



Valerie Ann Watson

July 16, 1947 - January 17, 2026

Valerie Ann Watson (née Maloof), age 78, of Woodcliff Lake, NJ, passed away on January 17, 2026. Valerie was born on July 16, 1947, in Englewood, NJ, to Theodore and Pauline (Ziady) Maloof. She was raised in Tenafly and was the third of four children.

Valerie attended the Dwight School for Girls, earned a two-year degree from Green Mountain College, and later received a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Northern Illinois University. She began her career on Wall Street as an administrative officer for Mutual Shares. From 1991 to 2002, she owned and operated The Gifted Child, a toy store in Westwood, NJ. In the later part of her professional life, she worked in customer service for West Elm. On May 1, 1977, Valerie married Richard Watson, with whom she shared a loving home in Woodcliff Lake for many years. She is survived by Richard; her sons Matthew and Mark; her daughter-in-law Crystal; her grandchildren Alexander and Lyla; and her siblings Douglas, Gregory, and Pamela.

Valerie was a member of St. Anthony's Orthodox Church in Bergenfield. She will be remembered for her devotion to her family, her care for others, and her appreciation for art and beauty. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Anthony's Orthodox Church or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Brookside Cemetery

425 Engle St
Englewood, NJ 07631

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 23. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
148 Dean Dr
Tenafly, NJ 07670
(201) 568-8043
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

JAN 23. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Words of Remembrance

JAN 23. 8:15 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JAN 24. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Anthony Orthodox Church
385 Ivy Lane
Bergenfield, NJ 07621

Interment

JAN 24 (ET)

Brookside Cemetery
425 Engle St
Englewood, NJ 07631

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Valerie’s passing. Every time I spoke with her she was warm and caring. I truly felt her welcoming energy when I was around her. Sending love and support to her entire family during this time of grief. She will always be with you and may you take comfort in your memories of her. Much love, Caroline Masak and family.

Caroline Masak - January 25 at 10:25 AM

CJ

“ Sending our condolences to the family. Valerie was always kind to me. I remember her wonderful cooking and how she loved her family very much. May her soul be at peace.

Christiane Januszewski - January 25 at 10:14 AM

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“ Valerie was a great person who loved her family above all else. She was so proud of her 2 children & had an incredible life with my brother Richard. She had a great sense of humor to laugh at all of his silliness but keep him grounded and that led to many beautiful years together. I will always keep you in my heart.

Sharon Watson - January 21 at 07:51 PM