



Toni BATTEN

February 20, 1953 - October 29, 2018

Toni Batten, 65, passed away on October 29th, 2018. She was born near The Hill in St. Louis, Missouri on February 20, 1953. She is survived by her husband of almost 42 years, Lynn Batten, as well as three children and their spouses, Rebecca & Dwayne Haferkamp, Nicholas & Nicole Batten, and Daniel & Danielle Batten and five grandchildren: Aidan, Logan, Bentley, Aubrey, and Bailey, as well as her brother Randy Carbone of St. Louis.

Throughout her time on earth, Toni touched many lives and hearts. She was a nurse for 30+ years and she brought joy and comfort to all who knew her. She was a wonderful example of every title that she held in both her personal and professional life. Toni was a loving wife, an amazing mother, a caring sister, grandmother and caretaker and was truly one of a kind. Among several other traits, she possessed a warm and generous heart. No matter what she was going through, she made an effort to help others whenever needed. She was a strong, genuine woman with a beautiful soul who will be missed dearly and loved forever by all.

Flowers may be sent to:

Calvary Church

3998 Mid Rivers Mall Dr, St Peters, MO 63376

Events

NOV **Celebration of Life** 01:30PM - 02:00PM

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NOV **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ Mom, tomorrow we are going to your brother Randy's house for the first gathering since your Celebration of Life service. I understand that you most likely cannot read this text, but I still want to let my feelings out and tell you that we miss you very much. My heart breaks every time I think of your passing. You were a huge light in my life. Like you always told me, mom, I will always be your baby. <3



Dan Batten - October 19, 2019 at 01:42 AM



“ Please accept my deepest heartfelt condolences. I just found out today about Toni. I worked with Toni at St. John's Skilled Nursing home. Toni was a beautiful person and a caring nurse. I enjoyed working with her. Kathy Hinkle I am msjamaica on Facebook. R.I.P Toni

MsJamaica Hinkle - February 18, 2019 at 12:45 PM



“ Toni was a young spirit, & an old soul. She had the wisdom to always say the right thing, the character to do the right thing, & the class to make it all look easy. Her legacy will be her children & grandchildren who have inherited her strength, & the deep love she & Lynn shared for 48 years. We wish you peace. Bob & Joanne
Bob & Joanne Krajcir - 21 hours ago

Bob & Joanne Krajcir - November 06, 2018 at 08:11 PM



“ Bob & Joanne Krajcir lit a candle in memory of Toni BATTEN



Bob & Joanne Krajcir - November 06, 2018 at 07:54 PM



“ You will be missed forever.

Karen King - November 04, 2018 at 12:31 PM



“ Over the past few days, I have shared memories and thoughts with the Batten family that I will now share in tribute. My memories of Toni start in the early 70's when Toni & my cousin Lynn were dating. He was a singer/piano player in a popular rock band and she was the disco dancer. She first introduced herself to be as Toni Carbone (rhymes) and then clarified it with, "actually my name is Marie Antoinette Carbone." At first I was laughing and then I thought she was pulling a fast one on me! We both loved to dance, got married in 1977, had 3 children - our eldest are daughters 5 weeks apart, two sons, and we're both nurses. Throughout the years, Toni became a dynamic personality in our family with impeccable communication skills and more hugs for people than should be allowed by law. She was endearing; magnetic. One of her biggest attributes- and she had many - was her genuine appreciation of everything; she never asked for more or bigger. She absolutely loved her life and everybody in it. She never had to stop to smell the roses. She was the rose. Fast forward to now: that rock star band husband and dancer wife team grew into a Hollywood style couple that rivaled the likes of Richard Burton & Elizabeth Taylor. Lynn so cool and calm and Toni with that beautiful black Italian hair and gorgeous smile. And your children and grandchildren - my goodness, all petals from the rose. Such a loving and close-knit group. You were larger than life with everything good wrapped in it. As the years go by and the stories and memories of you are retold, you will become all the more legendary. I've loved you more as the years have passed, but I'll have to admit, you had me at Toni Carbone. You will missed you forever.

Love Always,

Karen & Dennis King with Andrea, Adam & Alex and their families

KAREN KING - November 04, 2018 at 09:38 AM



“ This is so beautiful, Karen. Thank you for sharing.

Nicholas - November 04, 2018 at 08:54 PM



“ What a beautiful tribute to a truly grand lady.

Tracie - November 05, 2018 at 07:57 AM



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Bob & Joanne Krajcir - November 05, 2018 at 09:44 PM



“ I was so lucky to get to know Toni when her daughter started dating my brother in law. Toni was such a loving woman who always made us feel like family. We were never “in laws”. She treated my girls like her own...and always had a hug and a kind word for my husband, girls and me.

I admired the relationship she and Becky had. I loved their closeness. They were more than mother and daughter. They were also friends.

You could see the love and pride in Toni’s face when she was around her kids and grandkids. She was a beautiful spirit and will be greatly missed by all of us who were blessed to know her.

Diana Haferkamp - November 03, 2018 at 11:47 AM



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KAREN KING - November 04, 2018 at 12:25 AM



“ Mom,

Your gigantic heart, which you gave so much of to so many, could no longer beat strong enough to keep up with your young, vibrant, beautiful personality and soul.

I do not have any magic words to show my appreciation or bring you back to life in human form as the Toni Batten I loved and cherished here on earth. I've always been a bit of an oddball, overthinker, quiet, shy type... but my heart truly aches beneath the uncomfortable, awkward numbness that I have been feeling since you passed.

I promise you, that as long as I live, I will do my best to continually improve with the intention of striving to be the best person I can be, and treat others with the kindness and respect they deserve.

Thank you for your parental guidance growing up, attending my school and sports functions, helping me with relationship advice, and showing me what it means to love with a whole heart.

From an early age, I knew how much you loved dad. As your 6-7 year old son, I remember asking you if loved me as much as you loved dad. I did not understand that it was a different type of love at the time, but I really saw how your love shined brightly for dad. I am hopeful that in time, dad will be able to grieve and live happily again.

We kids are here to love and support him.

You were a WONDERFUL grandmother to Bentley and ALL the others! He loved kissing you in person and over live video chats.

Thank you, mom, for being there for family and strangers during their health scares of end-of-life times. Your personal strength and resilience helped you through a couple of really scary times yourself.

Sleep well, angel. Go hangout with your loved ones in heaven! Help this St. Louis weather normalize a bit if you can. Tell the big man upstairs to relax with the drastic changes of weather.

Love always,

Dan

Dan Batten - November 02, 2018 at 09:53 PM



“ Toni was one of the most loving, joyful and caring people I have ever known. I remember dancing at Lynn and Toni's wedding, and "Lynn and Toni" has always been like a single name. One of my earliest memories of Toni is from when I was 9 years old and she took the time to help me with my Halloween makeup and costume while family gathered at our house after my grandma's funeral. Her generous and caring spirit, combined with her incredible nursing skills, got my dad through a difficult medical issue. She was the person everyone wanted to visit with at a family gathering because she made you feel welcome, loved and happy - even if she had worked all night and hadn't even had time to sleep. My family loves her dearly. I am so grateful for the many memories I have of Toni, but our hearts are truly broken by her passing.

All our love,

Laura, John, Allison, Jackson & Kate Foster

Laura Foster - November 02, 2018 at 05:19 PM



“ Toni was a beloved cousin. So sorry for your loss way too soon. Bless all of the family. Janet Bayers Kostal

Janet Bayers Kostal - November 02, 2018 at 02:35 PM



“ I can easily say that everyone who I have ever met, or heard of who knew Toni, held her in high regard. But that alone does not say enough. They also held a deep emotional feeling just being with Toni or in their memory of her. Toni was caring, loving, and supportive friend who was there for anyone who needed her. Those qualities were strong enough to make anyone feel warm, comfortable, and welcome in her presence.

Judy and I send our deepest sympathy to her family, friends, and all who knew this very special lady. My last memory of Toni will be this past Saturday where she was happy and aglow in the center of her family. That is as it should have been because she deserved the best.

Gary & Judy Barnett

Gary Barnett - November 01, 2018 at 02:06 PM



“ Mom, in my heart you will stay, until God calls me home. I truly believe that you were an angel in human form. You were a person who, no matter the circumstances, always found a reason to celebrate life. You were the light in every room. The most loving and giving person I knew. You treated all of our foster children as if they were your own grandchildren. Thank you for the Halloween card. The girls LOVED getting a card from Grandma Toni. I prayed for you before your passing, and will continue to do so, every day I am on this earth. I miss you mom. I'm watching all of our video chats we had. Even during a simple hello you could make me hurt from laughing. You had infinite love for us kids, as we for you. Our hearts are forever broken, but I realize with time, comes peace. I will never stop thinking about you, or hearing your voice. You were an amazing human being. Please know we are taking good care of Dad, the love and light of your life. You will live in us, every day, from this day forward, Mom. Love forever.

Love always,

Your oldest boy and daughter-in-law,

Nick and Nicole

Nicholas Batten - November 01, 2018 at 12:21 PM



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Momma,

Where do I start? My heart is truly broken and a part of me died with you. I still feel as if it is all a dream and you will video chat me tomorrow (as you often do) to talk and to see your grandchildren. We would talk three to four times a day and every time, you would answer the phone with a loving voice; even if it was the fifth time and I was asking a silly question, it didn't matter. Often times we would be on the phone for an hour laughing until we cried. Oh, what I would give to hear your sweet voice and laughter again momma. You were my heart, a huge part of my world that is forever changed by your absence.

You were a strong woman with a heart of gold and a beautiful soul. I remember how much you loved to dance; you were always the "life" of the party. You were so fun to be with, and you had a zest for life like no other. I hold several memories of us dancing with the kids, singing karaoke together, and you always made me feel so important and loved.

I think of you and remember all of the time you spent helping me with the girls; all while working three days a week. You always made time to come over and to spend the day with us in an effort to give me a much needed break and to spend precious time with your grandkids.

I remember all of the times you would get the lyrics wrong on a song or say a phrase incorrectly; it was so funny, so endearing. You were always there for me, Dwayne, and your grandkids. You were extremely thoughtful and always put everyone else's needs before your own. The day I lost you, we discovered Halloween cards you had sent to the kids in our mailbox. We will cherish this last loving sentiment from you, their grandmother, forever.

Now that I have lost you mom, my life is forever changed and I can only take comfort in knowing you are in heaven with God and all of those whom you loved and lost here on earth. You were truly my angel on earth and I cherish the time we had together. You were truly a bright light in our lives and I was lucky to call you my mom. You will live in our hearts forever until we meet again.

Love,

Your daughter and friend

daughter - November 01, 2018 at 09:57 AM



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You were such a great nurse and friend Tony, I enjoyed working with you, heaven gained an angel indeed

Debby Leonard - October 31, 2018 at 04:56 PM



“ Toni,
Your life has been cut short on earth. Watch over us from above and some day we will meet in heaven. Even though we only got together a few times later in life, I will always treasure the fun we had at Epiphany grade school, your parents and the fun we shared growing up. Prayers for your family

Linda Henke (Pallister) - October 31, 2018 at 11:36 AM



“ My Dear Friend Toni,

God must of needed another special angel to have taken you so soon. You are already so very missed by those of us that worked with you at night. From the minute you came to work at Twin Oaks you brightened up the night shift and brought us all together and created a bond between us. Your warm loving heart and spirit made you the best nurse I've ever worked with. Your crazy sense of humor made us laugh nightly even when we were having a bad night! You were always there to lend a hand or give a pat on the back or words of encouragement to one and all.

I will miss all the stories of your family and pictures of all the grand babies that you shared with us. Our night crew became more than co-workers we became friends and then sisters and your loss is deeply felt. I loved all the fun we had scaring each other, or plotting how to get the other one and all the times you saw ghosts! HA ha that was the best, by far!

I will miss you more than words can say,
Love
Tracie
Bryant

Tracie Bryant - October 31, 2018 at 09:24 AM



“ I am in shock! It's been a while since I have seen Toni. Retired and moved away. Thanks to Facebook and message and all our fancy media we have kept in touch. Toni and her family moved close to where I lived and we got to ride to work together on bad weather. My grand kids would cut their lawn under the guide of my son. We had a pool and had several Pool Parties with our work people. So much fun. So many memories that through Toni's organizing and zest for life we celebrated together. Then there were the Christmas parties! Thank you for sharing your life with me and my family. I love you Toni and will always remember you.

Laraine Yager - October 31, 2018 at 01:08 PM



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Love always,

Your oldest boy and daughter-in-law,

Nick and Nicole

Nicholas - November 01, 2018 at 11:20 AM



“ God truly gained an angel! What an amazing woman you were! Sending our thoughts, love and prayers♥

Rhonda Hamby-Fairman - October 31, 2018 at 09:12 AM



“ Dear Toni,

When I first met you I remember standing on your front porch so nervous. I remember when you opened the door and hugged me, I knew I was home. Your smile lit up the room, and you made me everyone feel your love and warmth. You welcomed me into your family and shared your precious oldest son with me. I will love him and forever cherish him. Our hearts are broken, but as much as it hurts I know you are with us. I will hold your memory close to my heart and all of the laughter and stories we have shared with each other. I will make sure Nick cleans the windows, irons his pants, and continues to be the amazing man you and Lynn raised him to be. I will think of our Branson trip and laugh with how you danced to the YMCA song. I will think of laying out in the lake in inner tubes, drinking wine, and your special cafe latte drinks you used to make. Toni your heart was larger than life it self. Thank you for loving us and caring for us. I know you will be our angel watching over us, until we meet again. I love you.

Nicole Batten Daughter In Law - October 31, 2018 at 07:29 AM



“ Toni was a dear grade school and HS friend. I first met Toni in kindergarten. She cried and threw a tantrum when she was told that we were being split up and going into different 1st grade classrooms. We laughed and told that story often! After many years we reconnected throughout FB. Toni was always the same as I remembered, sweet caring, funny and genuinely a kind soul.

Toni was truly in love with her husband and family. Every picture she posted just beamed of pure joy and happiness.

Toni will always hold a special place in my heart, filled of childhood playtime's and memories.

God Bless you Toni, you are a true angel.

Love always,

Gracie

Grace(McDonagh) Dillinger - October 31, 2018 at 01:19 PM



“ I am so shocked that she is gone. I was so happy to be able to know her and work with her. I will miss the times we use to scare each other down on my floor. The lunches we had and she was the only nurse that would help me with the residents overnight. I will miss the updates about her family. How much each one of them meant to her. We had twins in common too. She was the sister I never had. Best loving soul.

Tammy Bunch - October 31, 2018 at 04:29 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of this wonderful compassionate friend. When I first moved to St Louis in 1981 to work at Incarnate Word Hospital, Toni was one of the first people to invite me into her home. She fixed a delicious meal and I sat with her family and they all welcomed me with open arms. My deepest sympathy.
"The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ."
Romans 6:23
Carol Nolan Olmstead

Carol Nolan Olmstead - October 31, 2018 at 02:17 AM



“ To our beloved Toni,
Words cannot express the tremendous void in our lives. You were the pillar of the Batten family and we will all be feeling your loss for many years to come. You were an inspiration to everyone around you and your loving spirit will be deeply missed. You filled our lives with joy, laughter, and so much love.
It's difficult to pick just one memory of you to put into words - literally every time saw you was a fond memory. The last time we saw you will live in our hearts forever and we know Bentley will remember the fun he had with you playing the piano. We also know you will always be looking down on us from heaven and just know there won't be a day that goes by that we won't be thinking of you.
You truly were a special soul and we feel so honored and blessed to call you Mom and Grandma. Saturday we celebrate and honor the exceptional person you were and we vow to live our lives and try to be people you would be proud of. We promise to strive to be compassionate, loving, graceful human beings and keep your spirit and memory alive in that way. You were an exceptional wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. We love and miss you so very much. We know you're up there dancing away with your parents and siblings. God bless you Toni.

Love always and forever,
Dan, Danielle, and Bentley Batten

Danielle Batten - October 30, 2018 at 11:14 PM



“ to the batten family,

i am so sorry for you loss! beck you mom was an amazing women she was alway so very sweet to me! i remember your mom and my mom were trying to get us to talk at both our brothers baseball games! i'm so glad that i did and that we became friends! i love yall and i am always here for yall!

chrissie ludwig works - October 30, 2018 at 11:13 PM