



Ms. Valjeanne Thompson

September 24, 1959 - July 18, 2022

Ms. Valjeanne Thompson of Talladega, Alabama was born Valjeanne Jeffers on September 24, 1959 in Tuskegee, Alabama to the late Dr. Lance Jeffers, Sr. and Dr. Trellie Jeffers.

Valjeanne was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church. After completing her formal education at Hillside High School in Durham, NC, she went on to study at Spelman College earning a bachelor's degree in psychology and continued her studies at North Carolina Central University earning her Master's degree in Psychology. She was a certified mental health professional for many years, but her heart belonged to the Arts, specifically Science Fiction. Valjeanne was an avid speculative fiction and screenwriter and lover of all things literary. She wrote under the name Valjeanne Jeffers and created an impressive body of work which included the Immortal, and Mona Livelong: Paranormal Detective series. Her work was included in the 2018 Bram Stoker Award-Nominated Sycorax's Daughters. She was the most famous woman in the Steamfunk and Cyberfunk genres, which married Afrofuturism and Steampunk / Cyberpunk respectively. Valjeanne is the author of 10 books. Valjeanne also served as co-editor for some fiction anthologies. She is also known for her poetry which has been published in Relvelry 2006, The Ringing Ear: Black Poets Lean South 2007, and Drumvoices Revue Volumes 15 and 16. Valjeanne was a semifinalist in 2007 for the Rita Dove Poetry Award. Some of her poetry and fiction appeared in Pembroke Magazine Volume 39. Her writing has also been

published in Griots: A Sword and Soul Anthology of Black Science Fiction, Liberated Muse I: How I Freed My Soul, PurpleMag numbers 7, 8, and 9, LuneWing and Specular. Valjeanne was a member of the Carolina African American Writer's Collective and the Horror Writers Association.

Valjeanne enjoyed watching Harry Potter with her daughter, relaxing on her front porch, having coffee, and spending time with her children and grandchildren. Writing and being active in the Science Fiction writing community also gave her a great deal of joy. Not only was she an epic writer, but she was also an incredible artist. She will truly be missed by all the hearts she has touched and lives she has encounter though the passion of her novels and poetry.

After an extended illness, Ms. Thompson completed her exuberant life journey was on Monday, July 18, 2022 when she peacefully transitioned from labor to eternal rest while surrounded by loved ones under the care of Brookwood Citizen's Baptist Medical Center. Preceding her in death were her father, Lance Jeffers, Sr., sister, Sidonie Jeffers, and her best friend/beloved dog "Cesar Thompson" who passed away on Saturday, July 16, 2022.

Ms. Thompson's loving memories will forever live on and be cherished by her loving and devoted daughter, Gabrielle (Billy) Morris; sons, Toussaint (Kyla) Thompson and Mikail Thompson; beloved mother; Dr. Trellie Jeffers; brother, Lance Jeffers, Jr.; sister, Honoree Jeffers; grandchildren, Kody Thompson, Kyle Thompson, Logan Morris and Ramsey Morris; her pet cat, Cleopatra "Cleo"; special friend; Mr. Quinton Veal; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Ms. Thompson will always be remembered through her love for writing and her poetry.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL **25.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home Chapel
217 Coosa St. East
Talladega, AL 35160

Celebration of Life

JUL **26.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KA

“*Valjeanne Jeffers Thompson was a beloved part of the Liberated Muse community. I had the utmost pleasure publishing her work in various publications and being in community with her. She was a gifted storyteller and an extremely generous and warm person towards other creatives. We will miss her dearly.*”



Khadijah Ali-Coleman - August 03, 2025 at 09:48 AM

QV

“*Quinton Veal lit a candle in memory of Ms. Valjeanne Thompson*”



Quinton Veal - July 25, 2022 at 01:04 PM

QV

My deepest condolences and sincere prayers to the Family in hopes peace will touch your hearts during this time.

Quinton Veal - July 25, 2022 at 01:16 PM

QV

“*Quanton Veal lit a candle in memory of Ms. Valjeanne Thompson*”



Quanton Veal - July 25, 2022 at 12:54 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Valjeanne Thompson.*



July 25, 2022 at 08:47 AM



“ *Karen Sanford lit a candle in memory of Ms. Valjeanne Thompson*



Karen Sanford - July 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



Hillside High School Class of 1976

Karen Sanford - July 24, 2022 at 12:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Valjeanne Thompson.*



July 23, 2022 at 12:57 PM

SC

“ Shuwandra Curry lit a candle in memory of Ms. Valjeanne Thompson



Shuwandra Curry - July 23, 2022 at 10:22 AM

KH

“ May the peace of God rest upon your family during this difficult time.

Kristi Hollinquest - July 22, 2022 at 07:19 PM

GS

“ Sending our love, support, and condolences to the beautiful Thompson & Jeffers Family! May you find comfort in knowing that we have Toussaint & Kyla, Kyle & Kody as our shared blessings forever!



Rest In Peace Valjeanne! 🙏❤️

Glenda (Zeta Phi Beta Sorority💙)
The Willie Solomon Family
Wake Forest, NC

Glenda & Willie Solomon - July 22, 2022 at 05:22 PM

AH

“ Alonzo & Shernevelyne Hill lit a candle in memory of Ms. Valjeanne Thompson



Alonzo & Shernevelyne Hill - July 19, 2022 at 08:39 PM

TK

“ *Sending my condolences! She was such a sweet spirit inside and outside! Truly gonna be missed in the community and the literary world. She was an amazing author!* ”

Tera L. Kirksey - July 19, 2022 at 05:04 PM