



Toni (Piano) DiDonato

April 18, 1947 - October 31, 2014

Toni (Piano) DiDonato, 67, of Spotswood passed away at home surrounded by her loving family on October 31, 2014. Born in New Brunswick Toni lived in Old Bridge before moving to Spotswood 46 years ago. Toni was a Madison Township High School graduate. A born leader, she was her high school's majorette. Toni continued her studies and graduated from Katherine Gibbs School in Manhattan. After graduation, she began her professional career with the Kimberly Clark Corporation in Spotswood where she was an administrative executive for general accounting responsible for start-ups across the country. Her defining career moment was at age 19 when she established her first account as project manager in Bermuda. Toni was a very accomplished business person but her heart was devoted to helping others. Throughout her lifetime Tony raised over 1 million dollars in numerous charitable contributions to serve several needs of the community. Toni's first major civic and social commitment was to improve education for children with learning disabilities. She oversaw a 2.5 million dollar project in Highland Park to build a school for the children. The Center School continues today to provide a supportive educational environment in which each student may reach his or her potential for academic, emotional and physical health. Toni's commitment to the welfare of others and her civic accomplishments are too many to list. The following are a few of those accomplishments; fundraising committee and board member of the Middlesex County Child Assault Prevention Project (C.A.P.), Council for Abused Women, Basilian Fathers of

Mariapoch, D.A.R.E., Greater Old Bridge Chamber of Commerce, founder of the Spotswood Fire Department St. Peter's Hospital children's fund. For the past 17 years Toni worked for the Lutheran Ministries of Burlington New Jersey as the property manager of Birchwood at Old Bridge Senior Complex. Toni is predeceased by her beloved parents Anthony & Dorothy (Miller) Piano. She is survived by her high school sweetheart and loving husband of 47 years Michael DiDonato; her cherished son Michael Anthony DiDonato at home; her devoted son Joseph Rocco DiDonato of Old Bridge and her adored "other" sister Danielle Guido and best friend Rosemary. She will be missed by her army of fundraisers and countless volunteers. Friends and relatives are invited to attend visitation Tuesday, November 4, 2014 from 2pm to 4pm and 7pm to 9pm at Michael Hegarty Funeral Home 3377 Hwy 9 Old Bridge, NJ 08857. Prayer Services will be offered 7:30pm Tuesday by Father Joseph of the Basilian Fathers of Mariapoch. A of Celebration of Life Service will take place 10:30am Wednesday at the funeral home. Final interment will be private.

Tribute Wall



“ *Toni (Piano) DiDonato*

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *DiDonato family so sorry to learn of Toni's passing. I came to know her when my mother came to live at Birchwood. She was such a wonderful person inside and out. My condolences to the family.*

December 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I know it has been some time since Toni's passing and I wish I could have been there to support Mike, Michael and Joey. However, I thought I would take minute to recognize Toni and what a kind heart she had. Toni was my neighbor and I grew up next to her for over 20 years. She was always up beat and optimistic about any situation and most notably was the time we spent on Christmas day when she would come spend time with my family and open presents with us. Toni was an extension of our family and will be greatly missed! I hope to see you again in heaven some day!My thoughts and prayers to her family!*

Leah Wilhelmsen-Gannon - November 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will love you and miss you always.*

Marianna Koroleva - November 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ REST IN PEACE TONI, YOU WILL BE MISSED BY ALL AT BIRCHWOOD,

KAY MIRANDO - November 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mike and Family, We were so saddened to hear of Toni's passing. It was just two years ago that you and Toni were at our wedding in Myrtle Beach. You were the longest married couple during the song for anniversary! I know Toni was the love of your life and may you find strength and peace in the days ahead and know you will meet again one day. With sympathy, Valerie and Joe

November 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort.

Mike Goshorn - November 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ She will be missed so much. CANT IMAGINE NOT SEEING HER SMILING FACE AT BIRCHWOOD RIP TONI AND MAY HER FAMILY FIND PEACE KBOWING SHE IS WITH GOD

Theresa Amelio - November 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Toni was a loving, caring person whom I shall never forget. I met Toni when I moved into Birchwood Senior Housing. She was so wonderful and understanding. She didn't even get upset when I had to call her at 5am because that's when my furniture was being delivered. Her response was OK I'll take of it. She was truly one in a million. I will miss having lunch or dinner with you, Rose Marie and my cousin Stella. Rest in Peace my dear friend. Anita Vetere

November 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Mike and Family, We just found out of her passing this weekend. My mom loved her very much. Always, Aunt Joanie and Brian

November 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

Gary Bielak - November 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Mike, Very sorry to hear of your loss. Heartfelt condolences to you and your family.

Bill Richardson - November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Toni was an angel sent to our family during a time of need. We will always remember her kindness and support. She will be sorely missed. May her soul rest in peace. The Ferrentino Family

November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HY

“ Mike, So sorry for your loss. She sounds like a real angel who will be missed by so many. May her soul rest in peace and may you find comfort in having been so close to her for so long. Blessings,

Harry Ytreoy - November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KU

“ Sorry for your lose Mike. My prayers go out to you and your family.

Kevin Uffmann - November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Mike, So sorry to hear about your loss. Toni was a great person and will be missed by so many

Chris Savino - November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Michael sad to hear about the loss of your mother she sounds like she was incredible woman try to stay strong God bless you and your family Rich from Avis

Richard Petecca - November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mike, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Sue and I enjoyed talking with Toni at several of our office Christmas parties. I know she will be missed by everyone who new her. Please give my condolences to your sons. I cannot make the funeral due to commitments at the polls. Rick and Sue Eggleston

November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your lossPat DeRose Quinlan

November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Mike and Family, I am so very sorry to hear about Toni. Mike I'm not sure if you remember me, I am Sherry (Davis) Wilkinson, I went to Madison, with You and Toni. This is such a shock, and I wanted to let you and your family know that I'm sending all my Love and that you are in my Thoughts and Prayers. It sounds like you had a Beautiful Life together and lived a fairytale LOVE story. I pray that all those Great & Beautiful Memories touch each of you and help bring peace and comfort to your hearts. She was a Beautiful person inside and out. May God Bless Toni, and reunite her with her family in heaven and May he touch each of you and keep her close to your hearts for all eternity. Love you, A friend always, Sherry (Davis) Wilkinson

Sherry (Davis) Wilkinson - November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ We extend to you and your family our sincerest condolences. May your precious memories comfort you through this time of sorrow.

Michele & Bill Flusk - November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with the entire DiDonato family.

Tom & Joan Hydro - November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ So sorry for your loss. My deepest condolences to you and your family.

Bob Grecki - November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ So sorry Mike, Mike and Joe. My condolences. After speaking with Toni only once, I realized how fortunate you were to have such a woman in your life. Cherish the years you had together.

Christopher DiSimoni - November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

G. Freeman - November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ We are sending out our Condolences to you, Toni was our Lifeline here at Birchwood . She will be sorley missed by all of us....Birchwood Tennents of Old Bridge NJ...

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MM

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Mike Maurigi - November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ Rest in Paradise "Toni" I've known you for such a short 8 years yet you made it feel like a life time! You will be sadly missed. Such a beautiful human being.. Love always Evelyn Delgado and South Plainfield Staff.

Evelyn Delgado - November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Mike: Toni was such a beautiful, giving and accomplished woman, who left this world too soon... Prayers of comfort to you, Michael, and Joey. She cherished you three, and now she is at peace in the more immediate presence of the Lord. Blessings to your whole family, Helen Forasté

Helen Foraste - November 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ MikeSo sad to here about your wife, God bless you and your family. Tony Scalfo

Tony Scalfo - November 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Saddened to hear about Toni's passing, my heart-felt condolences to Mike, Michael and Joey, she's Home now out of pain and in eternal peace. Her cousin Lori Olenik Kenna

Lori Kenna - November 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ Rest in Peace Toni. God has another angel in heaven. Our thoughts and prayers are with the DiDonato family. You will be missed,

Ellen & Tony Argento - November 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM