



VALERIE JOAN FREED

March 4, 1937 - June 8, 2018

Valerie Joan Freed passed away on Friday, June 8, 2018. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at the Louis Memorial Chapel, 6830 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo., with burial immediately following at Rose Hill Cemetery, 6900 Troost Ave.

Valerie was born in Atchison, Kan. on March 4, 1937. She grew up there, graduating from Atchison High School, where she was involved in over twenty school activities, and was the homecoming queen in 1955. She then attended the University of Texas at Austin.

She settled in Overland Park, Kan. in 1961, where she devoted herself to raising her family and participated in numerous activities. She was an avid tennis player, loved the outdoors and gardening, taught water aerobics, volunteered to help children and mothers that were victims of domestic abuse, and worked with Russian immigrants.

She was a personal shopper for many years at The Jones Store Co. in Metcalf South, and completed a marathon and a triathlon after she turned 50. She also was a wonderful artist who created beautiful paintings and clay sculptures. She loved to knit, especially for her family, and would sew into each piece a tag that said "made with love by Yaya."

She married Ronald Freed of St. Joseph, Mo. in 1958. Together they had three children: Randy, Amy and Julie. Amy passed away from Tay-Sachs disease just after she turned two years old in 1963. Valerie and Ronald divorced in 1987 but remained good friends until he died in 2014.

She married Hoit Campbell, her best friend, in 1994, and they were happily together until his death in 2011. She and Hoit loved traveling, especially to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, where they spent many winters and made many friends.

Valerie was known for her loving spirit, vivacious personality, warm heart, infectious laugh and many lifelong friends. Everybody she knew adored her, and she will be greatly missed.

Valerie was preceded in death by her daughter Amy, parents Rudolph and Dorothy Leibowitz, husband Hoit Campbell, ex-husband Ronald Freed and sister, Linda Leibowitz.

She is survived by son and daughter-in-law Randy and Dini Freed of Overland Park; daughter Julie Freed of Ashland, Ore.; and granddaughters Arianna Marshank and Evie Freed. She also leaves sister and brother-in-law Bronna and Spencer Gerber of Leawood, Kan., and brother-in-law, Tony Pacheco of Prairie Village, Kan., as well as many close cousins and friends.

The family suggests contributions to the National Tay-Sachs & Allied Diseases Association, 2001 Beacon Street, Ste. 204, Boston, Mass., 02135, or the Alzheimer's Association Heart of America, 3846 West 75th St., Prairie Village, Kan. 66208.

Events

JUN **Funeral** 10:00AM

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The Louis Memorial Chapel

6830 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO, US, 64131

JUN **Shiva** 06:00PM

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at the home of Randy and Dini Freed. Please call funeral home for further instruction.

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Comments



“ Barb Sherman lit a candle in memory of VALERIE JOAN FREED



Barb Sherman - June 20, 2018 at 01:44 PM



“ Randy, Julie, and family,

My condolences for the loss of your mother, a woman with a vibrant spirit who surely impacted so many of us here on this earth. Her wisdom and heart are her legacy to all of us--may we all remember what we learned from Val and carry it forward consciously into our lives as a tribute to her goodness.

Much love,
Ryan T. Campbell

Ryan Campbell - June 19, 2018 at 08:39 PM



“ Randy and Julie,

How lucky for me to have known your mom so well, and to have called her my friend. She was bright and funny, easy to chat with and so very lovely. Val's smile and spirit was always a joy to be around. She will be missed deeply by all of us who had the privilege of knowing her.

May her memory be a blessing.

Sandy Passer

Sandy Passer - June 14, 2018 at 08:11 PM



“ Helen Apple Farbman lit a candle in memory of VALERIE JOAN FREED



Helen Apple Farbman - June 13, 2018 at 11:55 AM



“ Madeline Silver lit a candle in memory of VALERIE JOAN FREED



Madeline Silver - June 12, 2018 at 01:35 AM



“ Dear Bronna and Family, So sorry on the loss of your dear sister and Mother Valerie. May her memory be for a blessing always.

Sincerely, Madeline Silver

Madeline Silver - June 12, 2018 at 01:37 AM



“ Randy and Julie, we loved your mom! And we had such fun with Valerie and Hoyt in Puerto Vallarta as well as so many other local spots. Your mom was always so joyful and funny. We miss her!

Ed Odell and Cheryl Fannin



Cheryl Fannin - June 11, 2018 at 03:48 PM



“ Dear Julie, Randy and Bronna,

I am so sorry for our loss of Valerie. As you know, Valerie and I were born months apart and grew up together. I have fond memories of the many hours we spent together until my family moved to Kansas City in 1952. We kept in touch through the years and I will never forget her.

Love,

Stan Dolginoff



stan dolginoff - June 11, 2018 at 01:24 PM



“ To Julie ,Randy and Bronna: Our family sends its heartfelt condolences to your families at this time of sorrow. I have been part of the family for over 65 years and Val was like a sister to me. She always had a contagious smile and laughter and willing to help where help was needed. Its time to let go so you can be with your departed family. May your soul rest in peace. Bob and Rita Hunter family.

Bob Hunter - June 11, 2018 at 12:24 PM



“ I have known Val for 65 years. she was always like a sister to me. Our family extends its heartfelt sympathy to her immediate family and relatives at this time of sorrow. Will always remember her contagious smile and laughter. Val never forgot her Atchison heritage and her many friends in the area. Its time to go home now, may your soul rest in peace. Bob and Rita Hunter and Family.

Bob Hunter - June 11, 2018 at 12:10 PM



“ I always had fun when I was with Valerie! We sang together in the NCJW singing group that went to nursing homes. She was filled with joy and loved life and celebrated her good friends. Those were the good o”l days! With a song in my heart to Valerie.

May her memory be a blessing.
Love, Susan Kopperman Ross

Susan Kopperman - June 11, 2018 at 11:50 AM



“ To Julie, Randy and Bronna, we are so very sorry to hear of your mother and sister Valarie's passing. We know these last several years have been difficult for your entire family. I will always have very fond memories of Valarie, as we all grew up together in Atchison and were like cousins not only in Atchison in the earlier years but also here in Kansas City. Our deepest sympathy goes out to all of you. She will be missed by all of us!

Gene and Jeanie Dolginoff



Eugene L Dolginoff - June 10, 2018 at 11:29 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear this. I talk about her so frequently with people saying she was like my own mom when I lived at the Sophian. I loved her dearly and will always hold my memories with her in my heart.

jennifer o'neill - June 11, 2018 at 12:38 PM



“ My condolences to you and your family on the loss of your mother. May you find comfort in your fond memories.

Harryette Cooperman - June 10, 2018 at 02:48 PM



“ Randy, Julie and family,

I am sorry for your loss. I know how much you all adored Valerie. She will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

-Jill Craft

Jill Craft - June 10, 2018 at 01:46 PM



“ Walter Fink lit a candle in memory of VALERIE JOAN FREED



Walter Fink - June 10, 2018 at 01:11 PM



“ Ann Tannenbaum lit a candle in memory of VALERIE JOAN FREED



Ann Tannenbaum - June 10, 2018 at 12:25 PM