



Antonina "Toni" Mueller

April 3, 1943 - May 10, 2023

Antonina "Toni" M. Mueller, a resident of Birmingham, passed away on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at the age of 80. The daughter of Jerome and Marguerite Bufka, she was born on April 3, 1943 in Manistee.

In her early life, Toni studied at the Sorbonne in Paris, where she learned to speak fluent French. She was gifted musically as a vocalist, guitarist, pianist, and organist. Toni cultivated a beautiful garden and made crafts in her free time. She was known for her compassion, especially towards animals and those that are vulnerable. Toni will be missed dearly by family and friends.

Beloved wife of John. Loving mother of Alexandra. Dear sister of the late Leo Bufka.

A visitation for Toni will be held on Sunday, May 14, from 3:00 to 8:00 pm at the Wm Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. A funeral service will be held on Monday, May 15, at 11:00 am at the funeral home. Inurnment will be held privately at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Manistee.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **14.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
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Funeral Service

MAY **15.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DK

“ When thinking of Toni, there are so many wonderful memories over the years – from the walks to Lake Michigan to the all-evening chats over the fence or at our picnic table! We looked forward to Toni and her family visiting the cottage each summer. Toni’s fondness of the cottage showed with her endless time outside and her second-to-none flowers. Her love for family, friends, and neighbors will always be cherished! Not only do we send our condolences to John and Alex, but all of our love as well! Your up-north neighbors - Donna, Lee, Amy & Phil

Donna Kukla - July 05, 2023 at 02:49 PM

DJ

“ While stationed in Verdun France I met Toni in Paris and she picked a nice place with dancing music for a memorable evening. Thanks to Carl Koebel for giving me Toni’s contact information.

DANIEL ST JOHN - May 18, 2023 at 09:25 PM

CK

“ Graduated from St. Joe's with Toni, and visited her in Paris in 65. What a wonderful woman and friend. She will be in my prayers, as will all of you.

carl koebel - May 16, 2023 at 04:53 PM

AR

“ Dear John and Alex,

I first saw Toni when she was working on the 3rd floor of the U of D library. Little did I know the impact she would have on my life.

There was always ‘something’ emanating from Toni. It was everywhere: Whether a quick hi in the library, eventually having adjoining apartments on Livernois across from campus, or on occasion singing with guitars, listening to her at her piano, meeting Marguerite, a rainy parade in Manistee, learning about the ups and downs of motherhood, helping her weed at 339 Townsend, the marvel of John’s deck that incorporated a tree, the gift of her art, and along with John their awareness of the emotional needs of others.....that woman’s aura could surround you.

After my return to MA, we wrote letters, talked on the phone for hours, and shared the philosophy of Star Trek! By example, she taught me to respect every aspect of the natural world be it weed or horticulture winner. The image of a sun-lit Toni in my meadow in Wayland is a blessing I still carry.

Thank you John and Alex for caring, supporting, and loving a remarkable woman, and for giving her the space to find/be herself.

Toni, you’re not physically here anymore but the beauty of you is imprinted on the world.

*Love and thanks,
Ann Rowan*

May 14, 2023

Ann Rowan - May 14, 2023 at 10:50 PM

SR

Dear Cousin Alex,

I have many fond memories of attending bridal and baby showers and weddings with you and your mom and my Aunt Marguerite... Everyone was always dressed so exquisitely (especially Aunt Marguerite with that beautiful white hair she always wore up)! Your mother was such a great conversationalist and always wanted to know what everyone's passions were. My father really spoke highly of your mom. I find it no coincidence that they passed 5 days apart from each other... As Rick Rennell suggested, they may be having a joyous reunion up in Heaven waiting for the rest of us! 🥹

*My Condolences and Hugs - losing your mother is hard at any age...
Warm Regards,*

*Cousin Sharon Rennell-Francz
Sons Connor Francz & Garrett Francz*

Sharon Rennell-Francz - May 15, 2023 at 12:07 PM

SP

Prayers to all

Steve and Nancy Pfefferle - May 15, 2023 at 04:07 PM

RR

“*Dear John and Alex, I am so sorry for your loss. I have so many great and memories of Toni. They range from visiting Fremont as kids to see our aunt Margueritte, and grandmother Elizabeth Knichel to running around in northern Michigan at the cabin and Sleeping Bear Dunes with Toni and Leo. One of my later ones was walking through your yard with she and my father while they talked about their plants. She was truly a beautiful soul.*

Love to you both, Cousin Rick

Richard Rennell - May 13, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Antonina "Toni" Mueller.*



May 12, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *RIP and 🙏. Our prayers and sympathy are with my very special double Cousin John and Toni's special daughter Alex both whom made through their love and kindness to Toni a special life filled with their unmatched support and love. 🙏*

William F Murphy - May 12, 2023 at 12:47 PM



“ *My Condolences and prayers on the passing of Toni. She was such a kind and loving person. May she now know the peace of the Lord.*

Fr. Liam Conway, cousin to John - May 12, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“ *So many memories from 70 years of knowing Toni and sharing lives and adventures and good things and places--it's impossible to winnow these memories into a simple tribute. And, what I do want you both to know is that your love and care for Antonina, your beloved wife and mother, enabled her to reach her 80th birthday. She loved and admired you both, she appreciated the home she had with you, she loved being with you on Piney Road, the beach, your meals, the wines you chose--all of it. Priceless memories.*

CAROLYN M NIGHTINGALE - May 11, 2023 at 10:04 PM