



Velda Rae Taylor

September 4, 1939 - July 18, 2022

Velda Rae (Jones) Taylor, 82, of Dahlgren, Virginia, formerly of La Plata, Maryland, passed away on 18 July 2022 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. Velda had a long and happy life. Born on 4 September 1939 in Herington, Kansas, she was the daughter of the late Adolf Beckel, Helen (nee Svoboda) and adopted father, John (Jack) A. Jones.

Velda grew up in Herington, a small railroad town in the middle of Kansas. It was in this town that she met her life-long companion and husband, Kenneth. After graduating high school, she attended Marymount College in Salina, KS, earning a Registered Nurse diploma in 1960. Velda's nursing career covered the spectrum: from working as a floor nurse, serving those in nursing homes in Hawaii and Maryland, spending 30 years as an Emergency Room nurse at Civista (Physician's) Hospital in LaPlata and helping out at the doctor's office after she retired. She gave to and served others all her life.

Marrying Ken on 29 August 1959, Velda embarked on a life as a military spouse. Over a 23 year period, she made a home for her family wherever the Air Force, then Army, took them, including Texas, France, Germany, California, North Carolina, Hawaii, and Maryland. She and Ken retired to Dahlgren, VA next to the water that she so enjoyed. Sprinkled along the way were family deployments to Kansas while she waited out extended overseas tours in the late 60's and 70's for her sweetheart to return.

Velda was a member of the Fredericksburg VA Good Sam Camping Club called the Red Cardinals. She and Ken spent many happy times camping with friends and family. Velda loved to camp and took a cross country tour with Ken in their motor home. She always looked forward to the next new place.

Velda's energy came from helping others. Besides her nursing, she helped her three children navigate life's journeys, and we are stronger for it. Over the years, she was a Girl Scout leader, a Boy Scout volunteer, a band booster, and a theater supporter. Velda loved to sing - whether she knew the words or not, and you could often catch her dancing a bit in the emergency room or in the kitchen. She was joyful. Velda was creative and enjoyed all things crafty. She thoroughly enjoyed her grandchildren, and the best adventures were at "Camp Grandma's."

Velda faced a lot of adversity over her life - losing parents, siblings and a child. She trusted in God's plan and mercy, and led her life with grace and gentleness. Those fortunate to have walked beside her and bask in her sunshine received a wonderful gift that will last a lifetime. The last years were physically trying for her, and she earned her place in heaven. She is at peace.

Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her infant daughter, Theresa Taylor, her brother, Larry Jones, and an infant sister.

Velda is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, Kenneth L. Taylor, children: Catherine Rieman (Martin) of Dahlgren, VA, Kimberly Forinash (Glenn) of Waldorf, MD, and Kenneth S. Taylor (Maria) of Oakton, VA; grandchildren: Martin Rieman (Alison) - VA, Jacob Rieman (Nicole) - TN, Luke Rieman (Rachel) - VA, Michael Rieman (Alexandra) - IL, Emily Forinash - FL, Samuel Forinash (Kayla) - MD, Kenneth Quinn Taylor - VA, Ryan Tomcik (Laura) - VA, and great-grandchildren: Martin, Phoebe, Charlotte, Peter, and Miles Rieman, and Ethan and Daniel Tomcik. Velda is also survived by her in-

laws, Joye and Paul Cohan, of Herington, KS, nieces, extended family in Kansas, Oregon, and California, friends near and far, and her special caregivers who have been with her along this journey.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 am on Tuesday, 2 August 2022 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 201 St. Mary's Ave, LaPlata, MD with visitation at the church from 9:00-10:00 am. Interment will take place following the Mass at nearby Sacred Heart Cemetery. A gathering will follow the burial at the family home in Dahlgren.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in Velda's memory to Mary Washington Healthcare Hospice Services (2300 Fall Hill Ave, Suite 401 Fredericksburg, VA 22401). We are grateful for the care from the nurses and therapists. Condolences may be sent to the family or posted to Velda's Tribute Wall on the Raymond Funeral Services, P.A. website.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery

410 St. Mary's Avenue
La Plata, MD 20646

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 2. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Velda Rae Taylor*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Velda Rae Taylor*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *I worked with Mrs. Taylor in the ER Physicians Memorial Hospital as a Unit Clerk back in 1978. She helped guide me in many ways while I worked there for about a year.*

Later in life I was in the Dahlgren Virginia at the NSWC base Chapel. I recognized Mrs. Taylor and spoke to her.

A very small world. Rest in Peace to one beautiful Soul.

Norma J. Hockett Schrantz

Norma Schrantz - August 10, 2022 at 12:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Velda Rae Taylor.*



August 01, 2022 at 09:47 PM



“ *Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Velda Rae Taylor.*



July 29, 2022 at 05:23 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Velda Rae Taylor.*



July 27, 2022 at 06:50 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Velda Rae Taylor.*



July 25, 2022 at 09:29 PM



“ *Velda and Ali were nurses together in the ER at physicians Memorial hospital. She always smiled and was gentle. She taught me a few things for sure. I loved working with her and am sad to here she has left us. May she find the great happiness and great health in heaven. RIP, Sharon K*

sharon Kiessling - July 25, 2022 at 06:46 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Velda Rae Taylor.*



July 25, 2022 at 01:39 PM