



Valerie "Shorty" Ann (Nicholls) (Swearingen) Leech

September 6, 1955 - June 13, 2015

Valerie "Shorty" Ann (Nicholls) (Swearingen) Leech, 59, of N. Versailles, died unexpectedly on Saturday, June 13, 2015. She was born September 6, 1955 in Springfield, OH, a daughter of the late Harry and Dorothy (Krause) Swearingen. She worked in the accounting department at the Education Management Corp. (EDMC) in Pittsburgh. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW 8430 in East McKeesport, the CSX Bowling league and the South Wilmerding Fire Hall. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband of over 13 years Robert Leech. She is survived by her sons Chris (Tina) Nicholls of N. Versailles and Mike (Jen) Nicholls of Pennsbury Village; and grandchildren Skyy and Christopher. Friends and family will be received from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Forgie-Snyder Funeral Home , 1032 Broadway, East McKeesport, 412-823-8083 where everyone will gather at 10 a.m. Friday for a funeral service with Rev. Eric Dennis officiating. Interment will follow at Restland Memorial Park, Monroeville. Memorial contributions can be made to the National Stroke Association at www.stroke.org. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Forgie Snyder Funeral Home
1032 Broadway Ave
East McKeesport, PA 15035
(412) 823-8083
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

JUN 18. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Forgie Snyder Funeral Home
1032 Broadway Ave
East McKeesport, PA 15035
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Service

JUN 19. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Valerie "Shorty" Ann (Nicholls) (Swearingen) Leech

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ Valerie "Shorty" Ann (Nicholls) (Swearingen) Leech

August 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ I don't think I can find the words (at least the right ones) for this. Gone from us much too soon. My favorite memory of you will always be you coming up to my desk in the mornings & singing "good morning" in a chirpy little voice! And my response to you was always the same & you'd sing some more! You are already missed

Patty Mazzocca - June 17, 2015 at 04:39 PM



“ 136 files added to the album LifeTributes



William Snyder Funeral Home - June 17, 2015 at 01:26 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Valerie "Shorty" Ann (Nicholls) (Swearingen) Leech.*



June 17, 2015 at 10:58 AM



“ *Me and David knew her from South Wilmerding, she was the best bartender and friend we could ever have, we loved her more than I can put in words. We are deeply saddened by this sudden departure. We send prayers and love to her family.*



*Sincerely,
Shana and David Miller*

Shana and David Miler - June 16, 2015 at 06:06 PM



“ *Val, you will be so missed by all that knew and Loved you. You were a great sister-in-law. All our Love & condolences to your children and hope that God will help and see them through this.*
Dan & Arlene Haynie

Arlene Haynie - June 16, 2015 at 01:48 PM

BH

“ *Bob & Danida Hershberger purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Valerie "Shorty" Ann (Nicholls) (Swearingen) Leech.*



Bob & Danida Hershberger - June 16, 2015 at 12:51 PM

PM

“ *To Chris and Mike and the entire family. I am sending you my sympathy in the loss of your beautiful mother. Val was a very caring, kind, and beautiful woman who touched my life. I am so glad that I had the pleasure of meeting her and she was my friend. I will always remember her smile and all the laughs that we shared at Ben Franklin/Innovation Works. She will always live in my heart and when I need to see a beautiful smile I will look up and I am sure that she will be smiling back. I am praying that God will strengthen you for the days that are ahead.*

Pearl

Pearl Mitchell - June 16, 2015 at 12:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Valerie "Shorty" Ann (Nicholls) (Swearingen) Leech.*



June 16, 2015 at 10:58 AM



“ Val... what can I say? You (and the family) were there for me when others ran away. You met me at my worst, yet saw the best in me. Your unwavering love and support is something that I'll always cherish. I can only hope that your Heaven is everything you ever wanted it to be, and much much more because you deserve at least that. Keep an eye on us mere mortals down here!

Kirk Lammert - June 16, 2015 at 09:56 AM

DH

“ Even though we drifted apart as adults we shared good memories for many years. I remember when both of the boys were born. We spent many Friday nights together just having fun. You will be missed Val!



Danida Hershberger - June 16, 2015 at 06:42 AM

BU

“ shorty was the kindest person we know! thank you for your time spent with your families! don't cry because she is gone, Smile because she was here! rlp Val! You will be missed by all who had the good fortune to know you!



Bunny - June 16, 2015 at 04:58 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Valerie "Shorty" Ann (Nicholls) (Swearingen) Leech.



June 15, 2015 at 10:59 PM