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In Loving Memory of Valerie Collins Lemmon

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With deep love and heavy hearts, we celebrate the life of Valerie Collins Lemmon, 64, who passed peacefully at her home in Appling, Georgia, surrounded by her beloved family.

On September 15, 1960, Valerie Collins Lemmon was born in Atlanta, Georgia, to Eugene and Edith Collins. Valerie grew up in Appling, Georgia and graduated from Thomson High School in 1978. She went on to attend Georgia College in Milledgeville, Georgia where she met the love of her life, Robert Lemmon. The two married in March of 1980 at her beloved family estate, Woodville, beginning a lifelong journey of love and partnership. They both worked at Georgia College for 30 years and retired on the very same date. After retirement, they returned to make their home at her family's farmhouse in Appling. Together they raised two children, Emily Lemmon Stone and John Lemmon in Milledgeville. Valerie gave generously of her talents by faithfully serving as pianist/organist at Freedom Church, blessing countless hearts with her music. When returning to her family's farm, she and her husband joined Sharon Baptist Church, and she continued serving the Lord with her musical talent as pianist at Sharon Baptist and pouring her gifts into the community.

Valerie was tall, graceful, radiant, always poised, yet down-to-earth and filled with laughter. She loved her Savior, Jesus, above all else, and her life was a testimony of faith, service, and unconditional love. She adored her husband, Robert, and her children, Emily & Jacob Stone and John Lemmon. Her three grandchildren, Carley, Collins, and Jackson Stone—were the joy of her life, and she treasured every moment with them, especially fishing together at the family pond.

She found delight in the simple joys of life: treasure hunting at yard sales, gardening, tending to the family's farm animals, attending Camp meetings at Whiteoak Campground and sharing her infectious laughter. Her signature colors were pink and Lilly, and she wore them with grace, reflecting her beauty and strength. Above all, she had a true servant's heart—always giving, always showing up, always loving. Valerie fought a courageous battle with breast cancer, facing every challenge with the same faith, strength, and grace that defined her life. She was truly a WARRIOR, inspiring all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her father, Eugene Collins, and her lifelong best friend, Tashia Branan. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Robert Lemmon; her children, Emily Stone (Jacob) and John Lemmon; her grandchildren, Carley, Collins, and Jackson Stone; her beloved mother, Edith Collins; her siblings, Carole Jean Carey (Dewey), Karen Collins-Hepner (Dave) and Brad Collins (Laura); her mother-in-law, Bonnie Boone-Johnson; her brother-in-law, Michael Boone and a host of extended family and dear friends.

Her Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Sharon Baptist Church, 6262 Cobbham Road, Appling, Georgia 30802. The Funeral Service, being officiated by Rev. Andy Collins will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Church following the visitation, with the interment to follow in the Church Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Wallace "Wally" Stubbs, Tommy Stubbs, Charles Gettis, Rodney Prescott, Mark Williams, Randy Walden and Michael Boone.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 676910, Dallas, TX 75267-6910, by phone 972-248-9200 x 202 or on-line or to Sharon Baptist Church, 6262 Cobbham Road, Appling, Georgia 30802.

Valerie's life was a beautiful song of love, service, and faith. Though she has left this earth, her music, her laughter, and her love will forever echo in the lives she touched.

"She hath done what she could" If you knew Valerie then you knew.

Beggs Funeral Home, Thomson, Georgia is honored to serve the family of Valerie Collins Lemmon.