



## Shelley Ann Vallina

March 22, 1952 - January 30, 2025

Shelley Ann Vallina passed away on January 30, 2025. A native Floridian, she was born to Ruben and Ondina Vallina on March 22, 1952. She spent the majority of her life in West Tampa until 12 years ago when she moved to IL for the last chapter of her journey.

Shelley was a long-term resident of Sharon Pines in Peoria, IL before spending her final years at Washington Senior Living where she was loved and adored by her family and staff alike.

One of Shelley's catch-phrases was simply, "I'm blessed", a statement that her loved ones who remain are taking with them into their own lives.

From a severe traumatic brain injury at 17 that altered the lives of multiple

generations to a progressive disease that required round-the-clock care, she lived a life that had many challenges along the way.

While others grow angry or bitter, Shelley became more childlike in her wonder, contentment, and joy just for receiving a requested hug.

Always with a smile on her face and a filthy word to make the staff laugh and her daughter blush, she was a delightfully foul-mouthed ray of sunshine.

She was preceded in death by her parents and only son Ruben Daniel Roach.

Surviving are her eldest daughter Deena Vallina (Tosh Lathroum), middle daughter Rebecca Gonzalez (Arnie), and youngest daughter Elisa Vallina along with 15 grandkids and 9 great-grandkids.

A celebration of life will take place in honor of her birthday in late March in her

hometown of Tampa, Florida. Family and friends will be notified of details at a later date.

In lieu of donations or flowers, the family requests that in March, please pick a day to share a random act of kindness with someone. Shelley's infectious smile and laugh, was as her staff relayed, "like a kindness on a hard day" for many. This is their way of sharing that.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *We were majorettes when we were small.*

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**Melody Griffin** - February 26, 2025 at 07:17 PM

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“ *Shelley was such a joy and a sassy bright part of my day when I visited her. It was a privilege to care for her and learn so much about her life. She will be missed, but will continue to shine! Crystal K*

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**Crystal Koontz** - February 26, 2025 at 06:12 PM