



# Valerie Biggerstaff Clawson

August 23, 1980 - June 12, 2019

Our Sweet, Bright, Funny, Light transitioned from Mortality, to the Eternities surrounded by Her family on June 12th, 2019. We will be Forever Better Individuals for having had Her Influence and Example in Our Lives!

Valerie was born on August 23, 1980 to grateful parents William and Cari Call Biggerstaff in Ogden, Ut Weber County.

She was welcomed and adored by her older brother Bradley and Her big sister Katie. She literally learned to walk (no crawling for this girl!) so she could keep up with and shadow these two!!

Valerie was blessed with many Gifts and Talents but Her earliest recognized gift was Her ability to make everyone feel like they were her best friends forever! She was much loved by grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins and of course her siblings and parents as well and had a grand childhood. She attended schools in the South Ogden area and then Orem City Schools graduating from Orem High School in 1998.

In 2002 Valerie received confirmation that She should Serve the Lord and received a call to Labor in the Nauvoo Illinois Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for an 18-month Mission. This Service and time spent in the mission field would change Her and forever define for Good the rest of Her Life! Her testimony was enlarged, her faith emboldened and Her love of the Gospel Magnified! Her reward was magnificent as She bonded and maintains today the closest of relationships with Her Nauvoo Sisters, that you could honestly call them "Sisters in Zion". Her Special few months serving at Carthage was a tender blessing for Her and solidified Her testimony of the Prophet!

When Valerie returned home, God's plan for her continued to unfold and she was introduced to and fell in love with Her Forever Sweetheart Jason Mckay Clawson. Jason and Valerie were married and sealed in the American Fork Temple of the Lord on December 10, 2005. Valerie became part of an amazing, large new family the "Clawson

Clan” and now had not only a wonderful extra set of parents in Steve and Karan Clawson, but also 6 new brothers and 5 new sisters! Her relationship with this entire family was one of her most treasured Blessings and Gifts!

On February 9, 2007 Boston William Clawson blessed her life as she became a mother. Later, she and Jason would be blessed with another son Cooper Steven Clawson on February 11, 2013. She also gave birth to Sweet Angel Baby Hulet Mckay on March 23, 2017. He passed away that day, but now has been reunited with his precious mother forever. Her desire to be a mother and raise her boys was always a paramount and defining part of who Valerie was. Her boys, Jason, Boston, Cooper and Hulet will forever be the Greatest Loves of Her Life. Leaving them for a moment was Her only regret. Her gratitude for the gospel plan and sealing ordinances of the Temple were Her comforting solace.

Valerie served in many capacities within all Church organizations including; Relief Society, Primary Teacher, Ministering Sister, and in the Young Woman’s Program. She was a good mentor and example for the youth of the church. Many knew and loved Her because of Her great ability to reach out to the One in love and inclusion. She had an ability and gift to know who might need something extra and love from Her. She always acted upon those impressions. Her large circle of friends will attest to this.

She had many talents and was good at design and graphics helping family and friends as well as businesses with design work. Valerie always spent countless hours and late nights creating the perfect card for every situation no matter who it was for. She gained this talent working for Alphagraphics. She loved her Alphagraphics Family as she worked off and on for them for 15 years. She also was a Master Aesthetician and mostly just offered service to Her close friends and family. She had worked for Smith Barney and Morgan Stanley as an executive secretary. She was the epitome of the idea that “That if a Job is worth doing It’s worth doing well”. She excelled at all she took on and most knew if Valerie was on the job it would be completed and be well done.

She loved to be outdoors and loved Summer vacations with friends and family in Jackson Hole running the river, camping and family trips to California. She loved spending time with her immediate family and never missed family home evening each Monday for the last 20 Years!! Her family was and will always be her everything!!

Much will be said about her great circles of friends. The Ogden Group, The Orem Girls and Guys, The Nauvoo Sisterhood, The Clawson Clan, Her Provo Girls, and then finally the Vineyard Family of Friends. She was able to maintain amazing relationships with many, not only because she had such a big heart, but because those relationships meant

the absolute world to her. She would say “Thank You” for being a player on my little Stage of Life and “Keep an Eye on My Boys”! Even up until her last days in the hospital she was asking the doctors and nurses personal questions about them, as well as thanking them for helping care for Her during this time of Her terminal illness. She was even loved by Her Oncologist. During Her last days at the hospital, he came to Her room and with a tender voice looked into Her big brown eyes and said “Valerie, you are one of my favorites patients”.

Valerie is survived by Her Loving Husband Jason, Her sons Boston and Cooper, Her parents Bill and Cari Biggerstaff, Her in-laws Steve and Karan Clawson, siblings Bradley and April Biggerstaff, Katie and Nathan Harward, Jeff and Carrie Clawson, Josh and Tawnya Clawson, Julie and Claine Hawkins, Jenny and Kirt Victor, Jeremy and Heather Clawson, James and Annalee Clawson, and Grandparents Lawrence Call and Beverly Evans, many beloved nieces and nephews she loves dearly! She Loved Her many wonderful Aunts, Uncles and Cousins who have mentored and Loved Her.

She was preceded in death by Her Angel baby Hulet Mckay Clawson and Grandparents Karen K Call, LaNell H Read, James L Evans, and a Special Uncle Andrew K Call.

Valerie’s Family wishes to extend Special Thanks to Dr. John Weis and Dr. Benjamin Solomon at the Huntsman Cancer Institute. Also, Dr. Heather Dabling and a very Special Thank You to her Sister Julie Hawkins for much Tender Compassionate Care. A Thank You to Annalee Clawson and Josh Clawson for the “Show of Hope Benefit Concert”. We also want to Thank Josh Clawson for hours of audio recording for family and Val’s Boys.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, June 21st at 11:00 am at the Suncrest Stake Center located at 90 N. 600 W. Orem, Utah, where Viewings will be held on Thursday, June 20th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and prior to the service on Friday, June 21st from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Interment in the Orem City Cemetery.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary

# Events

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**JUN 20** **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM  
Suncrest Stake Center  
90 North 600 West, Orem, UT, US, 84057

**JUN 21** **Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM  
Suncrest Stake Center  
90 North 600 West, Orem, UT, US, 84057

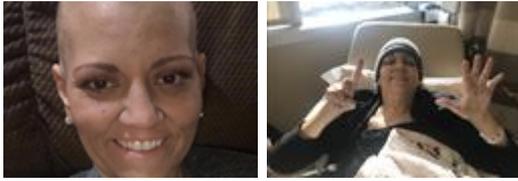
**JUN 21** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM  
Suncrest Stake Center  
90 North 600 West, Orem, UT, US, 84057

# Comments

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**jason clawson** - June 16, 2019 at 11:57 PM

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“ From the second I met Val I knew she was special, an absolute ray of light with a heart of gold. She could make anyone smile and feel loved. We became close, there is nothing she wouldn't do for me or my children. I am forever grateful to have the great honor of being her sister in law. I love you So much Val.



**Heather Clawson** - June 16, 2019 at 07:20 PM

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“ Val was one of my sweetest, dearest, and best of friends for over 12 years. We laughed, we cried, we would talk sitting in her car until 4 am about anything and everything. She was one of the kindest people I have ever known. She would do anything for anyone. I loved her laugh and smile. She had the best laugh. I am so sad she is gone. And I will pray for Jason and her sweet young boys. I will never forget her. She will always be in my heart. I love you Val.



**kati heileson** - June 15, 2019 at 07:18 PM



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**pravin** - June 16, 2019 at 07:37 AM

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Julianne Hawkins - June 15, 2019 at 01:26 PM

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“ Val was one of those people you meet who becomes an instant friend. She showed real interest in every person she met and made them feel loved. I loved spending hours chatting with Val and always came away feeling better about the world. Our boys played sports together and one summer during baseball season we got to sit and chat through each game. It was the highlight of my week to just get to spend time visiting with one of my favorite people. When we were looking to move from Vineyard to Orem every single house I told her about she would respond with “oh the so and so’s house! They are great people or I dated their son...” She literally knew everyone because she had that magnetic personality. She took the time to know everyone and everyone loved her. Most of all I will never forget the journey we shared together when she lost Hulet. We were both pregnant and she was only a few weeks ahead of me in her pregnancy. I was beyond thrilled for her when she found out and it was so fun to know we would both have babies the same age. The day she found out Hulet wouldn’t live until birth we talked on the phone and cried together over the loss of all she had hoped for. It broke my heart that she had to experience yet another huge trial. I felt guilty that my baby was fine when I already had 5 healthy kids. I remember feeling like I wished our places had been reversed and I worried it might be hard for her to see me carry to term and to meet my baby. She responded as she always did to trials with complete faith and trust in God. She was heartbroken of course but she never let the resentment and anger fill her heart like so many people do when they are given a trial they almost can’t bare. Months later when I had my baby she was one of the first to visit me with baby gifts and to hold my baby. I remember talking about how she was doing with everything and always being amazed at her dedication to trusting in God’s will no matter what. I have so many wonderful memories with her but I will always cherish the example she set for me of turning outward and serving others through pain and turning her answers over to God. She trusted Him perfectly and emulated the Savior better than most people I’ve known in my life. I miss her so much and I’m thankful that someday I’ll be able to hug her and hear her say “hey girl” again.

Rachel Hall - June 15, 2019 at 10:39 AM

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“ Valerie left an amazing impact on everyone who entered her life. She had a contagious smile and a wonderful sense of humor. She literally loved people and you couldn't help but love her back. The memory that comes to my mind when I think of Valerie is sitting in Sommer's back yard, Cooper and my boys were playing in the sprinklers while we talked about the gospel, life goals and what truly matters. She was diagnosed just months later, and I think back to that conversation knowing that "she got it." She knew what she wanted, she knew what she believed and she made everyone around better her because of it. The world is a darker place without her light, but her legacy lives on. Because of Valerie I will be a better friend and choose to see the good in others. I love you Valerie and look forward to the day I will see your beautiful smile again.

**Katie Wirig** - June 15, 2019 at 12:30 AM

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“ I started at Alphagraphics in Lehi in September 2018. One of the people who trained my was Val. She had started working part time at our location. I only knew her for a couple of weeks but she made a profound impression on me. She was the fastest, most accurate and effective worker....handling several tasks at the same time, super friendly to everyone, a patient teacher. I saw her compassion for her friend who was going through a hard time. She brought light and energy into our office. I was so upset when she became ill and I thought of her every day. Blessings of comfort to all those who loved her. I will try to follow her example as a small tribute to her.

**Kathleen Thorpe** - June 14, 2019 at 10:37 PM

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“ Valerie is/was the sweetest, fun-loving, beautiful lady and we have delighted in watching her life from a young child to an adult, from afar. Our sons Brett and Ryan thought she was the sister they never had. Years ago, when she and Jason were living for a short time in Fresno, CA, they came and spent Easter weekend with me. Her sons were young but they quickly learned they had "other" cousins and all the kids played and had break dance tournaments and it was delightful. Jason, Valerie, Brett, Melissa, Ryan, JoeAnna had a great visit at our kitchen table. There was so much laughter and even though they had not seen each other for a few years- Valerie's smile and her fun ways brought everyone together as if they had always been together-joking, laughing and talking. We all love Valerie and always will-how could you not? We are grateful for her life on this earth and all the sunshine she brought to it. We are thankful she is no longer suffering as she really went through a terrible battle. She is whole again, loving, laughing and we look forward to when we can see her again. Our prayers are with the family left behind-may Father in Heaven send comforting angels to be with you for as long as you need them.

We will see you all next week at the funeral. We love you all, Dan and Joy Clark



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April Conder Biggerstaff - June 14, 2019 at 05:16 PM

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