



Ms. Valencia Beckley

September 17, 1951 - September 25, 2012

Valencia Beckley was born on September 17, 1951 to Charles Beckley and Vera (Mathews) Beckley in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was their third child and is survived by her sister, Beverly Matthews (Fredrich) and brother, Larry Beckley.

Valencia was preceded in death by her long-time companion, Willie Charles Thomas. Their union was blessed with one child, Charval J. Thomas, who survives to cherish her memory. She was loved by uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and many friends.

She received her formal education at Rufus King High School and went on to complete her Bachelor's degree in Education at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

Valencia was a teacher with the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) for over 40 years, serving longest at Kilmer High School, where she touched the lives of many students, going above and beyond her duties as a teacher. She was recognized as an MPS Teacher of the year.

Throughout Valencia's life you could find her listening to music, raising and riding horses, entertaining and opening her home to all, and spending time with her family. She was one of the founding members of The Family Club.

Cemetery Details

Glen Oaks Cemetery

4533 N. Greenbay Ave.
Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mark AME Church
1616 W. Atkinson Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Service

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Jeff Matthews lit a candle in memory of Ms. Valencia Beckley*



Jeff Matthews - October 04, 2012 at 02:18 PM

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“ *Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can no more hold me by the hand,
Nor I half turn to go, yet turning stay.
Remember me when no more, day by day,
You tell me of our future that you planned:
Only remember me; you understand
It will be late to counsel then or pray.
Yet if you should forget me for a while
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:
For if the darkness and corruption leave
A vestige of the thoughts that I once had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.*

by Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830-1894)

a loving friend - October 02, 2012 at 05:48 AM

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“ D McMains & C Leiske sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Valencia Beckley



D McMains & C Leiske - September 30, 2012 at 04:30 PM

SS

“ S J Shanks lit a candle in memory of Ms. Valencia Beckley



S J Shanks - September 27, 2012 at 06:25 AM

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“ S J Shanks sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Valencia Beckley



S J Shanks - September 27, 2012 at 06:24 AM

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Oh what great times we had at UW-Milwaukee.

Florance Hess - May 11, 2022 at 11:35 AM