



Vanessa Ferrell

February 22, 1960 - October 14, 2025

Vanessa A. Ferrell, age 65 years, a resident of Vienna, Illinois, passed away Tuesday afternoon, October 14, 2025, at 2:07 P.M. at her home.

Vanessa was born February 22, 1960 in South Charleston, West Virginia. She was the daughter of Clyde F. and Sharon L. (Valentine) Adkins.

Vanessa is survived by: her children – Jeremy Ferrell of Goreville, Illinois, Rachael (her fiancé, Sam) Ferrell of Cobden, Illinois, and Corey Ferrell of Goreville, Illinois; 2 grandchildren – Myles Ferrell and Elaina Joyner both of Cobden, Illinois; a sister – Shelley Adkins of Christiansburg, Virginia; and a brother – Kevin (Brenda) Adkins of Perry, Georgia.

Vanessa was preceded in death by her parents.

Vanessa earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southern Illinois University of Carbondale. She taught first grade at the Cobden Elementary School for 20 years, prior to her retirement.

Vanessa enjoyed playing the guitar and spending time with her family as well as her faithful feline companions. She was of the Christian faith.

Visitation for family and friends will be conducted Friday afternoon, October

17, 2025, from 12 Noon until 2 P.M. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

A private graveside service will be conducted.

Memorials may be made to: Finding Forever Animal Rescue, 1117 East Main Street, Marion, Illinois 62959; Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 28 West 44th Street, Suite 609, New York, NY 10036; or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Deborah Bradley Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Vanessa Ferrell*



Deborah Bradley Shepherd - October 24, 2025 at 11:08 AM

DS

“ *Nessie was that friend who never judges, and is always willing to listen and understand. We lost touch after high school, but I have never forgotten her. I think her children & grandchildren -- and her students -- were blessed to have her example of patience, humor, and faith.*

Deborah Bradley Shepherd - October 24, 2025 at 11:07 AM

SF

“ *Shelia Frick lit a candle in memory of Vanessa Ferrell*



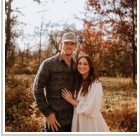
Shelia Frick - October 17, 2025 at 09:17 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vanessa Ferrell.*



October 16, 2025 at 10:28 PM



“ *Vanessa was the best mentor and co-teacher that I could've asked for. She always gave excellent advice, not only in the classroom but in life. I'll forever cherish the years I got to teach alongside her. She will be so dearly missed. - Elissa Escue-Darlin*

Elissa Darlin - October 16, 2025 at 10:24 PM

FF

“ *Ferrell Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vanessa Ferrell.*

Ferrell Family - October 16, 2025 at 08:10 AM

FF

“ *Ferrell Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Vanessa Ferrell.*



Ferrell Family - October 16, 2025 at 08:10 AM

TA

“ *Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Vanessa Ferrell*



Teresa Anderson - October 15, 2025 at 04:54 PM

SR

“ *Sonny and Nancy Raper purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Vanessa Ferrell.*



Sonny and Nancy Raper - October 15, 2025 at 04:09 PM

TS

“ *I am so sorry to see this. I worked w Vanessa at S7HD in the early 2000s. She was such a sweet person and an amazing teacher. My condolences to her family and friends.*

Terri Stewart

Terri Stewart - October 15, 2025 at 12:37 PM