



## Valerie Bivins

February 18, 1958 - September 6, 2012

### Obituary of Valerie Bivins

Valerie Janis Bivins was born in Clearwater, Florida on February 18, 1958. Val as she was called by family and friends was educated in the Pinellas County School System graduating from Dunedin High School. On June 7, 1980, she was united in marriage to Christopher Neal Bivins and relocated to St. Petersburg. She graduated from Nova Southeastern University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and began her teaching career at Palm Harbor Elementary School. Furthering her studies, she attended the University of South Florida earning a Master's of Science degree. The family relocated to Leesburg, Florida in 2003 where Valerie completed her thirty-one year teaching career at Tavares Elementary School in Lake County. Val expressed a deep love for God and family. She enjoyed entertaining her family and friends, especially around major holidays. Many Thanksgiving meals were shared with dozens of relatives and friends. With summers off from school, she enjoyed traveling with her husband and son Christopher Jr. known to all those who love him as CJ. The Bahamas, Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls and all points in between, Val spent time shopping and touring historic sites and museums. She often boasted of her husband's affinity for working on projects so she kept him busy with her endless ideas for home improvement. Their greatest project was the design and construction of the family home here in Leesburg. Val was inspirational in creating "In the Company of My SISTAS,

too," a yearly gathering of her sisters and adolescent girls of the family to connect; exhale and encourage each other to become the woman of God that He purposed us to be. During these times she used her teaching platform to encourage all to live well, love much and laugh often. Val will forever be remembered for her passion in helping others and long celebrated for living a Christian life.

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# Tribute Wall



“ Valerie Bivins

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ The news of loosing a wonderful person saddens our family. Mrs. Bivins taught my daughter at Eustis Heights Elementary. My daughter, now a Senior at Eustis High, has always put Mrs. Bivins as her #1 teacher! She was a true EDUCATOR, with a warm heart and a contagious smile. May her family find peace with this difficult time in their lives. Heaven has gained another GREAT angel!

s.Mandl - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ You will surely be missed Ms. Bivins, you were an amazing teacher and I will always remember you. Prayers go out to your family

Morgan Holley - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Bivins was a beautiful, caring, loving, strong (i can go on forever) woman.....she will trully be missed by her coworkers and defintly her students. She played such an important role in not only my sons life but in all of her students. We will always be grateful for how much she cared and encouraged them! She encouraged ALL of us to be the best we can be and always rooted us on. We love you and our prayers and condolences are with the Bivins family and friends!

Natascha Taylor - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Chris and Family, Our prayers and deepest heartfelt sympathies are with all of you. May you feel the Lord's presence and may He bring you peace. John and Anne

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**John Davidson/Anne Smith** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ To the Bivins family/Brenda Goodloe Every women is born into the world to do something unique and something distinctive and if she or he does not do it, it will never be done.

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**Ken&Connie/West P. Beach** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Chris and family, I taught with Valerie at Eustis Heights Elementary for a couple of years. I had some correspondence with her since she and I both left. I really thought so much of her. There were 5 of us and we were such a good team. It was the best teaching of my career. I will miss Valerie, but I know she is at peace and in heaven with my daughter who also passed away from cancer. Chris, I hope you find some peace without her. It just takes time.

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**Carol Arvia** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM