



Valerie Mae Smith Jones

December 23, 1937 - April 21, 2009

Valerie Mae Smith Jones, 71 of Richmond, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at her home in Richmond. She was born December 23, 1937 in Houston to Menton and Loraine Smith. She married her husband, Thomas W. Jones, on July 18, 1954 and they spent 54 years together raising their three daughters and enjoying their seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. They enjoyed traveling together and living life to the fullest.

Valerie and Tommy made their first home in Houston, but spent the majority of their married life in El Campo where for twenty-five years she worked alongside Tommy in their business. They have resided in the Richmond area for the last twelve years. Valerie remained active and was currently a sales associate at Macy's. Her favorite hobbies were spoiling her grandchildren, working crossword puzzles and cooking for her family. She never let a family gathering go by without making one of her specialties and sending some home with each family member.

Valerie is preceded in death by her parents, Menton and Loraine Smith and her infant granddaughter, Nancy Ann Nohavitza.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Tommy, of Richmond; children, Gay Crissman and husband, Gary, of Richmond, Joy Wind and husband, Ronnie, of El Campo and Susan Nohavitza and husband, Glenn, of Richmond; her

brothers, Lloyd Smith of Corrigan, Bobby Smith of Trinity, C. J. Smith and wife, Alice, of Liberty and Larry Smith of Dayton; her seven adoring grandchildren, Anne Hale Gaines, Craig Wind and fiancé, Jennifer, Kyle Wind and Julie, Jack, Betsy and Scott Nohavitzka; great-grandchildren, Sean and Madison Gaines and Madisen Wind; along with other relatives and many friends.

For those wishing, donations may be made in memory of Valerie to Goodfellow's, P. O. Box 4260, Houston, Texas, 77210-4260.

Private graveside services will be held at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 P. M. until 8:00 P. M., with a brief service of remembrance at 7:30 P. M., Thursday, April 23, 2009 at Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Chapel in Rosenberg.

Tribute Wall

JK

“ *Mr. Jones, Gay, Joy, Susan and families:
I was so sorry to hear of the sudden loss of your beloved mother,
wife, and grandmother. Valerie was one of a kind and will be truly
missed. My prayers are with you all.*

Jackie Birtchet Korenek - April 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *I was so sadden to hear about the death of your wife, Mom and
grandmother. Please know all of you are in our prayers. I wish that I
could be there to share in your celebration of her life but know my
thoughts are with you. Love, Lisa*

Lisa Pope Humphrey - April 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Jones family,*

*I was so very saddened to hear about Val...she brought such fun to
our lives while growing up. I truly enjoyed my time with her. Thank
you all for sharing her with the rest of us. She was such a joy and
will forever be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*What helps my sadness is that I bet heaven is rockin' tonight with
her laugh and smile!*

*Love to all,
Lisa*

Lisa Webb - April 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Dear Mr. Jones, Gay, Joy, & Susan, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your dear Mother. I am picturing her beautiful smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Pam

Pamela Petersen Pope - April 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM