

# Valerie Patricia Umberger Smith

*September 14, 1934 ~ February 7, 2024*

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Sherri and Steve, Sherri your mom is an amazing lady and I think probably has the best taste in all of the world because she loves chocolate just like we do!! We know we can’t make your pain go away, but we want you to know we're here for you with a shoulder to cry on or an ear to listen with, or anything else you may need. Your friends forever, Bill &Lori

- The Clausens

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We are filled with love and admiration for both Val and Ariel and family. So exemplary!! We appreciate our many years of association. Faithful to the end, they have been actively coming to the temple with the assisted living group. The Bensons

- Randy and Elaine Benson

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Dear Smith family, Sending loving thoughts your way as you say goodbye to your dear mom for a time. I have wonderful memories of growing up with your family in our neighborhood and Ward. Fun yesteryears! Was there anything your mom couldn’t do? I remember her best for her beautiful artwork and delicious homemade chocolates (I was a happy recipient of both these talents), and her intelligence and creativity. I’m disappointed to miss being in attendance at her services as I will be out of town cheering on a soccer playing grandson. Love to you all! ■

- Wendy Newsome Thomas

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My dearest family, my heart goes out to you and your father at this time. I wish we were closer so that we could join you at this time. We are currently serving as senior missionaries in the Africa South Area and loving every minute as we work as mental health advisors, and in our spare time, retrace the steps of the Smith family through Johannesburg, Cape Town and others areas they frequented. What a legacy they left for us to follow. I leave my love with you knowing that the Lord is aware of your needs and will tend to them. Love to all of you from far away South Africa. All my love, Judy

- Roger and Judy van Komen

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I was a teenager in Monongahela, PA when Val lived in the Pittsburgh area. She truly cared for and loved the youth. I remember that I had no transportation to a district activity. She drove to our little town to give me a ride. I remember her having her wedding gown dyed to be a gown for the Gold and Green Ball. Her love of chocolate was memorable. I can truly testify that her example of Christlike service has followed me and influenced me through life. She and Arial surely made a difference in my life. May her family and memory be blessed forever. Bonnie Kerry

- Bonnie Gay Matthews Kerry