

To My Cousin

Farewell to my beloved cousin, my phone timer, traveling partner and my friend. For years we did everything together. I often referred to you as my shadow. You were my traveling partner, that meant so much to me. You were always willing and ready to go with me without complaining whenever or wherever I went. When I said "Let's" you'd say "Go". You have always had my unconditional love. You will be truly missed, I must remember that God knows what's best.

Cousin Bea.

*Valerie's Words of Encouragement To Those Left Behind.
To all my precious loved ones - my family and friends.*

To Those I Love

*To those I love and those that love me,
When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travel alone
So grieve for a while for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear
All my love around you so soft and clear
And then, when you must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."*

-Author unknown

Valerie

*God on His throne in Heaven
Looked around at His Flowers so fair
And then sought a blossom on earth
To add to those He had there
To be part of such heavenly company
The bloom must be pure and sweet
And Valerie was chosen
As one who had played at His feet.
Sorrow is great at the loss of Valerie
At the parting of the one we love
But the parting was made that
Valerie might go
To brighten the heavens above.*

Pall Bearers

- Kelton Lee
- Michael Womack
- Ricky Clark
- Ronald Cradle
- Eric Womack
- Donald Roundtree

Flower Bearers

Cousins

Acknowledgments

The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness shown towards them during their time of bereavement.

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In Loving Memory of Valerie Jane Austin

Sunrise
April 10, 1951

Sunset
August 29, 2010



Friday, September 3, 2010
11:00 a.m.

Union Chapel Church
1424 Gustav Ave. • Union, New Jersey

Rev. Samuel M. Wright, Jr. - Officiating

Reflections of Life

Valerie Jane Austin was born in Newark, NJ on April 10, 1951 to the late Hezekiah and Margaret Austin. She was christened at St. James A.M.E. Church in Newark at a very young age and was very active in church and community services. Her education consisted of attending the Newark Public Schools K - 12 and Bloomfield College for three years.

She always wanted to be of service to others and decided to pursue a career in nursing. Unable to get a nursing degree at Bloomfield, she decided to join the Navy and see the world. Valerie was raised in a Christian home, therefore, church activities were a part of her life. She sang in the choir, attended Sunday school, was a junior usher and assisted other members whenever and wherever she was needed. When in school, she was on the dean's list most of the time.

She excelled in the Navy at whatever she pursued. She sailed around the world, saw many sights and enjoyed a lot of wonderful experiences. Due to an accident in the Navy, her active life was cut short at the age of 25. Even then she was blessed. When her Mom went to the hospital in Seattle, Washington to get her, she was told that Valerie would be a vegetable the rest of her life. With

God's help Valerie learned to walk, talk and was learning to be more independent. She was a fighter and God brought her through that crisis and she lived a comfortable life for many years.

In 2006, she joined Union Chapel Church under the care and leadership of Pastor Samuel M. Wright, Jr. Valerie was a member of the Sunday School and E.J. Gospel Chorus at Union Chapel. Valerie joined the N.A.A.C.P. many years ago as a regular member, upgraded to a Life member and was subscribing for the Golden Life membership. She attended local meetings regularly and the National Convention annually. Valerie served her country and was an inspiration to all who came in contact with her.

God put a lot of people in Valerie's path to make her life here on earth more comfortable: Family and friends, Jay Street Extended Care Facility and Union Chapel Church family. "To God be the Glory."



Left to cherish Valerie's memories are: her aunt, Otelia Jones; her cousin, Beatrice Lee; and a host of other cousins, relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude Reverend Gene Gerrell
Opening Hymn "Soon And Very Soon"
Prayer of Comfort Reverend Samuel M. Wright, Jr.
Scripture Readings Reverend Oscar Cradle
Old Testament - Psalm 90:1-12
New Testament - John 14:1-6
Selection Union Chapel Choir

Remarks (Please limit to 2 minutes)
Open To Family, Friends and Clergy

Resolutions
and Acknowledgements Sister Lula Young
Obituary Sister LaVerne Chesley
Selection Union Chapel Choir
Eulogy Reverend Samuel M. Wright, Jr.
Recessional Clergy and Family

Interment
Hollywood Memorial Park
Union, New Jersey

Friends are invited to join the family for the repast at Galloping Hill Catering • 395 Chestnut St. • Union, NJ