



## Valerie Darlene Sommers

October 2, 1933 - January 13, 2018

Valerie Darlene Sommers, age 84, of Neebish Island, Michigan passed away surrounded by her family at McKinley Manor on Saturday, January 13, 2018. Val was born on October 2, 1933 in Whiteford, Michigan the daughter of the late Jason and Edna (VanNest) La Mont. She graduated from Delta High School with the class of 1951. On May 28, 1954, she married Raymond Sommers Jr. at her parents home in Delta, Ohio. For many years Val ran a bakery out of her home and was a terrific cake decorator. Later she added to her schedule by working as a crossing guard for the Wauseon Police Dept. and was stationed at Elm Street School. Continuing to think about the safety of children, she designed the first ever "Safetyup" costume for which she obtained two patents for puppet mouth construction. After the design, she was hired by the National Child Safety Council in Jackson, Michigan to be in charge of the manufacturing of the costumes. She loved creating costumes and the Sommers' bunny Litter, each one outfitted in their uniquely designed bunny suit, visited the nursing homes at Easter to bring goodies and smiles to the residents. Later she and Raymond retired to Neebish Island. Val enjoyed cooking, knitting, and spending time with her grandkids and great-grandkids. She also enjoyed having her friends over for coffee and hosting the yearly Hunter's Dinner.

Val is survived by her husband: Raymond Sommers; three sons: Keith (Yvonne) Sommers of Pettisville, OH, Michael (Patricia) Sommers of Wapakoneta, OH, and Brad (Vicki) Sommers of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; 11

grandchildren: Tom, Tyler, Tad, Britt, David, Kylee, Brandy, Alicia, Kyle, Craig, and Courtney; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Val was preceded in death by her parents, a son: Scott David Sommers and grandchild: Nicholas Joel Sommers.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Pastor Brooks Sayer officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home from 12:00 noon until the time of the service.

A graveside service will be held at Wauseon Union Cemetery in Wauseon, Ohio on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 11:00 AM.

# Tribute Wall

LW

“ Dear Ray, Mike & Pat, and All Family Members, We are Sorry to know of Val's death and send our Caring Concern & Love to Each one during this sad time. I truly had deep respect for Val's talents and giving heart. Praying for you, today, as you reflect Mom/Grandma/Great Grandma and her place in your life. Sincerely, Larry & Bev

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**Larry & Beverly Wyse** - January 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ im going to miss seeing you mrs. sommers and having our little talks about men, and griping about Dan:)

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**april stephenson** - January 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Val made a beautiful 50th Anniversary cake for my parents celebration at the Neebish Community Center in 1984. Her cooking and baking skills renowned on Neebish. Sincere condolences to Ray and family.

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**Mary Starkweather** - January 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ We will miss both Val & Ray staying with us at the Americinn Lodge & Suites in Petoskey Mi.

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**Dan Grangood** - January 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GU

“ My prayers, and my sincere sympathy to the Sommers family for your loss.

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**Geoffrey Ulrey** - January 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Val's family.*

Warren & Carolyn Geraldts - January 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Rest in heaven Val, My condolences To Ray and the family.*

Bryce and Sandra Garrison - January 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mike, Pat and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Let us know if we can do anything for you. Hugs!*

Nancy - January 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Grandma, You were an amazing woman with great accomplishments. You are the posterchild of a perfect relationship and marriage with grandpa. We love you and will forever miss you. Love Alicia*

Alicia Sommers - January 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Dear Mike & Pat, May the life your Mom lived bring comfort to you in the days, months and years ahead. We will pray for you and your entire family during this difficult time. In Christ, Margie & Pat*

Margie & Pat Barth - January 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM