



Valeria Gerbasi

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Valeria Mary (Denn) Gerbasi, 88, of Cornelius, NC, passed away peacefully on September 24, 2025. Born on February 21, 1937, in Mankato, MN, Valeria was the beloved daughter of the late Leo and Clara Denn.

Valeria built a distinguished career as the Executive Director at Lady Finelle Cosmetics, where she served for over 20 years. She was admired for her leadership, professionalism, and dedication to helping others feel confident and beautiful.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 69 years, Robert Gerbasi; her daughters, Cathy Strassburg (the late Gerald) and Geraldine Palillo (Jake). She was predeceased by her beloved son Larry Gerbasi, as well as by her brother Donald Denn (Teresa). Valeria is also survived by her siblings, Dick Schmit (Joann), Bob Schmit (Genny), and Rita Michaels (Dave).

She was a cherished grandmother to Jamie (Jonathon), Rachelle (Jesse), Jake (Amanda), Brandi (Brock), Briana, and Gabrielle, and a proud great-grandmother to Hunter, Riley, Ayla, Reese, Cameryn, Jacob, Averi, Saylor, and Blaine. She is also remembered lovingly by several nieces and nephews.

Valeria's life was defined by her deep faith, her love of family, and her warm, generous spirit. She touched the lives of all who knew her and leaves behind a legacy of kindness, devotion, and professional excellence.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, September 28, 2025, from 5:00-7:00 PM at James Funeral Home, 10520 Arahova Dr, Huntersville, NC 28078. A funeral mass will follow on Monday, September 29, 2025, at 11:30 AM at St. Mark Catholic Church, 14740 Stumptown Rd, Huntersville, NC 28078.

In lieu of flowers donations welcome to the kidney foundation.

<https://www.kidney.org/offices/nkf-serving-carolinas?campaign=497078>



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Valeria will be deeply missed but forever remembered with love.

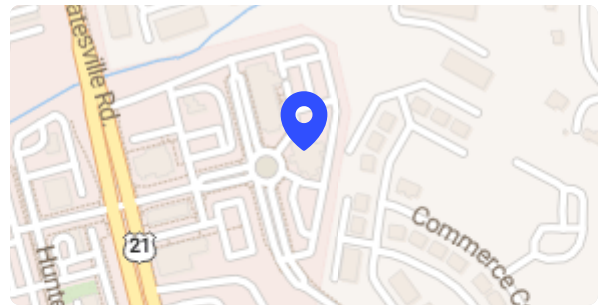


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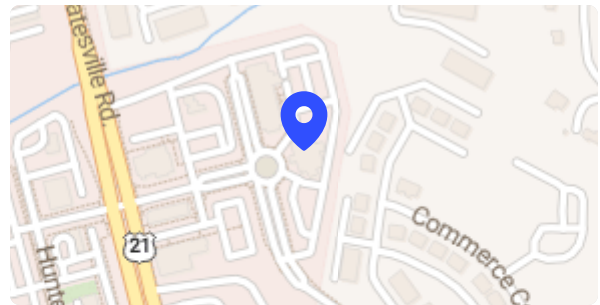
Visitation

- Sunday**, September 28, 2025
- 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM ET
- James Funeral Home**
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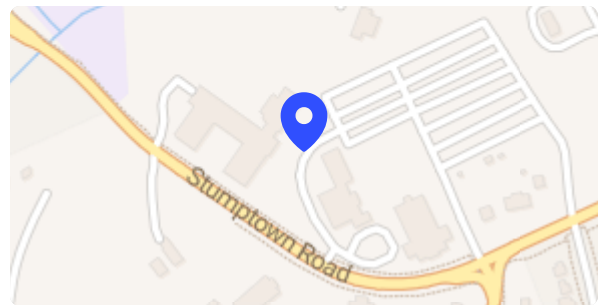
Prayer Service

- Sunday**, September 28, 2025
- 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM ET
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Funeral Mass

- Monday**, September 29, 2025
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM ET
- Saint Mark Catholic Church**
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Tribute Wall

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James Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



September 28 at 9:41 AM



Lynda B. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Valeria.



October 1 at 1:51 PM



Hazel Nyle Martin posted:

In the summer of 1971 we (Hazel and Nyle Schmidt) met Bob and Val Gerbasi through our cosmetic business. Our friendship developed into a life time of love for the entire family and friends. We enjoyed many vacations together as well as family celebrations. We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to Bob and the Gerbasi family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

September 28 at 8:33 PM



John Terrie Grimes posted:

The Bereavement Ministry Team and the Parish Community of St. Mark Catholic Church extend our deepest condolences at this time. Be assured that you and your family are in our prayers.

September 27 at 2:47 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Gerbasi family.



September 27 at 2:42 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Valeria.



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gerbasi family.

September 26 at 9:39 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Valeria.

September 26 at 9:39 AM



Joanne Filardo sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Gerbasi family.

September 26 at 9:22 AM



Anonymous sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Gerbasi family.

September 26 at 8:27 AM



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Love, Patti sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Gerbasi family.

September 25 at 5:40 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Valeria by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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