



## Valsie "Val" Rae Hopson

June 1, 1941 - June 17, 2025

Valsie Rae (Baudry) Hopson, daughter of the late Edwin B. and Mattie (Boyd) Baudry, was born June 1, 1941, in Colfax, Louisiana where she grew up and graduated from Verda High School with the class of 1959.

Shortly after graduation, Valsie went to Louisiana College and then Louisiana Tech University and graduated with her Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics in 1963.

During her working years, Valsie worked for Arkla Gas Company as a Home Economist, traveling over many states demonstrating new appliances and educating clients on their use. She then began working for the University of Arkansas Extension Service as a Home Economist in Little River County, Ashdown, Arkansas. Her duties included new techniques and methods in Home Economics to Home Economics Clubs, 4-H clubs, and all residents of the county.

While working for the University of Arkansas Extension Service, Valsie met David Edmond Hopson. They were united in marriage on August 19, 1972, in Ashdown, Arkansas. After she and Dave married, Valsie worked part time while Dave attended the University of Missouri, College of Veterinary Medicine. She carried out most of the family duties during this time, since Dave had to spend many hours studying to keep up in Vet school.

They lived in many places while Dave served in the Veterinary Corps of the United States Army. In her spare time, Valsie enjoyed sewing, baking, and crafts. Valsie was an accomplished pianist and organist and played for several churches that the family attended over many years. Most importantly, she loved spending time with her family, especially the grandchildren.

At an early age, Valsie made a profession of faith and was baptized. After moving to the Jefferson City area, Valsie and Dave began attending Concord Baptist Church where they were currently attending.

Valsie was carried to her heavenly home in the arms of her Savior on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, in her home in Jefferson City, having attained the age of 84 years. She will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her.

Valsie leaves to cherish her memory, her husband: Dr. Dave Hopson of the home; three children: John David Hopson of Columbia, MO, Nancy A. Hornback (Thom) of Maricopa, AZ, and Susan M. Shultz (Paul) of Waynesville, MO; six grandchildren: Ellana Gonzalez (Josh) of Casselberry, FL, DJ Brown of San Diego, CA, Holly Hornback of Maricopa, AZ, Garrett Hornback of Maricopa, AZ, Bailey Shultz of Waynesville, MO, and Colten Shultz of Waynesville, MO; two great grandchildren: Jael and Leila; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Even though she is gone from our sight, Valsie's love for her family and strong faith in the Lord will live on in our hearts forever.

Funeral services were held at 12:30 p.m. Friday, June 27, 2025 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Mike Quinn and Pastor Richard Breeden officiating. The song "The Old Rugged Cross"

was played and Becky Lercher sang "He Touched Me" and "Oh What A Savior". Serving as escorts were Paul Shultz, Thom Hornback, Colten Shultz, Terry Shultz, Mike Stromsoe, Quinton Cooper, Brett Hopson, and Dick Heriford. Burial followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville, Missouri. Services were under the care and direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Val Hopson to the Summerfield Baptist Church in Colfax, Louisiana and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H  
Waynesville, MO 65583

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 27. 11:00 AM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

## Funeral Service

JUN 27. 12:30 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Valsie "Val" Rae Hopson*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - June 27, 2025 at 01:03 PM



“ *108 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - June 27, 2025 at 08:58 AM

DC

“ *Don&Pat Cummins lit a candle in memory of Valsie "Val" Hopson*



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**Don&Pat Cummins** - June 19, 2025 at 10:58 PM

LL

“ I will miss my friend and the visits in May. She will always be in my heart. Prayers for peace for those left behind.

Linda Lemoine - June 18, 2025 at 05:24 PM

RS

“ Val was so present and compassionate when I lost my mother, my father and my nephew in the last 22 years. I will always remember her in that way. We were not related but she made me feel as though we were. She was a truly good woman.

Rebecca Scrivner - June 18, 2025 at 03:13 PM

NH

Dave, I wish I could be there for you and the family. I am thinking of all of you in my heart. I loved her so much, and love you, too. Be strong!

Nan (Howard) Harrell - June 18, 2025 at 07:13 PM

JJ

“ Joanna Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Valsie "Val" Hopson



Joanna Jones - June 18, 2025 at 10:23 AM