



# Velma LaVerne Symonds

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Velma LaVerne Symonds, 76, “ran out of dance floor” October 8, 2011. She was born March 4, 1935 in Fort Myers to the late Walter and Velma (Hambrick) Justice. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband C.M. “King” Symonds in 2002; and by her 4 brothers. Mrs. Symonds is survived by her daughters, Terri (Gordon) Symonds Grow of Alexandria, Virginia and Candra (Jim Geib) Symonds of Lake Ridge, Virginia; sisters, Joe Anna Bristol and Melba Morelos both of Fort Myers; and one granddaughter, Ashlyn Pumphrey (Willie Howdyshell) of Lake Ridge, Virginia. Velma was a lifelong resident of Fort Myers and loved music, dancing, fishing, feeding birds and tennis. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice. There will be a visitation on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd. Fort Myers, Florida. Funeral will begin at 2:00 with burial to follow. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Lee County, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908 or [www.hopehospice.org](http://www.hopehospice.org). Condolences may be left online at [www.fortmyersmemorial.com](http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com).



## Tribute Wall

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JU

**Juliano** posted:

Hi, Kay I am saddened to hear of your loss of idtiietnes while in town. I guess there are those people everywhere. I want you to know that I mailed a nutrition package to you on September 17 so it would arrive at the beginning of October. I know soon you will be visiting here and I am looking forward to hearing you speak and give an update of your progress.I think of you and your children often Barbara Larson

July 24 at 6:37 AM

MM

**Msgr. Stephen E. Mcnamara** posted:

LaVerne will be greatly missed in Fort Myers. I am happy to have known her for about 40 years. God Bless, Fr. Ed McNamara Church of the Resurrection Fort Myers, FL

October 17 at 11:12 AM

AS

**Allen And Liz Shevach** posted:

Too soon, but her sparkly smile, laugh, kindess, and personality will live forever in our memory. She was one special lady.

October 12 at 1:27 PM

JR

**Jim Randall** posted:

My partner Harry Boyle and I couldn't have found a bigger Fan & Friend. She was a wonderful person and didn't miss many nights of dancing and music over the years we knew her. You will be missed LaVerne by many friends. Your zest for life and fun has rubbed off on us and we thank you for that. Enjoy dancing with the Angels.

October 11 at 6:42 PM

LR

**Linda Roach** posted:

La Verne and I have only been friends for a few years but WOW what a difference she made in my life. We danced together and laughed together. I will never forget her. She was one special lady.

October 11 at 3:49 PM



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JE

**Janie Rose Endress** posted:

Dear Symond Family, I am so sorry for your loss. LaVerne was a very special person and a very special friend, one of a kind, for over thirty years. She loved, lived and laughed and gave from her open heart, no strings attached. I greatly admired her strength, loved her sense of humor and her wonderful lust for life. Ft Myers will never feel the same without her presence. I will greatly miss my good buddy, but will cherish all of the those memories and feel blessed for the experience. I can see her flashing that beautiful smile as her spirit lives on. The heavens will truly shine a little brighter. 'Till Then' my friend. Love, Janie Rose and Bill Endress

October 11 at 12:51 PM

DG

**Diane Richards Geater** posted:

LaVerne has been a friend of mine for many years. It's with a very heavy heart that I say "so long till we meet again". She was a very special lady and will be missed by all of us who were blessed enough to know her.

October 11 at 11:16 AM

MG

**Margie Geddes** posted:

Even in high school (me in high school, her – one of my closest friend's mother) LaVerne was more like a "sister friend" than a "mom". Full of life, extraordinarily strong in heart, manners and opinion, LaVerne mastered every task she ever took on. Later in life as the age gap closed completely and life experiences became similar, I felt blessed to have her in my life as a peer (of course, when I disagreed in conversations I was told to "respect your elder"). I could always count on her for a funny or serious 3am IM conversation online which never seemed to end... "Go to bed"... "No, YOU go to bed"... "You go to bed first"... LaVerne never lagged behind, day or night, she was leader of the pack, boundless energy and enthusiasm. Her intelligent sense of humor entertained us even at the end of days. She was a true friend to all in her circle... there will never be another LaVerne. I am sure she is already directing the angel traffic and they will grow to love her like we all do. No doubt they are saying... "Wow, the energizer bunny just arrived".

October 11 at 9:13 AM

DC

**Doug And Terri St Cerny** posted:

To the Symonds Family our deepest sympathy for the loss of your mother and sister.

October 11 at 8:18 AM



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**Sandy Collins** posted:

I will miss LaVerne's zest for life. She has been a friend since she opened her house to me during one of the stops on the Women's Professional Tennis Tour in 1978. She knew how to live life know matter what was thrown in her direction. Love to all her family.

October 10 at 7:09 PM



**Laverne's Family** posted:

We would like to thank all of mom's friends, family, caregivers and Hope Hospice for the visits and care. We understand Hospice discarded all textbook protocol when managing "Velma's" case, the caregivers couldn't wait to tell the next shift of her antics, and we were left in awe of the dedication of her loved ones. Mom left a legacy of love, friendship and fun!

October 10 at 9:09 AM



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