



Mrs. Valcinia Lester

October 30, 1950 - November 11, 2023

Valcinia Marie Lester, 73, passed away on 11 November 2023 at home in Raytown, MO. She was born on 30 October 1950 in Kansas City, KS to Theodore and Georgia Drew Boyd.

Valcinia grew up in Kansas City, KS, where she graduated from Washington High School in 1968.

Upon graduation from high school, Valcinia attended Penn Valley Community College where she met her future husband, Larry Lester. She transferred to Kansas State University and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics in 1972, and later a Master of Education from the University of Missouri in 1973. Upon graduation, she joined the staff at the newly built F. L. Schlage High School for 1183 students in Kansas City, KS.

Valcinia taught there for 10 years before becoming Food Service Director of the Kansas City Kansas District #500 Board of Education. After 26 years of serving the educational community, she was forced to retired in 2001 due to the deterioration of her health from multiple sclerosis.

In 1976 Valcinia and Larry were married by Rev. T. Maynard Preston at Eighth Street Baptist Church, Kansas City, KS, where she was superintendent of the Sunday school department. They were married for 47 years. Valcinia was a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the American Business

Women's Association (ABWA). At ABWA, she served briefly as president of its Success Unlimited Chapter.

Valcinia enjoyed cooking, sewing and watching movies. Val was preceded in death by her parents Georgia and Theodore Boyd, and daughter Marisa. Val is survived by her spouse Larry, her daughters Tiffany and Erica Lester. And her brothers Reginald Boyd, Sanford and Norman Clardy, sisters Pamela Boyd, Sabrina Boyd, Garnice Robertson, Tina Carter and Veronica Boyd. Also survived by a son-in-law Charles Collins and grandchildren Naomi and Oliver Collins, plus a host of other relatives, colleagues and dear friends.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorial donations to be made to the National MS Society at: <https://donate.nationalmssociety.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=511&language=en>

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 11am at the Linwood Chapel. Interment Forest Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10am-11am at the chapel. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lawrence A. Jones Funeral Homes & Cremation - Missouri

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Tribute Wall

LI

“ I am so sorry, I was just thinking of Val today and went to look up her address to send a thinking of you card and I came across this. Val was the director at Nutritional Services when I began my career at KCKPS as the receptionist there. In 2001 I transferred to the Technical Information Department but Val and I kept in touch up to a couple years ago. She was a sweet lady and good friend at work. I am so sorry for your loss. Lisa Jordan

Lisa - April 07, 2025 at 03:25 PM

DH

“ Don and Donna Hoch send sympathy to Val's family. We knew her through her attendance in our St. Luke's Sunday School Class when she visited her sister-in-law, Camillie. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Val's family.

Donna Hoch - November 22, 2023 at 09:28 AM

DT

“ I'm truly sorry to hear about the passing of Aunt Val. Her warmth and kindness touched us all, and she will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May the cherished memories of Aunt Val bring you comfort during this difficult time.

With deepest sympathy,

The Traywick family

Denise Traywick - November 21, 2023 at 10:53 PM



DS

“ We are praying for the Lester Family as we have lost an amazing woman who has gained her wings as God calls her home. Aunt Val you were such a fun and lively woman. You will truly be missed! ▲
❤️

Denae Stowers - November 21, 2023 at 08:12 PM

JW

Today—I read in the K State Alumni news of Val's passing. Val was one of my advisers and students in Home Economics Education at Kansas State University. She was loved by her teachers and fellow students. I recall her joyful attitude. Dr Jan Wissman, retired KSU faculty

Jan Wissman - May 30, 2024 at 04:57 PM

RW

“ Nothing I can say will take away the pain you're experiencing. Just want you to know that I care about you all, and I share in your sadness. May you look back on the precious memories and find peace in knowing that Aunt Val raised an amazing kids!!!



Roger Wright-Lester - November 21, 2023 at 03:26 PM

DW

“ We send our deepest sympathy and condolences in the loss of Valcinia. Prayers for the families during this time of Homecoming ... Honor Val Great Memories and Life Journey ... Mother, Sister and Auntie Nieces and Nephews always Love talking to her during visits ... Darren and Maria Wright-Lester

Darren & Maria Wright-Lester - November 21, 2023 at 12:32 PM

RR

“ Sending love & light for an easeful transition for Val, and comfort and peace for Tiffany, Erica, Larry & her grand babies.



Rachel R - November 21, 2023 at 09:46 AM

LL

“ Heartfelt condolences to the family of Valcenia. May the peace of God fill your hearts as you remember her love for you.
Latonia Lewis

Latonia Lewis - November 21, 2023 at 01:59 AM

FS

“ We extend our deepest condolences to the Lester family and will keep you uplifted in prayer. Fred, Deanne Saffold and the True Black History Museum family.

Fred Saffold - November 20, 2023 at 11:04 PM

RS

My Heartfelt Condolences to the family of Valcinia. Asking GOD to grant HIS peace, comfort and strength to all of you as ONLY HE CAN!!

Ruby Jewel Smith - November 21, 2023 at 11:38 AM

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Darren & Maria Wright-Lester - November 21, 2023 at 12:20 PM

FS

“ Fred S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Valcinia Lester.

Fred S. - November 20, 2023 at 11:00 PM

CF

“ Chuck and Sherry Finley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Valcinia Lester.

Chuck and Sherry Finley - November 20, 2023 at 03:04 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Valcinia Lester.



November 20, 2023 at 03:04 PM

CL

“ May God bless our family there. We look forward to seeing Val again. Remembering our time in Atlanta and Vals "tasty dishes" at the house.



Clarice - November 20, 2023 at 02:37 PM

DR

“ Love you all

Daniel and Sharon Richison - November 20, 2023 at 02:19 PM

MB

“ My condolences to Val's family. Prayers for peace and comfort.
Meg, Thad, Shannon Bell



Meg Bell - November 20, 2023 at 10:08 AM

AF

“ Aaron A. Ward & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Valcinia Lester.

Aaron A. Ward & Family - November 20, 2023 at 01:00 AM

AF

“ Aaron A. Ward & Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mrs. Valcinia Lester.



Aaron A. Ward & Family - November 20, 2023 at 01:00 AM

FB

“ Friends of Negro Leagues Baseball planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Valcinia Lester.

Friends of Negro Leagues Baseball - November 19, 2023 at 03:09 PM

FB

“ Friends of Negro Leagues Baseball purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mrs. Valcinia Lester.



Friends of Negro Leagues Baseball - November 19, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Valcinia Lester.



November 19, 2023 at 04:07 AM

DS

“ Don & Diane Spivey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Valcinia Lester.

Don & Diane Spivey - November 19, 2023 at 04:07 AM

CS

“ My sincere Condolences to you, the girls and family. I remember when you both met at PVCC. MAY VAL REST IN PEACE.

Clarence Shields - November 18, 2023 at 05:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Valcinia Lester.*



November 18, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ *Thinking of the Lester family and friends of the family as you celebrate the life of your loved one, Val. May Tod guide you on this unfamiliar journey.*



Alma McConnell - November 17, 2023 at 07:34 PM



“ *Sometimes it helps a little
When your grief is hard to bear
To know there are others
Who understand and care,
So may you find some comfort
In this message meant to say
That our sympathetic thoughts
Go out to you today. Mrs. Val's beautiful smile will be missed.*

Shirley Barber, ABWA



Shirley Barber - November 17, 2023 at 06:23 PM

DJ

My name is Delois Jackson I know her as Ms Boyd through high school because she was my high school teacher and I love her very much and I got back.intouch with her when I applied for a position at the school.board and she hired me I ask did she work at Schlagle High school and she said yes and I ask.her did she know me and she said yes that I was her best student and I will miss her very much because she was the best teacher that I had at Schlagle

Delois Jackson - December 16, 2023 at 03:44 PM

SG

“ It has been nice to have known Val for the past two and a half years here at Elliott. She will be missed. My deepest condolences to her family. My prayers are with you. Shelia Gray



Shelia Gray - November 17, 2023 at 01:55 AM

RB

“ It was nice meeting and getting to know Mrs. Val ... rest well beautiful God bless your soul ... my prayers to the family and every soul touched by her ... May each heart be comforted by the knowing that she suffers no more and by the blood of Jesus her soul lives.



Rita Bryant - November 16, 2023 at 01:59 PM

SM

“ *With Sympathy and may your memories bring you comfort to the family of Mrs. Val. Sheila McConnell-Houston (ABWA Sister)*



Sheila A McConnell-Houston - November 16, 2023 at 12:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Valcinia Lester.*



November 16, 2023 at 11:11 AM

PS

“ *Pedro Sierra planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Valcinia Lester.*

Pedro Sierra - November 16, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Valcinia Lester.*



November 16, 2023 at 10:39 AM

BM

“ On behalf of the Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the University of Kansas Medical Center, we'd like to express our sincere condolences on the loss of Mrs. Lester. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Barb Manning - November 16, 2023 at 09:38 AM

CM

“ I am going to miss Val. Always first at lunch now lunch time just isn't the same without your pretty smile there. Deepest condolences to her family.



Cindy Morales - November 16, 2023 at 08:55 AM

CG

“ Carol Gray lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valcinia Lester



Carol Gray - November 15, 2023 at 06:19 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Valcinia Lester.



November 15, 2023 at 08:58 AM