



Valerie Kay Ernst

August 21, 1946 - October 29, 2022

Valerie Kay Ernst was born to Katie and Herman Weeks on August 21, 1946 in Alexandria, Va. She spent all her growing-up years living on various military bases in France, the Azores, as well as Ohio and Georgia. After marriage, she moved to California, then to New Hampshire and New Jersey. She later had homes in West Palm Beach, Florida, then finally settling in Suwanee, Ga. to be close to her daughter and granddaughters.

While living in NJ, Val received her nursing degree and was employed as the school nurse in Upper Saddle River, in addition to volunteering on the local ambulance corp where she was Captain and Crew Chief, EMT instructor and CPR instructor. She also was an active Girl Scout leader and New Comers Club Vice President. Upon moving to Ga., Val became associated with Animal Rescue and spent many years fostering cats. It became her passion to which she dedicated many hours and much love. She is affectionately known in the area as "The Cat Rescue Lady".

She will be missed by so many, two legged as well as four. It is no coincidence that she passed away on NATIONAL CAT DAY.

Valerie is survived by her daughter Julie (Don), granddaughters Lindsay, Ally and Gwen, as well as her sister Judy, Judy's husband Rakesh and their two sons Krishan and Ketan and her mother Katie.

She is preceded in death by her father Herman, her husband Dave, son Glenn, and granddaughter Annika.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Nov. 4, 11:00 at The Level Creek United Methodist Church, 4844 Suwanee Dam Rd., Suwanee, Ga. 30024.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to:

- OASIS, a haven for women and children in Paterson, N.J.
oasisnj.org (please look under TRIBUTE GIFT)
- SOUTHERN ANIMAL RESCUE, a non-profit for neglected animals in the Atlanta area. www.southernanimalrescue.com (please Indicate that your donation is to Valerie Ernst under SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS)

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Level Creek United Methodist Church
4844 Suwanee Dam Road
Suwanee, GA 30024

Tribute Wall



“ Valerie Kay Ernst

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ She had a heart that cared completely. She had a smile that brought so much pleasure. She had a love that brought joy beyond measure. No one will bake (Zucchini Bread Cake) for me anymore. I will miss your text messages until then you rest well in heaven .
Your next door neighbor Mohammad 🙏

Mohammad - November 04, 2022 at 09:32 AM



“ Valerie was, and I'm sure still is, a feisty sprite of a lady with a huge heart. When I first met her I was a little intimidated! Over time I learned that she was an unstoppable force with a marshmallow center. Since then we have been fast friends in our animal rescue efforts and get together. She always amazed me when I called for a chat. Catching me up on her efforts for the church, for the homeless, cooking for her mom, granddaughter, daughter and sister visits. Always a story to tell about her fur babies. On top of it all, she helped me out in my efforts to vet animals. Of course it was incognito; like I had no idea! I will always toast you my friend with my first sip of wine. Friends Forever!

Linda - November 01, 2022 at 11:44 AM

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“ Once I met Val, I finally found out what "a force to be reckon with" meant. She was such a little thing but truly her looks would fool you. Her spirit and heart were so incredibly large and giving. No matter what was happening in her life, she always found time to make others feel loved and special. And well fed :) . She truly gave totally of herself to all who knew her, both friends, family and strangers. She always had room in her heart for one more and that included our furbabies. I am truly honored to have been part of her life and she will remain an inspiration to me on how to live with your heart on your sleeve and not care.

My thoughts and love are with her family especially her daughter and granddaughters who brought the light to her eyes and for whom she was so incredibly proud. She truly loved all of you.

Robin Sing - October 31, 2022 at 07:54 PM