

Valerie Lee Parish Harmon Kendrick passed from this earth in the early morning hours of March 12th, 2019. Born July 8, 1948 in Texas to Leonard Lee Parish and Emma Francis Pringle Parish Riddle, she is survived by her sons Leonard Harmon (son, Austin) and Parish Harmon (wife Erin, and daughters Emmalee, Jesse and Jordan).

Sadly, Valerie was predeceased by her husband, Ron Kendrick on March 6th, 2019. Valerie was also predeceased by her father, Leonard; mother, Francis; brothers Larry Parish, Philip Parish and Jack Riddle; sisters Pam Parish (died of smallpox in 1947 while her family resided in China) and Andrea Riddle.

Valerie's entire life was impacted by the service and death of her father, Leonard Lee Parish. A pilot for the China National Aviation Corporation, CNAC, in China during the China/Japan conflict – his plane (carrying his wife, Francis, sons Larry, Philip and Valerie) was shot down in the China Sea in July 1954 – Valerie and her mother were among the 9 survivors, losing her father and both her brothers in the crash of the Cathay Pacific airliner.

Valerie moved to Willits in the mid 1960's with her mother, who had remarried and was in business with partners in the Willits Hardware store. Valerie brightened the lives of all who knew her through the years and especially through her business, Valerie's Village Beauty Salon. An apprentice of Hank and Judy Shows, Valerie opened her hair styling business in early 1975 and through the years, styled the hair of many loyal patrons.

The family is grateful for all the support and kindness in the past few weeks from Willits Phoenix Hospice; her caregiver, Sandy Fuentes and her precious friend, Carlin Horger.

As she wished, Valerie will be buried near her father and the rest of her family at the Crestview Memorial Cemetery in Wichita Falls, Texas. A memorial of her life, along with her husband Ron is planned for a later date.