



Verna Powell-Jensen

January 23, 1945 - November 13, 2022

Verna Powell-Jensen was born January 23, 1945 in Birmingham, IL to Claude Washington Powell and Harriett Augusta Matthews Powell.

Verna was a graduate of Farragut High School and attended college in Nebraska. She was a Licensed Practical Nurse and worked at Shapiro Developmental Center for 20 years, retiring in 2004.

She was a member of St. John United Church of Christ and served as elder/deacon. She loved to travel and had once played the piano.

She was united in marriage to Roy Eugene Jensen on June 25, 2004. She will be remembered for her love of God; loving others and caring for all, especially family. She enjoyed going to the boat, reading, spending time with friends, and making others laugh.

Verna leaves to cherish her memory, her sister, Claudette (Willie) Bates of Las Vegas, NV; cousins, Melva Guidry of Lithonia, GA, Doris Merkerson of Birmingham, AL and William James Merkerson of Macon, GA; an aunt, Minnie Rogers, and her son Darryl, of Chicago, IL; nieces, Janice Winfrey and Christina Bates, both of Las Vegas, NV and Aisha Powell of Chicago, IL; nephews, Willie Bates Jr. of Las Vegas, NV, Phelan Powell of Country Club Hills, IL and Eric Powell of Las Vegas, NV; a God-given daughter, Marcy

(Jason) Koenig of St. Anne, IL, and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two brothers, James and Charles Powell and two nieces, Veronica Quarles and Valerie Bates.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 21. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. John United Church of Christ
1045 W. River Street
Kankakee, IL 60901

Service

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Tribute Wall

AC

“ Alice Coleman lit a candle in memory of Verna Powell-Jensen



Alice Coleman - July 16, 2024 at 03:11 PM

ST

“ Verna was such a beautiful soul. She was a true light. A vibrant spirit and such a joy to be with. I am so grateful to have had her in my life. Verna was family to us. She will truly be missed. Rest in heaven/rest in peace my love. - your goddaughter, StephanieB

StephanieB - December 05, 2022 at 11:42 PM

MG

“ Maria Gwaltney lit a candle in memory of Verna Powell-Jensen



Maria Gwaltney - November 24, 2022 at 09:17 PM

MC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with friends and family during this difficult time. Verna was a lovely lady and neighbor, she always made time to say hello, she will be missed.



Mr and Mrs Cooper - November 21, 2022 at 09:35 AM

SS

“ *She Was A Amazing Soul She Is Very Loved & Will Be Very Missed 🙏🙏*



Stefenie Stacy - November 20, 2022 at 05:23 PM

KA

“ *My condolences goes out to Verna family I knew her long time worked with her several places very nice lady always a kind word or smile when you see her love you Verna RIP*



Kathy - November 20, 2022 at 10:44 AM

LB

“ *Sincere condolences to the Powell family. I worked with Verna for many years at Shapiro... a truly kind soul with a friendly smile and positive attitude. Dear to my heart..RIP*

Lisa Bradford - November 19, 2022 at 06:36 PM

PJ

“ *My condolences to the Powell family in the passing of Verna. She and I worked at Shapiro for many years. R.I. P.*



Patricia Jamison - November 19, 2022 at 09:45 AM

JF

“ JOANN FORD-BOX lit a candle in memory of
Verna Powell-Jensen



JOANN FORD-BOX - November 18, 2022 at 11:02 AM

VB

“ My heart is broken! What a beautiful soul! A true friend, a person
you could ALWAYS count on! As she would say” I’m still crazy after
all these years” Until we meet again my longtime friend! I love you!
Val

Valerie Bushey - November 17, 2022 at 09:44 PM

RL

“ I will always cherish your stories. So sad to hear you left us.

Rosemary Lonergan - November 17, 2022 at 04:08 PM