



Valeria L. Harden

July 14, 1959 - September 9, 2021

Valeria L. Harden, 62, of Gainesville, Florida died on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at UF Health Shands Hospital.

She was born on July 14, 1959 in Gainesville, Florida to Sloan and Lizzie Mae (Snead) Richardson. A lifelong resident of Gainesville, she was a graduate of Buchholz High School, Class of 1977, and was also a graduate of Santa Fe Community College. Mrs. Harden was employed at Target and always kept a smile on her face. She was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses.

Mrs. Harden was preceded in death by her parents, Sloan and Lizzie Richardson, her brother, Marion Sloan Richardson, and one sister, Deborah Richardson.

She leaves to cherish her fond memories; her husband; Garry O. Harden; daughter; Alexandria Harden of Gainesville, FL, two sisters, Evelyn R. Henderson and Kaytrina Williams (Eric) both of Gainesville, FL; other relatives and friends.

Graveside services will be Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Forest Meadows Memorial Park Central, 4100 NW

39th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32606.

The Cortège will form at the Harden residence, 3220 SW 27th Street,
Gainesville, FL 32608 at 10:15 AM.

Arrangements Entrusted to the Care of Chestnut Funeral Home, 18 NW 8th
Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601. "A CHESTNUT SERVICE"

Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs. Val was the light of my job at Target. Everyday without missing a beat, I was greeted with a "Hey baby! How's my daughter doing?" and never forgot to tell me she loved and cared about me. Even though we were not related, she was more of a Mom to me than my own. She never let a day pass without reminding me how much she cared. I will miss all our conversations hiding behind an aisle at work so we could catch up - and I'm so glad I never passed up the opportunity.*

Chelsea - September 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM