



Valerie Cooper Blackmon

April 8, 1965 - April 9, 2023

Valerie Cooper Blackmon, 58, of Chattanooga, passed away Sunday, April 9, 2023, in a local hospital. She was a 1983 graduate of Brainerd High School. Valerie attended McKenzie College and ECPI. She was a member of St. Elmo Missionary Baptist Church where she was on the Nurses Guild. Valerie taught crochet at Eastgate Senior Center. She was preceded in death by her father, James A Cooper; niece, Dr. Tamika Luceill Cooper-Mtonga; and brother-in-law, James Stubbs. Survivors include her daughter, Raven Elyse Cooper; husband, Samuel Lee Blackmon; stepchildren; step-grandchildren; mother, Jacqueline Cooper; sisters, Andriene Cooper Stubbs and Sharon Cooper Taylor; brother, Greglin (GeVonna) Cooper; mother-in-law, Martha Blackmon; sisters-in-law; brothers-in-law; nieces, LeTatia Taylor, April Taylor, Jalah Taylor; nephews, Dion Taylor, DeJuan Cooper, DeVonte Cooper, Chris Cooper, Jeramie Taylor, Izaiah Anderson and Chris Strickland, all of Chattanooga; aunts, Brenda (Rudolph) Houston, Vanerette Hayes, both of Chattanooga, and Bettie Gross of Atlanta, GA; uncles, John (Cheryl) DeBardeleben, Dillard DeBardeleben, Vodie DeBardeleben; a host of cousins; other relatives and friends. Valerie will lie-in-state on Friday, April 21, 2023, at 9 a.m. at St. Elmo Missionary Baptist Church, 3701 West Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37410. Funeral service will follow at 12 noon at the church with Pastor Billy Church as the eulogist. Burial in Chattanooga National Cemetery located at 1200 Bailey Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

APR **21.** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Elmo Missionary Baptist Church
3701 West Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37410

Service

APR **21.** 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

St. Elmo Missionary Baptist Church
3701 West Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37410

Tribute Wall

LS

“ *Condolences to Raven and family,
Met Valerie at St. Elmo Missionary Baptist Church, always met her
with a smile, even times when she was not feeling that well. She
was a godly woman and faithful, always willing to help whenever
and wherever she could. I will always remember her showing me
and the kids in our craft class during vacation bible school how to
make molds, one was Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane and the
other was praying hands. She had a love for rag dolls in which she
had a special one she gave to me to repair. We worked together in
the kitchen when her work schedule would allow her to. She will be
missed and I look to see her again on the eternal side.*

*Yours In Christ
Elder Julian and Linda Smith*

Linda Smith - May 17, 2023 at 09:06 AM

DH

“ *Dank Hawkins lit a candle in memory of
Valerie Cooper Blackmon*



Dank Hawkins - April 21, 2023 at 10:24 AM

DH

“ To, (Raven) & the Family, my heart was heavy when is received the call of her passing, she (Valarie) was a very sweet & passionate talented woman, she were instrumental @ the Eastdale Recreation Center, She was outstanding in Crafts, Crocheting & just great company to be around, was a fighter until her calling of her ailment (s) but a Godly & Faithful woman, she will be missed dearly & to her only Child (Raven) one of my outstanding & talented young lady of the (Eastdale Recreation Center, keep her close in your heart in which i know u will, Love Dank Hawkins

Dank Hawkins - April 21, 2023 at 10:18 AM

KC

“ Kimberly Champion sent a virtual gift in memory of Valerie Cooper Blackmon



Kimberly Champion - April 19, 2023 at 06:57 PM

KC

Condolences to the Cooper family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Valerie you will truly be missed. I thank God for our 26 years of friendship. Rest well my friend....

Kimberly Champion - April 19, 2023 at 07:04 PM

SW

“ Our deepest heartfelt condolences to the family, may the peace of God bring comfort and strength for you all. Rest in heavenly peace Valerie. "Tina"

God bless, much prayers and love to family 🙏
Christopher and Sharon Walton

Sharon Walton - April 17, 2023 at 11:31 AM



AE

“ Our condolences and prayers are with you and your family. Valerie was a precious jewel here at Eastgate Senior Community Center. She was our crochet instructor for many years. She was loved and will be truly missed by the staff and participants of Eastgate Senior Community Center. May the Lord, our God bless your family 🙏

Angela Evans - April 17, 2023 at 11:05 AM



KR

“ Kookie Rollins lit a candle in memory of Valerie Cooper Blackmon

Kookie Rollins - April 16, 2023 at 09:51 PM



WC

“ *Winifred Careathers lit a candle in memory of Valerie Cooper Blackmon*



Winifred Careathers - April 15, 2023 at 10:27 PM

GM

“ *Condolences to the Blackmon family during this most trying time. Praying that the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ gives you the strength you need to endure. Valerie was a sweetheart. I met her many years back at the restaurant and then again at Eastgate Senior Activity Center. She will never be forgotten. May she rest in peace. To the family you had a jewel of great price in Valerie. Love and peace.*



Gracelia Moore - April 14, 2023 at 08:09 PM

KY

“ *Wow! This is so unbelievable! I don't know where to start. Valerie was not only my cousin. We worked together for years at OGC. We shared the same Birthday and most of all we we're sisters in Christ. I send my Deepest Sympathy to Mrs. Cooper, and her daughter and siblings. Valerie was so sweet, we always talked about getting together and having fun. But, Me always busy working. I know she loved the Lord. We always had those conversations about this day. Rest on My Cousin! We made it home with your daddy. ❤️*

Kimberly Young - April 12, 2023 at 01:36 PM

HD

To God be the glory for the things he has done. Family, Priscilla and I are heavy hearted over hearing of the passing of Tina. Words can not express or sympathy. She will always be remembered for her jokes and laughter with us and her seriousness concerning the Lord. We know it must be hard for Mother Jackie Cooper as well as her daughter and siblings but be encouraged and know earth has no sorrow or sadness heaven can not heal. God has reached into the garden of mortal life, picked his best flower and now she is planted in the immortal garden of heaven. Rest my sister and tell all our loved ones we'll see you all in the appointed time. Love you all. Pastor Hugh and Sister Priscilla Dixson. Knoxville TN.

Hugh Dixson - April 12, 2023 at 06:22 PM

DY

I didn't know you Valarie, but my daddy Percell Yarbrough and your daddy Sonny were first cousins. My condolences go out to your daughter, husband, mom , and siblings. Take your rest in paradise. Your Cousin and Family,. Decatur, Al

Dynasty Yarbrough - April 15, 2023 at 06:51 PM

KR

“ *Kookie Rollins lit a candle in memory of Valerie Cooper Blackmon*



Kookie Rollins - April 12, 2023 at 12:55 PM

CD

“ *Cheryl DeBardeleben lit a candle in memory of Valerie Cooper Blackmon*



Cheryl DeBardeleben - April 12, 2023 at 11:37 AM

CD

With deepest sympathy for my niece Ms Valerie (Tina) Cooper Blackmon. N family She will truly be missed

Cheryl DeBardeleben - April 12, 2023 at 11:39 AM

FS

“ *Valerie is one of the most beautiful people you will ever meet. Her smile would light up any room at any given moment. We will definitely miss her smile but we know we will see her again in Glory. May Raven and her family find comfort and strength in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ during these difficult times. Frank and Sandra Smith*



Frank Smith - April 12, 2023 at 08:30 AM