

Valerie Anne Espinoza Myers

October 9, 1968 ~ September 27, 2021

Our dear daughter, mother, grandmother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, and dear friend, Valerie Anne Espinoza Myers passed away on September 27, 2021, at the University of Utah Hospital, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Valerie was born October 9, 1968, in Loveland, Colorado to George R. and Genevieve Espinoza.

Valerie was the mother to three sons, Phillip, Seth and Gabriel and grandmother to Sophia Simone.

She is survived by her parents, George, and Genevieve, Bountiful, Utah, brother Tony. (Kris) Espinoza, DeFuniak Springs, Florida and sister Eleanor (James) Armijo, Long Beach, California, many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Everyone who knew Valerie loved her. She was an inspiration to everyone she met. She made everyone feel special. She possessed many qualities such as kindness, patience and understanding with an incredible smile and sense of humor. She knew the meaning of hard work and she worked very hard to take care of her family. She raised her sons to become loving, caring gentlemen. She had many life-long friends who knew her as a gentle classy lady.

Valerie was a parish member at St. Olaf Catholic Church since 1986. She was very active in planning and organizing church activities. She was involved in the Youth Group Ministry and was a CCD teacher. She was a member of the Ladies of Charity ad served as past president. She was a wonderful cook and would bake food items for the annual Thanksgiving bake sale. She volunteered for the Annual Christmas project for the needy in parishes in Salt Lake City. She had a lanyard party and brought lanyards and blue beads so each Lady could create their personal lanyard.

Valerie was creative and some of her hobbies included jewelry making, card making and rock painting. She designed and made jewelry for her family, friends and for fund raising activities. She would paint rocks with tiny pictures of animals, inspirational messages and leave them at health care facilities after her medical appointments. She would wait in our car for someone to find her treasure and smiled at their delight especially when they looked around to see who the gracious person was to do a lovely thing. She made Father’s Day gifts for her father, religious cards and western bolo ties with gemstones, The family is sure that she took her glue gun with her because we cannot find it. We can imagine her gluing fallen Angel feathers back on their wings.

Valerie was employed at Benchmark Regional Hospital as a Medical Records Assistant with her mother Genevieve. They worked as a team for 11 years. She was very organized and detailed oriented. Along with the Medical Coding of Diagnostic Mental Disorders, she assisted the Psychiatrists, Social Workers and Mental Health Workers in completing their charting responsibilities. She would have the staff in stiches from laughter in her story telling.

After working at Benchmark, she also worked as a dispatcher (20) years for Bullocks and Kearns Heavy Duty towing and recovery. She was a dispatcher in receiving emergency calls and she dispatched tow trucks to all parts of Utah, Idaho, Nevada, and Wyoming.

Valerie was approached by a Modeling Executive to model Sports and Recreational Clothing such as ski wear. When she walked across the modeling platform, she exhibited poise and elegance in her presentation. She became the spokeswoman for the size acceptance events in Las Vegas, Nevada. She met ladies from across the nation and kept an everlasting friendship.

Funeral Services will be at St. Olaf Catholic Church, 276 East 1700 South, Bountiful, Utah Services will be live streamed on St. Olaf Catholic Church, Bountiful, Utah Facebook Page, October 23, 2021.

10:30 AM Rosary Prayer
11:00 AM Funeral Mass

Funeral Luncheon immediately following in the McNamara Center

Interment: Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Salt Lake City, Utah later date.

Thank you for your wonderful support and love. In lieu of flowers any donations can be made to a memorial fund set up in Valerie Espinoza Myers name at Wells Fargo Bank.

Special thank you the Larkin Mortuary, Salt Lake City. Additional information may be found at www.larkinmortuary.com