



Tondra S. "Toni" Rausch

May 30, 1948 - November 1, 2018

Tondra Sue "Toni" Rausch, age 70, died unexpectedly on November 1, 2018. Toni was born and raised in Napoleon, OH and was a graduate of Napoleon High School, Class of 1966. She received her RN diploma from Parkview School of Nursing, Fort Wayne, IN and her Bachelor's degree in Nursing from Franklin University in Columbus, OH. Toni was a faithful member of Maple Grove United Methodist Church and also belonged to the Napoleon High School Alumni Association, Parkview School of Nursing Alumni Association, and was a prior member of the Clintonville Community Band. Toni loved people and spent her career and much of her retirement years helping others through volunteer work at Maple Grove, Riverside Methodist Hospital and The Forum at Knightsbridge. Her career included: Emergency Room nurse at OSU hospitals and as a hospice nurse and then she greatly enjoyed time as a Paramedic instructor for the Columbus Division of Fire and as a CPR instructor. Preceded in death by parents, James and Emily Rausch. Survived by sisters, Diane Huffman of Bowling Green, OH, Patricia (Art) Rottenbiller of Worthington, OH; brother, David (Deidra) Rausch of Zionsville, IN; nieces and nephews, Benjamin (Becca) Huffman, Anna (Jake) Wilson, Michael and Erich Rottenbiller, Taylor (David) Meehan, Meredith (Thomas) Mershon and James Rausch; 9 great nieces and nephews; and many friends from every part of her life. Friends may call Monday, November 5th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St., Worthington, OH. Funeral service 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 6th at Maple Grove United

Methodist Church, 7 W. Henderson Road, Columbus, OH. Graveside service and Interment 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 7th at Forest Hill Cemetery, Napoleon, OH. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Maple Grove United Methodist Church. To leave a condolence for the family please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

500 W. Maumee Ave.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home
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Worthington, OH 43085
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Funeral Service

NOV 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Maple Grove United Methodist Church
7 West Henderson Rd.
Columbus, OH 43214

Graveside Service

NOV 7. 11:30 AM (ET)

Forest Hill Cemetery
500 W. Maumee Ave.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Tondra S. "Toni" Rausch*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - November 05, 2018 at 10:31 AM

JT

Remembering all of you in my thoughts and prayers. Many wonderful memories with the Rausch's (Toni). Love to all of you! Jeannine

Jeannine Taylor - November 06, 2018 at 03:52 PM



“ *Tondra S. "Toni" Rausch*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

DG

“ *I am deeply saddened to see of Toni's passing. I first met Toni when she was a student of mine in the BSN program at Franklin University in the mid 80s. She was one of the kindest people I have ever known, with a way about her that could readily put others at ease. I do believe that the world was graced by her presence and thank God for the memories of this truly lovely lady. Thoughts and prayers are with her family and loved ones.*

DeAnna Gordon

DeAnna Gordon - November 05, 2018 at 07:43 PM

JB

“ Toni, was one of the most caring ER Nurse’s I knew.. The time I spent working at OSU she was always willing and enjoyed answering my questions.
I am sure she saved many lives, if not directly but also by her EMS students.
Toni, Rest In Peace, you made a difference in this world. Thank you for your service.
John Bokros

john Bokros - November 05, 2018 at 02:40 PM

CP

“ CSCC EMS Program purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Tondra S. "Toni" Rausch.



CSCC EMS Program - November 05, 2018 at 07:43 AM

TR

“ Just wanted to say what a pleasure it was to know Toni for a year, it seemed like we knew each other longer, she was so caring and concerned all the time, when i would get my hair cut, she would always complement me as well as ask about my daughter, just a joy to be around, never seen her upset or anything, Toni is going to be missed so much, but i am glad to know i had a friend in her. So so much love for Toni, thank you for letting The Forum at Knightsbridge be apart of her life. Love you Toni, Tanisha Richards

Tanisha Richards - November 05, 2018 at 06:46 AM

KH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Toni was such a good and kind-hearted person.

She was always such a wonderful neighbor and friend to my mother. And she was very good to me. She will never be forgotten.

*With deepest sympathy,
Kelly Hetrick*

Kelly A Hetrick - November 05, 2018 at 05:44 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tondra S. "Toni" Rausch.



November 04, 2018 at 05:10 PM

PM

“ I met Toni through her sister Patti. I didn't see her much, but when I did I knew I was with a very intelligent person with a great sense of humor. She will be missed. Blessings to Patti and the rest of the family. Kristy McElwee

Peace McElwee - November 04, 2018 at 02:41 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Tondra S. "Toni" Rausch.



November 04, 2018 at 02:12 PM

RS

“ Sorry to see your gone Toni. I will always remember you as a wonderful person and teacher. Toni was my p-school instructor back in 1990. She was great! After that Toni talked me into becoming a instructor myself. She was always there for me when I needed advice about anything. I worked for her when she started her CPR company. Toni was a great mentor and friend. She was also a great friend to the Columbus Fire Dept. I had the good luck to have talked to Toni about 6-7 weeks ago for about 30 mins. at a store . Will miss you Toni.

Rick and Carla Schoch

ricky schoch - November 04, 2018 at 11:36 AM

SB

“ Too many memories to choose from. School, band trips and camp. Please accept my sincerest sympathy at her passing. Such a loving and sharing soul...All those whose lives she touched will miss her greatly.

Sheryl Benskin-Wright

Sheryl Benskin-Wright - November 03, 2018 at 06:44 PM

SB

“ Sheryl Benskin-Wright lit a candle in memory of Tondra S. "Toni" Rausch



Sheryl Benskin-Wright - November 03, 2018 at 06:23 PM

MR

“ I met Toni in 1975 in the OSU ER she was always friendly to us fire department EMS people everyone knew her and she always remembered our names She is what made us all better people A Wonderful Person to know
Mike Rutkowski Westerville Fire

Michael Rutkowski - November 03, 2018 at 05:55 PM

PF

“ We are so sorry to hear of Toni's passing. She was a wonderful friend in High School and here in Columbus.
We have had so many good times and memories. She will be missed.
Pat and Mike Franz

Pat Franz - November 03, 2018 at 04:50 PM

KL

“ Dear Diane, Patti, David, spouses, nieces, and nephews,
I am so sincerely sorry to hear about your loss. Toni certainly gave a lot of herself to the community through her nursing career.
May GOD bless all of you.
Cousin Karen

Karen Lanphear - November 03, 2018 at 03:16 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Tondra S. "Toni" Rausch.



November 03, 2018 at 02:24 PM

KS

“ *Karla Short lit a candle in memory of Tondra S. "Toni" Rausch*



Karla Short - November 03, 2018 at 01:42 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Tondra S. "Toni" Rausch.*



November 03, 2018 at 12:44 PM

CK

“ *Toni was the first person I met in the Emergency ROOM at OSU IN 1974 at the age of 17. During the “interview” Toni asked me why do you think you would be able to work here in the Emergency Room. My answer, stated with the confidence and bravado of a 17 year old was “because I want to”. I will never forget her response. She simply said “Well OK then, when can you start”. That was the beginning of an amazing experience working with an amazing TEAM at OSU ER. Her memory will stay alive in my heart and thoughts forever.*

Catherine Khoury Kassouf B.S.N. OSU ER NURSE 1974 to 1983.

catherine Khoury kassouf - November 03, 2018 at 12:01 PM

BM

“ I also was a Parkview classmate of Toni and one of her roommates in Columbus. Since I heard this very sad news I have been remembering so many fun and special moments with her. She was put on this earth to help people and we will never know just how many lives she touched. A wonderful person and a dedicated nurse. Rest in peace.



Bonnie Mauldin - November 03, 2018 at 11:33 AM

BC

“ Toni we will miss you !!! Our deepest sympathy to the family.
Bob and Barbara Cloud

Bob Cloud - November 03, 2018 at 09:18 AM

TS

“ Our sincere sympathy to Tone's family. She was always so kind and reached out to help others. We were blessed to have her as a classmate and family friend. Tom and Susie Snyder

tom snyder - November 03, 2018 at 09:13 AM

JH

“ Toni sent me an email on Oct 31st expressing how she couldn't wait for our 50th reunion in May of graduating from Parkview School of Nursing. There were 9 of us in the class of '69 that stayed loyal friends throughout the years. I responded to her email and waited for a reply, The reply did not come and, instead. this obituary. Words just can't express the sorrow we feel after losing such a great and loyal friend. Rest in peace Tone, I got a feeling your spirit will be right there with us at the reunion.!!

Janice Sparks Hoven

Janice Sparks Hoven - November 03, 2018 at 08:00 AM



Carol Wilkin

Well said Jan. Our hearts are breaking. Toni was an outstanding person. We knew her as a loyal, fun friend. Fly high Toni. We'll join you some day. That will be quite a GA.

Carol Wilkin - November 03, 2018 at 09:59 AM

CR

“*For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.*”

Toni lived this passage throughout her life. Such a giving human person for others throughout her life. Rest in peace Toni.



Chip Roberts - November 03, 2018 at 05:50 AM

LG

“*Toni was a part of our extended family beginning when I was in high school. She and my mom, Ann Milem, were the best of friends. I always knew there would be laughter and fun when Toni was in our house. She had such a wonderful sense of humor and was an amusing storyteller. Fast forward a few years when I worked with her at the OSU ER - I was a clerk and she influenced me to go to nursing school. Fast forward a few more years to my infrequent visits home and sitting with Toni and Mom catching up, telling stories...she was always interested in my work with disaster survivors and had so much to share but was so humble about how she helped others. She will be missed - it feels like the end of an era.*

Fly with the angels Toni....I know you and Mom are watching out for us!

Liz (Milem) Gibson

Liz Gibson - November 02, 2018 at 10:55 PM

MH

I said the very same comment today to my family. "It is the end of an era " the many friends Toni had were all our friends also. We were all so blessed to have each other. Thank you, Toni for your friendship and for all the lives you touched.

Mary K. Humphrey - November 03, 2018 at 01:06 AM

DZ

Liz, I am grieving for my dear friend who has been a part of my life for so many years. I am sure that Ann and Toni are keeping an eye out for us and as our group of "old dogs" dwindles the time we had together was so precious. Dianne Zinszer

Dianne Zinszer - November 05, 2018 at 06:19 PM

CM

“ I have known Toni since 1966. We were roommates at Parkview 50 years ago and our friendship has lasted a lifetime. Toni was a wonderful friend and a fantastic nurse. She had a n ability to relate to almost anyone and make them at ease. I am thankful for having known her and so sorry that her light has gone out. Toni overcame many challenges and became a rare and very special woman.

Cheryl McClure - November 02, 2018 at 10:10 PM

BS

What a great friend Toni was. We worked together in the ER for many years and she was one of my bridesmaids. She will be missed by so many

Beverly Santuomo - November 05, 2018 at 01:14 PM

SL

“ I began my career at Columbus Fire with Toni and she gave me the utmost respect for what I could give...

Sue Levesque - November 02, 2018 at 10:06 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Tondra S. "Toni" Rausch.*



November 02, 2018 at 10:01 PM



“ *Condolences to Patty and all the other family members. Family was very special to her. I have lost a very dear friend. I have admired her courage through all of her ups and downs. She was always an inspiration to others and willing to help where needed. Quilting will not be the same without her! I remember she was the first person my daughter called to get instruction in Infant CPR when she had a premature baby. Election Day was always special to her so I hope she voted early! God Speed my friend.*

Pat Uhrick

Pat Uhrick - November 02, 2018 at 09:35 PM



“ *My heart is saddened to learn of Tone's passing. My Parkview classmate of 50 years ago, we commuted back and forth from school to home almost every weekend for three years. The Class of 1969 "Golden Reunion" in May will not be the same without her and I will miss her very much.*

Lynn Von Schlieder - November 02, 2018 at 09:21 PM

CM

“ Toni and I , along with Kathy, Diane, Chris ,Sylvia and Ann, keep intouch with regular gathering .while our get together we're not frequent they were full of love and sharing. I will miss her laugh and her smile.

So many memories.

My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends during this sad time.

carol b marsh - November 02, 2018 at 09:17 PM

BR

“ Toni will be missed. We are so sorry for your loss and send our condolences. I am so glad I was able to sit beside her at lunch after mom's service. I wish we could have spent more time catching up. I always admired her accomplishments and contributions to emergency medicine education. No one will know how many people she touched in her life. Thinking of your family during this sad time.

Sincerely,

Barb and Mike Ritter

Barbara Rausch Ritter - November 02, 2018 at 08:41 PM

SM

“ Toni was a very important mentor to me as a young nurse at OSU Emergency Department. She remained a special friend to me and my late husband/Columbus firefighter paramedic Jack Sells. I will always think of Toni when I hear "You are my sunshine..." as it was one of her favorite songs. Rest in peace, Toni in the warmth of heaven's sunshine.

Sara Mercer-Sells

Sara Mercer-Sells - November 02, 2018 at 07:35 PM

JE

“ I got to know Toni while in the fire department at Columbus. She became a the coordinator for the EMS program right after I graduated from the paramedic program there. We became fast friends and worked along side each other at the academy through the years.



She taught me so much through the years, and was such a great sounding board involving our work.

She was truly a good friend and I will miss her terribly. Please know that the family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Judy Evergin

Judy Evergin - November 02, 2018 at 07:07 PM

MD

“ I am a driver at The Forum at Knightsbridge. I had the privilege on many occasions to drive her to doctors appointments and Riverside Hospital where she volunteered. We had many interesting conversations and stories she shared. She always had a smile and loved to help people. Such a shock to hear she passed. We at The Forum will miss her greatly. Rest In Peace Toni.

Mike Dietrich

Michael Dietrich - November 02, 2018 at 05:25 PM