



## Valarie Marie Martin

August 6, 1999 - April 12, 2026

Dateline: Bethalto, IL

Valarie Marie Martin, 26, died at 10:37 a.m. on Sunday, April 12, 2026 at Barnes Jewish Hospital. She was born August 6, 1999 in Alton, the daughter of Mark Edward and Nancy Jean (Woods) Reathaford. Valarie worked as a dietary aid with Bria of Godfrey. On May 4, 2019 in Bethalto, she married Wesley Martin and he survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Leah Martin, two sons, Ryder Martin and William Martin, grandparents, Vera Rose and John Reathaford and grandmother, Kathy Wheeler. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Harry and Donneetia Woods, Jr. and William Wheeler and uncle, Harry Woods III. Visitation will be Friday, April 17, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A private family burial will be at a later date. Memorials may be made to Mid America Transplant. Additional information and online guestbook may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 17. 4:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall

MD

“ So sorry for your loss 🙏🏻🕊️🙏🏻



Melissa Dewitt - April 16 at 11:32 AM

AC

“ Wes and family, I am so sorry for this huge loss. I pray you all find peace and healing. She will always be watching over and guiding you.



Ashlen Cordes - April 14 at 09:40 AM

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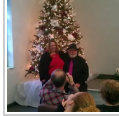
“ I remember her when she was born. Now she is young lady taken to soon. He children won't even get to grow up with. I now the will make sure they now who she is and was. Rest in peace little lady. 🙏🏻

Terri Dirksmeyer - April 14 at 09:08 AM

TD

I meant to say I know the family will take care of that and make sure they know gwr

Terri Dirksmeyer - April 14 at 09:11 AM



*MARK NANCY VERA JOHN ANGIE JULIE AND KEVIN AND ALL YOUR EXTENDED FAMILY I AM SO VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS! I DIDN,T KNOW YOUR VAL BUT ALL OF YOU HAVE BEEN PART OF MY LIFE FOR SO MANY YEARS AND MY HEART IS WITH YOU ALL TODAY TOMORROW AND ALL THE DAYS AHEAD! I LOVE YOU ALL LIKE FAMILY AND YOUR BEAUTIFUL VALERIE IS IN HEAVEN WATCHING OVER YOU ALL!*

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**Stacie Thomas** - April 16 at 08:08 PM

SH

“ *In loving memory of a close friend, someone I grew up with. I pray your babies have the greatest life and hope you rest in paradise love*



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**Sara Heinemeier** - April 13 at 04:30 PM

LB

*My condolences to the family.*

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**Linda Butler** - April 13 at 08:42 PM