



Valarie Elisabeth Ellis

August 16, 1961 - February 16, 2022

Valarie Elisabeth Ellis was born in Shreveport, LA, on August 16, 1961, and passed away on February 16, 2022, in Decatur, Georgia. She is preceded in death by grandparents Edgar S. Bogue and Lydia Bogue, father Don O. Ellis, and step-father Hank Evans, all of whom she loved dearly.

She is survived by children Molly Hendricks and husband Justin; Erin Lyons and husband Jonathan; Austin Seamans; Madison Hix; grandson Declan Hendricks, mother Molly Evans, aunt Jodi Reynolds, uncle Edward (Bubba) Bogue and wife Donna, and step-sister Julie Kyte and husband John.

Valarie was an Episcopalian, baptized and confirmed at the Church of the Redeemer in Ruston, Louisiana. She explored other denominations throughout her life, but always found comfort in the music and teachings of the Episcopal faith. She loved to visit St. Mary's in Atlanta, accompanied by either Madison, or her good friends and next-door neighbors, Shannon and Hayes.

She lived in many locations - Louisiana, Massachusetts, Arkansas, North Carolina, and most recently Decatur, Georgia. She graduated from Hingham High School in Massachusetts, attended Louisiana Tech University, and graduated from the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Wherever she was, she made the most of it, living life to the fullest.

Valarie loved for everything to be pretty — no ugly world for her! Her girls never left the house without looking like dolls, and always with big bows in their hair. Although petite, Valarie's spirit was tough, and she could hold her own in any discussion or debate.

She was also very talented when it came to decorating and making unusual, pretty items, and at one point she owned and operated a small boutique in Laurinburg, North Carolina, selling her creations. She loved projects and could always envision the finished project or product in her mind's eye.

Valarie especially loved flowers and gardening, sitting on the back deck of her house, or just being out walking — anything to take her outside. Valarie's world was a fragile, special place that she created — a lovely retreat from the hardness of life, beautiful and without pain.

Now Valarie has reached an even more beautiful place prepared just for her, with plenty of flowers that know no season. Her family is grateful for the joy she brought into their lives.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to (insert charity). Memorials may be sent to St. Mary's Episcopal Church at <https://episcopalatlanta.org/make-a-donation/> or to the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer at <https://www.rustonredeemer.com/donate>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB **25** (CT)

Colonial Gardens Cemetery
FM 31
Marshall, TX

Tribute Wall

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“ I miss my sweet friend. This spring will be especially hard as all the plants and flowers she planted in our yard start to bloom. Valarie could pick random flowers out of the yard and make beautiful flower arrangements. She was an amazing cook. She was my interior design consultant, my thrift store shopping buddy. She is the one who successfully fought for our cul-de-sac to get paved by the city. Valarie only wanted to help people and that is why she loved working in local government. Valarie, you changed so many lives for the better. Rest in peace now, sister. I hope you can feel all the love in heaven.



Shannon W Whitt - March 01, 2022 at 11:44 PM



Molly Hendricks - April 24, 2022 at 12:38 AM

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“ Logan lit a candle in memory of Valarie Elisabeth Ellis



Logan - February 24, 2022 at 12:19 PM

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“ Val and I would often sit on the back deck and enjoy morning coffee, watching the birds build their nests while taking in the gentle sweet aromas of her tea roses growing beside the deck stairs. She loved the sun on her face, and would often sit and read outside. It was her special place she enjoyed very much. She loved bringing in fresh flowers from her yard to share with those around her.



Logan - February 24, 2022 at 12:17 PM

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“ My heartfelt condolences to you and your family. It was a pleasure to meet your daughter and granddaughter. I'm thankful for the hope of heaven that we share. May God hold you close.
Toni Hibbs

Toni Hibbs - February 24, 2022 at 09:41 AM



“ Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of Valarie Elisabeth Ellis.



February 23, 2022 at 03:24 PM

JT

“ I have many loving memories of my niece Valarie. When God created her, He went all out with a strikingly beautiful person, inside and out. She was a giver who shared her inspired creations with those she loved. I'll always cherish a Christmas hostess apron she made for me years ago with “Aunt Jodi” embroidered on it — a gift which I've always treasured. My prayers for my sister and Valarie's children and families are that their hearts will be at peace with the knowledge that a daughter and their mother is free of pain and her beautiful soul is resting in God's loving grace.

Aunt Jodi

jodi teynolds - February 23, 2022 at 03:21 PM



Molly Hendricks - April 24, 2022 at 12:40 AM

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“ Valarie shared dinner with us 3-4 times a week. One summer evening, our son Corbin sprayed her with a hose, but Val got him back and soaked him! She was our go-to for any home design or landscaping advice. And she loved taking care of the chickens. Valarie was our friend. We miss you every day Val. Our home is not quite as bright without you. Hayes, Shannon and Corbin Whitt.

The Whitt's - February 23, 2022 at 11:47 AM

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“ Melody Hendricks lit a candle in memory of Valarie Elisabeth Ellis



Melody Hendricks - February 22, 2022 at 07:30 PM