



## Vallery D. Theus

July 22, 1964 - January 9, 2025

Vallery DeBerry Theus, peacefully slept away to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 9, 2025. She was affectionately called “Val” by friends and family.

Vallery was a Woodrow Wilson High School graduate (Portsmouth, VA) the Class of 1981. She was on the basketball team for a season as #35. Vallery was great at sports, especially, softball. She played 1st base on the Combinations Baseball Team. She attended Kee’s Business School. Afterwards, Vallery began working for Portsmouth Public Schools 33 years ago. She started out in Human Resources and then moved into a new role as Office Manager at Hodges Manor for the last 20 years. Vallery also, worked at Walmart (Portsmouth) for ten years of service where she retired April 2024.

Vallery was an active parent to her children and others. She held several offices of the PTA Board at Douglass Park Elementary, Waters Middle School, and Hodges Manor. As well as coaching the Charles Peet Tee Ball team.

Vallery accepted Christ into her heart at an early age and was part of the New Mt. Sinai R.Z.U.A. family where she was groomed and taught the Word of God. She later attended and joined Judah Sanctuary. Vallery was an active member which she served on several boards such as Evangelist, Pastor Aid, and Hospitality.

Vallery was preceded in death by her father, Alonzo DeBerry and brothers, Alonzo DeBerry III and Julius DeBerry. Left to honor Vallery’s memory, her mother Edna DeBerry, her loving husband of 40 years Ralph Theus, her 4 boys, Mario C. Theus (April), Lamonte R. Theus (Brittney), Darius R. Theus (LaDonna), Joshua W. Theus (Brittany), 11 grandchildren, Mahri Theus, Markiel Theus, Maleyah Theus, Mekhi Theus, Laila Theus, Maceo Theus, Justus Theus, Emory Theus, Miko Theus, SaNiya Hall, Josiah Hall, her loving and devoted sisters, Vivian Powell of Anchorage, AK; Sheila DeBerry, Verlene Drake (Harvey), Veronica DeBerry of Portsmouth, VA; Denise Watts of Suffolk, VA; Sandra Foster (Kevin) of Springfield, VA; brothers, James DeBerry of Chesapeake, VA; Andrei DeBerry (Cynthia) of Myrtle Beach, SC; Lester DeBerry (Jackie) of Chesapeake, VA; two

god daughters: Desirae Christie & Deisha Sumler, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and extended family.

Vallery's life was a true testament of love, kindness, and unwavering devotion to family. She was a bright light of sunshine rays with an infectious smile. Her warm spirit and generous heart touched the lives of many, leaving an indelible mark on all who knew her. Known as a pillar to the VCU community, she was ecstatic to travel down the highways to support her sons or grandchildren for basketball games, softball games, dance, and cheer practice.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd  
Chesapeake, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 17.** 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com  
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

## Service

**JAN 18.** 10:00 AM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall

TK

“ I'm sadden to see that Ms.Valerie passed away by scrolling this site. I worked with Ms.Valerie at Walmart. Such a kind, sweet, good spirit. Take your rest Ms.Valerie, my condolences to your family

Tiffany Key - March 30, 2025 at 11:43 AM

CA

“ I worked at Walmart with Val, she had the most amazing spirit. She definitely was an angel to everyone. She will truly be missed. God bless her family 🙏



Camilla - January 20, 2025 at 01:51 PM

SF

“ Val after we talked/laughed on Tuesday I never seen Thursday coming. Thank you for coming and ensuring that mom was at all my family events. You ran a good race and earned your wings. Rest peacefully, dear sister. You are deeply missed but will never be forgotten.” Your sister Sandra and Family.



Sandra Foster - January 19, 2025 at 07:15 PM

SF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sandra Foster - January 19, 2025 at 07:13 PM

AB

“ Antoinette Belfield lit a candle in memory of Vallery D. Theus



Antoinette Belfield - January 19, 2025 at 07:13 AM

AB

“ You will truly be missed 💔

Antoinette Belfield - January 18, 2025 at 09:46 PM

JJ

“ Valerie You Will Be Dearly Missed Sweetie ❤️🕊️ Rest In God's Arms Now Love You ❤️❤️



Jacqueline Jacobs - January 18, 2025 at 02:38 PM

LB

“ Loraine Benard lit a candle in memory of Vallery D. Theus



Loraine Benard - January 18, 2025 at 02:10 PM

JC

“ Thank you for always looking out for my family, especially my mom. Thank you for being the only aunt we had in Portsmouth and welcoming us into your home and family. Im forever grateful I had the opportunity to encounter someone so loving. I hope you're friends, family, and all the kids lives you changed can garner some peace knowing you made it and you're okay. I will NEVER forget you. I love you so much, sleep well. 💕💕



Jada Caffey - January 18, 2025 at 01:52 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Celebration of Vallery D. Theus



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - January 18, 2025 at 01:51 PM

VP

“ Vera Banks Parker lit a candle in memory of Vallery D. Theus



Vera Banks Parker - January 18, 2025 at 01:26 PM

KE

“ To know Val was to love her. Her personality was bigger than life and her love for people was infectious. Your Kentucky family will miss you dearly. You were family and friend to us. To Ike and her young men, we will keep you lifted up in prayer. Love you!



Kimberly Gooch Edelen - January 18, 2025 at 01:08 PM

KB

“ Karissa Billings lit a candle in memory of Vallery D. Theus



Karissa Billings - January 18, 2025 at 12:22 PM



“ Audrey Arrington-Deberry lit a candle in memory of Vallery D. Theus



Audrey Arrington-Deberry - January 18, 2025 at 12:14 PM

ES

“ My sincere condolences to the family, relatives and friends of Vallery Deberry. May God provide comfort and be with you all at this difficult time.

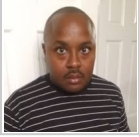
Enid Symonds

Enid Symonds - January 18, 2025 at 12:51 AM

TO

“ To the family of Vallery Theus, my deepest sympathy and condolences to you all. Cherish all of the beautiful memories she has left you all with. Praying for your strength during this most difficult time.

Tammy Oliver - January 17, 2025 at 07:38 PM



“ It has been a pleasure knowing Mrs. Theus for over 27 years. She was still at Hodges Manor when I worked there this summer! She always kept it real and never changed wherever she was!



Leigh Burton - January 17, 2025 at 11:09 AM

CE

“ Catherine Eason lit a candle in memory of Vallery D. Theus



Catherine Eason - January 17, 2025 at 10:49 AM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Vallery D. Theus.



January 17, 2025 at 01:47 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Vallery D. Theus.

January 17, 2025 at 01:47 AM

KD

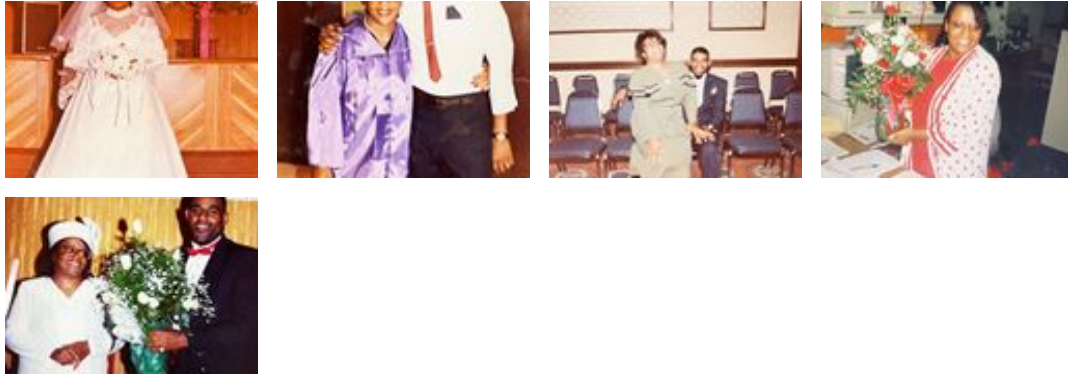
“ *Kim Gibbs, Perry, Pj and Tamerra Davis lit a candle in memory of Vallery D. Theus*



Kim Gibbs, Perry, Pj and Tamerra Davis - January 17, 2025 at 01:09 AM



“ 43 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - January 16, 2025 at 10:18 PM

WH

“ *My wife (Lillie) and I extend our condolences to the family of Mrs. Vallery D. Theus. It was a pleasure to work with her during my time in the Human Resources Office of the Portsmouth City Public Schools. Blessings to family and friends.*  
*Wilbert D. Hawkins*

Wilbert Hawkins - January 16, 2025 at 04:18 PM

DV

“ *Dr. Karla Valrie-Potts lit a candle in memory of Vallery D. Theus*



Dr. Karla Valrie-Potts - January 16, 2025 at 10:41 AM

ZG

“ Zhaniah Gardner lit a candle in memory of Vallery D. Theus



Zhaniah Gardner - January 16, 2025 at 10:06 AM

AF

“ Anthony Toppins and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Vallery D. Theus.



Anthony Toppins and Family - January 15, 2025 at 09:59 PM

TE

“ Tima Edgell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vallery D. Theus.

Tima Edgell - January 15, 2025 at 05:12 PM

TE

“ Tima Edgell purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Vallery D. Theus.



Tima Edgell - January 15, 2025 at 05:12 PM

PH

“ Pamela Harris lit a candle in memory of Vallery D. Theus



Pamela Harris - January 15, 2025 at 04:38 PM

PH

My Dearest Friend & Co-worker at HMES...Constantly on My Mind & Forever in My Heart.

Rest In Heavenly Peace...Til We Meet Again.💔😭

Pamela Harris - January 15, 2025 at 08:03 PM

PR

“ Ms. Theus always displayed kindness not matter how many times I came into the office for ANY reason.  
She had that “green thumb” for taking care of a plants, especially one for me, that sat on her desk amongst others.  
I will miss her so much but praise God I’ll see her again 🙏❤️

Phyllis Roldan - January 15, 2025 at 11:37 AM

NR

“ My prayers and condolences to the family. You will be missed dearly by all and our family.



Nadine Rodriguez-Casarez - January 15, 2025 at 11:13 AM

TW

“ Tonya Cox White lit a candle in memory of Vallery D. Theus



Tonya Cox White - January 15, 2025 at 08:50 AM

GI

“ To the family and friends,  
You all have our deepest sympathy and you all are in our prayers from REGINA Humphrey, Phillip Humphrey and family. Valerie and I served on Douglas Park PTA for many years together and we did an excellent job. She made being on the board for all those years so much fun and great accomplishments. Well done your faithful servant. God’s blessings continually be upon you all.

gina - January 14, 2025 at 07:08 PM

LP

“ To the family of Mrs. Theus I'm lighting a candle in her memory. I serviced on the board with her at Douglas Park Elementary and she was an amazing woman. She will be missed by us all.



Linnea Palmer - January 14, 2025 at 02:57 PM

WP

“ We send your our thoughts and prayers. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Vallery D. Theus.



We send your our thoughts and prayers. - January 14, 2025 at 02:07 PM

FS

“ Finance Dept. Portsmouth Public Schools purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Vallery D. Theus.



Finance Dept. Portsmouth Public Schools - January 14, 2025 at 10:51 AM

JC

“ My 🙏 goes out to the Deberry\Theus family...Val and I were Church friends when we were younger... My mom and your mom were Church friends as well. I will miss coming to Walmart and seeing you greeting me with a friendly hug and conversation...  
R.I.P. Jackie Mitchell Cade

Jacqueline Cade - January 13, 2025 at 11:40 PM

IC

“ Val, you were all about your family and ensuring that everybody was having a great time!! Heaven was missing an angel, because you were one of God's earthly angels sent here to spread joy and happiness to everyone you came in contact with. I imagine heaven needed you back because you had served your purpose and completed your assignment. I will miss your energy, your beautiful smile and your positivity. Rest on angel Val. I LOVE YOU! Bemmie



Irene Coleman-Stephens (Bemmie) - January 13, 2025 at 05:53 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Theus and DeBerry families at this difficult time. I hope sweet memories will always comfort your hearts.*  
Ernestine Duncan



Ernestine Duncan - January 13, 2025 at 04:31 PM

MS

“ *Sending Our deepest condolences to Mr. Mario Theus and his family. We knew how much he loved his mother and how close they were. She was definitely a light in his world. Her loving and most happiest memories will continue to live forever. Love , your Code 900T family!!!!*

Monique Smith - January 13, 2025 at 03:25 PM

TV

“ *Terri Valentine lit a candle in memory of Vallery D. Theus*



Terri Valentine - January 13, 2025 at 02:13 PM

AM

“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Vallery Theus. Sweet and kind hearted lady. Loved her outlook on life. She saw good in everyone. I worked with her in Portsmouth Public Schools. Rest in Peace beautiful soul.*

Angela McGee - January 13, 2025 at 01:39 PM



“ *Val and Ike were a friend of our family for many years. Our children grew up together. She is part of the reason that Pastor Donald E. Hurdle Sr and I married. She is truly loved by me and family. Praying for the family.*  
Dr. Vanessa Hurdle  
Donald E Hurdle Jr  
Candace L Hines  
Lillian M Revera



Vanessa Hurdle - January 13, 2025 at 12:14 PM

DQ

“ *Darriom Quinerly lit a candle in memory of Vallery D. Theus*



Darriom Quinerly - January 13, 2025 at 11:40 AM

DQ

“ *Donna Quinerly lit a candle in memory of Vallery D. Theus*



Donna Quinerly - January 13, 2025 at 11:39 AM

SJ

“ *Vallery Is Resting Now  
Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled  
Condolences to:  
Ms. E. Deberry, Ike Theus, and the Family  
May the spirit of God's comfort and peace be manifested in you today. I pray for  
the strength and endurance for all the family.  
And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them  
who are the called according to his purpose.  
Love ❤️ Cup*

Selma Jackson-Chia - January 13, 2025 at 10:59 AM

SJ

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Selma Jackson-Chia - January 13, 2025 at 10:53 AM

CL

“ Sending our condolences to Josh and his family. We are so sorry to hear this sad news. We are praying for comfort through this storm. Remember the good times and keep the faith.

Josh we love you,

Waters Kitchen Staff



Carolyn Lattimore - January 13, 2025 at 06:48 AM

AB

“ Antonio Y Brickhouse lit a candle in memory of Vallery D. Theus



Antonio Y Brickhouse - January 12, 2025 at 08:37 PM

TC

“ Tony Colden lit a candle in memory of Vallery D. Theus



Tony Colden - January 12, 2025 at 08:24 PM

MP

“ What can I say about Val? She was so sweet and always showed love!! I saw her last at Sam's and when she saw me she said hey Sis. She just had a beautiful spirit and I don't believe she ever met a stranger. I'll never forget her and truly it seems unreal that she's no longer here in the flesh!!!! But you're not lost, Val you got your crown!! Ike, family and Deberry family my love, prayers and sympathy are with you. Tony sends his sympathy also. I'm not saying goodbye but just see you later!! ❤️😭

Min. Mary M. Parker - January 11, 2025 at 06:54 PM

SG

“ *Mrs Theus will be greatly missed. Her sunshine smile and enthusiasm brightened all of our HMES days. She always took everything and made it better. She celebrated life. God bless her family and friends. Praying for God’s love to comfort you and keep you.*



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**Sandra Gilliam** - January 11, 2025 at 01:20 PM