comfort Jackson and His Family.*

Howard Carter - October 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *I would like to offer my personal condolences to your family. I hope that you will be able find strength in Gods promise at Revelation 21:4 that soon: he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. You are in my thoughts and prayers and once more I am deeply sorry for your familys loss.*

JoyceA - October 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM