



Valerie J Tomczak

December 29, 1974 - June 14, 2026

Valerie “Val” Jean Tomczak went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, June 14th 2026. She was 51 years old.

She is survived by her husband Benjamin Tomczak and two children, Michael Tomczak (Andhrea Cook) and Cortney Tomczak (Eric Pearson), as well as her mother and father, Candy and Terry Lundwall, and her sister Melanie and brother Todd. She is also survived by her six nieces/nephews; Hailey, Sidney, Morgan, Isabel, Shawn, & Jazzlyn. She is preceded in death by her father-in-law Tony Tomczak.

She passed peacefully beside her husband in the early morning hours, following a day of many visits from loved ones and close friends.

She was born on December 29th, 1974. As the oldest child she was cherished deeply by her family and often “spoiled”. In her youth and teenage years she enjoyed playing soccer, traveling to & watching her brother’s hockey games, camping with family, and participating in the color guard/flagline. Her parents would describe her as “the opposite of a troublemaker” and “loved by everyone”.

She married her husband Ben on January 21st, 1995. Shortly after they had their first child, Cortney, and three years later their second child, Michael. As

an adult her love of soccer continued in playing for adult leagues and in coaching her children's summer soccer teams for many years. She was an active member of her church community at First Covenant Church of Iron Mountain and in recent years was a key person in establishing a Celebrate Recovery program there. She was a graduate of Mission Bible Training Center, a christian rehab facility in Gaastra, MI and returned to counsel and aid in the ongoing recovery of other program participants. Some things she especially loved include: crime television/media, sour candy, purple tulips, and a hot ham and cheese sandwich from Hardees.

In her last five years she moved into a new home, constructed largely by her husband and curated to their own tastes and styles. She planted and tended a garden with her husband, son, and future daughter-in-law. She visited her parents and remained close to them, and her siblings, throughout various hardships and medical strife. And in 2023 she adopted a puppy, Nina, a dog that is deeply loved by her husband and a comfort to him in her passing, a final gift from Val.

Val's memorial service will be held at First Covenant Church of Iron Mountain on Saturday, June 20th at 11:00 am with a food reception to follow. Visitation will take place from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Her family is especially grateful for the excellent level of treatment at Saint Vincent Hospital in her final days and the ongoing care from the funeral home.

Condolences to the family of Valerie J. Tomczak may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN **20**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Covenant Church
125 East H Street
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sending you all so much love and a giant hug. She was the best soccer coach, hair stylist for dances, encourager, driver to endless church events and youth group nights, and always willing to open her home to us girls. The laughs, the sleepovers, the meals, the hugs... all of it. Thank you Val for your impact on my life and rest in absolute perfect peace with Jesus 💜

Bailey Grayvold - 1 hour ago