



Valerie Grace Hietala

December 29, 1951 - March 31, 2022

Valerie Grace Hietala, age 70, of Estero, FL passed away on March 31, 2022 after a long illness. Valerie was born December 29, 1951 in Madison, WI to the late Douglas and Rosemary Dill.

She is survived by her loving companion Daniel W. Sampson, daughters Amber Scanlon, Sasha Rutizer, Rachel Dawes, her sister Jeanine Koch, several grandchildren and cousins. Valerie loved her daughters and was a wonderful, loving companion to Dan.

Valerie obtained a Horticulture degree from University of Wisconsin and an MS in Environmental Science from University of Colorado. She travelled extensively, crewing on a Windjammer in the Bermuda's after college, living in Germany and visiting all 50 states. Among her many talents, Valerie was a florist, taught middle school, sold real estate in Florida, and an environmentalist. Most of all she loved animals and operated an alpaca farm in North Carolina with her Husband Karlo Hietala for many years. She learned to spin alpaca fiber and wool. She gave tours of the farm and delighted children and adults with her stories and knowledge of the animals.

Valerie retired to Florida after Karlo passed away. She was very happy in Florida with Dan and remained active in the DAR Barefoot Beach chapter, Estero Newcomers and other organizations. She leaves behind loved ones and friends who miss her greatly. A celebration of life will be held for Valerie in the near future.

Tribute Wall



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