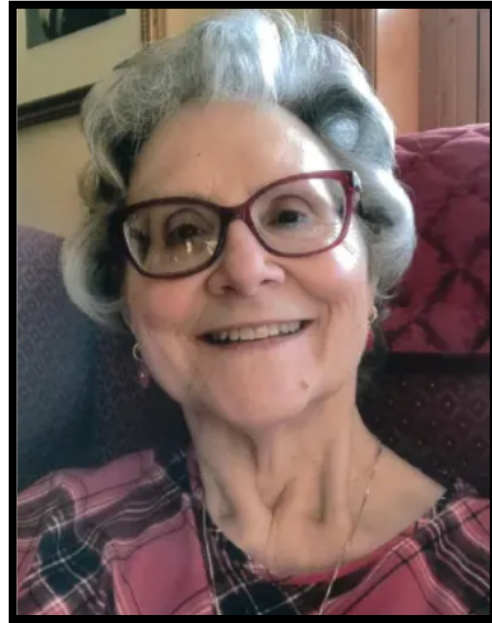


Valerie Wolfe Pierotti

Valerie Wolfe Pierotti passed peacefully with her children and husband at her side on October 2, 2023, after her second heroic fight with breast cancer. She was born in Tucson, Arizona on June 2, 1955, to Betty Lee Winemiller and William Jennings Wolfe. She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved aunt and uncle, Jean Winemiller



Currey and James Meredith Currey; her grandparents, Owen and Ruth Winemiller. She is survived by her devoted husband, Joseph Anthony (Jay) Pierotti; her children, Jennifer Pierotti Lim (Timothy Chung Hoon Lim), Matthew Joseph Pierotti, Mark Owen Pierotti (Darcy Raven); her grandchildren, Penelope Ruth Lim and Timothy Joseph Lim; her dear brother, Dennis Wolfe (Cara), her devoted cousins, Leigh Currey Merrifield and Leigh's son, Justin Merrifield; and a host of young cousins.

In 1973 Valerie began studies at the University of Virginia, where she met her future husband and love of her life, and where she received her BA in French with a teaching certificate in secondary education. After her student teaching experience, she decided that work in the helping professions in a more structured environment was her calling. Subsequently, she worked as a medical aide in the psychiatric unit at UVA hospital and the Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired in Richmond. She began graduate studies at Virginia Commonwealth University in social work and was awarded a practicum at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. She received her MSW from VCU in psychiatric social work in 1982. She worked at the medical-psychiatric unit at MCV and in 1985, she left her career to be a full-time mom and to do in-home work, caring for her three young children and disabled mother-in-law.

She had a relentless spirit of volunteerism that spanned her entire life. She volunteered at various times with Mother's Morning Out at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, St. Bridget's Catholic School and Church ministries, the Girl Scouts of America, and many, many more. Most importantly, she made sure every day that her husband had his wallet, work ID, keys, lunch, and was dressed appropriately with no visible wardrobe issues and that her children had everything they needed to thrive. Her children and grandchildren were her life and her greatest joys. She kept her family on task with a breathtaking love and clarity of purpose and with the determination and faithfulness of a master gunnery sergeant.

Valerie was gifted with a beautiful alto singing voice (but could sing tenor, bass, and soprano if needed) and, when she was able, was a cantor and choir member at St. Bridget's for many years. More recently, she was an active member of Heartstrings Women's Choral Ensemble of RVA.

Because of her immense strength, she was able to experience all of the family milestones in the past few years that were on her list: the birth of her second grandchild Timmy, a family trip to the beach with her children and their families, welcoming a new daughter to the family with the wedding of Darcy and Mark, seeing Matt give the best ever best man speech for Mark and watching him thrive in his career, two magical Christmases, and spending quality time with her Prince Charming Jay.

Everyone who met Valerie became a devoted friend of hers, and she never forgot a birthday. Her friends and community never failed to shower her with cards, phone calls, flowers, and attention during her two bouts with cancer, and she knew she was so loved.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, October 12, 2023 at Bliley's 3801 Augusta Ave, Richmond, VA 23230, where a rosary service will conclude the visitation at 7 p.m. A Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, October 13, 2023 at St. Bridget Catholic Church,

6006 Three Chopt Road, Richmond, Virginia 23226 with interment to follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Flowers are appreciated as Valerie loved flowers; however, in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to her favorite charity, feedmore.org.