



Toni L Van Gordon

September 5, 1956 - March 31, 2018

Toni L. Van Gordon, 61, of Keystone, passed away on Saturday evening, March 31, 2018, at her residence.

Toni was born on September 5, 1956 in Angola, Indiana to Jerry & Shirley (Backer) Kidder. She graduated from Lincoln High School in 1974. She went and earned her B.S in Recreational Management at Purdue University and played on the first Title IX Women's' Volleyball Team at Purdue.

It was at Purdue that Toni and John E. Van Gordon first met. They were married on June 23, 1979 in Fort Wayne.

Toni was a member of the Local Christian Assembly of New York and was a very talented quilter and was part of the Bee Happy Quilters Club. She also enjoyed sewing and knitting. She was currently working at Peyton's Northern in Bluffton and has worked there since 1995.

Survivors include her father Jerry Kidder of Michigan, her husband John of Keystone and two children; Rachel (Bill) Maggard of Bluffton and Sam (Cheryl) Van Gordon of Frankfort along with four grandchildren; Benjamin, Alexander, Emily Maggard and Harper Roe. She is also survived by her sister Jean (Tom) Whalls of Glen Ellyn, IL. and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday (April 7, 2018) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Pastors John Larbi and Nathaniel Goyco will officiate. Burial will follow at the Hartford City Cemetery.

Calling hours will be held on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Hartford City Cemetery

Highway 26 East
Hartford City, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Service

APR 7. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Toni L Van Gordon*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 06, 2018 at 03:28 PM



“ *Toni L Van Gordon*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Toni & John bought my grandmother's house. The sweetest people. Mom thought the world of them both. (Sarah Brown) So sorry for your loss.*

Teri (Brown) Eller - April 09, 2018 at 02:39 PM



“ *Sister Toni, was always so gracious to me through the years. As my friendship with her and Bro John grew after I had given my heart to the Lord, Many a nights spent at their home to get up early n fish, work and even John and our adventures caving. Such a precious sister. I know your shouting on the hills of Glory. God bless you for your faithfulness. Sammy n Rachel and John, my heart is aching for you in this time of grief. Bro. Bradley Campbell...your brother in Christ.*

Bradley Campbell - April 08, 2018 at 04:15 AM

TD

“*Brother John and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you, as my memory drifts back many years to wonderful moments we shared together. You and Sis. Toni have always been thought of in the highest regards. We have a promise my brother, that one day, we'll be reunited with those we have loved.*

*"Lord, let me look a past the curtain of sorrows and fear,
Let me view that sunny bright clime;
It would strengthen our faith and would vanish all fear;
Lord, let them look a past the curtain of time.*

I am sure, Lord, if this little church, this morning, could just look a past the curtain! Not an affliction among them; there never could be. Not a sickness; nothing but perfection. And It's just one breath between here and There, from old age to youth, from time to Eternity; from a weary of tomorrow, and a sorrow of yesterday, till the present time of Eternity in perfection."

In the love of our Lord, may God bless you.

Tony & Rosie DeBolt

Tony DeBolt - April 08, 2018 at 01:04 AM



“*Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Toni L Van Gordon.*



April 06, 2018 at 03:24 PM

KA

“ *My Cousin Toni gone too soon.prayers and peace for family and her many friends.*

Karin - April 06, 2018 at 02:09 PM

AT

“ *Anthony Whalls and Annaliese Train purchased the Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Pastel Mixed Flowers for the family of Toni L Van Gordon.*



Anthony Whalls and Annaliese Train - April 06, 2018 at 01:37 PM

DF

“ *Don and Joyce Kidder, Karin, Kevin and families purchased the Pink Mixed Fireside Basket for the family of Toni L Van Gordon.*



Don and Joyce Kidder, Karin, Kevin and families - April 06, 2018 at 01:31 PM

LT

“ *To Rachel and all of the family I send my sympathy and prayers for comfort. A Mother's love always lives on and is forever carried forward in the hearts of her children. Wishing you God's peace.*

Lois Thomson - April 06, 2018 at 09:48 AM

JB

“ Jim and Rita Bontrager purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Toni L Van Gordon.



Jim and Rita Bontrager - April 06, 2018 at 07:34 AM

RC

“ I'm so sorry for the unexpected loss of Toni. She was truly an amazing person. She will be greatly missed. She showed love and compassion for everyone no matter who they were. You could see her love of God and family always, she displayed it on her smiling face daily! You will be in our prayers.
Robin Cunningham.

Robin Cunningham - April 05, 2018 at 08:31 PM



“ White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Toni L Van Gordon.



April 05, 2018 at 06:14 PM

NE

“ Novel Friends Book Club, Glen Ellyn purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Toni L Van Gordon.



Novel Friends Book Club, Glen Ellyn - April 05, 2018 at 05:24 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Toni L Van Gordon.*



April 05, 2018 at 05:17 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Toni L Van Gordon.*



April 05, 2018 at 05:16 PM



“ *77 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 05, 2018 at 01:50 PM



“ *Cherished Memories - All White* was purchased for the family of Toni L Van Gordon.



April 05, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ *With love, Winnie Lamarre and Sarah Baptiste* purchased the *Cherished Memories - All White* for the family of Toni L Van Gordon.



With love, Winnie Lamarre and Sarah Baptiste - April 05, 2018 at 10:55 AM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – Purple* was purchased for the family of Toni L Van Gordon.



April 04, 2018 at 09:57 PM



“ *Pink Sympathy Standing Spray* was purchased for the family of Toni L Van Gordon.



April 04, 2018 at 05:18 PM

JT

“ Jean, I am so so sorry to hear of your loss. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family. Toni looks that same as I remember her when you guys lived across the highway from us.



Judy L (Parker) Tetuan - April 04, 2018 at 05:16 PM

JW

Judy, Thank you for your support through prayer.

Jean Whalls - April 05, 2018 at 05:31 PM

TF

“ The Orwig and Keller families purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Toni L Van Gordon.



The Orwig and Keller families - April 04, 2018 at 02:28 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Toni L Van Gordon.



April 04, 2018 at 01:47 PM

CJ

“ *Connie Jennings lit a candle in memory of Toni L Van Gordon*



Connie Jennings - April 04, 2018 at 01:13 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Toni L Van Gordon.*



April 04, 2018 at 12:41 PM

VB

“ *Our sincere condolences. Prayers to family in her passing. May the Lord give you comfort & peace. Vince & Keila Barnhart*

Vince & Keila Barnhart - April 04, 2018 at 11:39 AM

JL

“ *My sympathy to Toni's family, what a great lady! Her smile and laugh was just a reflection of her loving, generous spirit. A true treat to be around. She will be so missed in our quilting circle. My prayers are with you.*

Jean Lemler - April 04, 2018 at 09:25 AM

BC

“ Sorry for your loss. Please accept our deepest sympathies. The Cubert Family



Bob Cubert - April 04, 2018 at 05:45 AM

BK

“ Bernie Kleinknight lit a candle in memory of Toni L Van Gordon



Bernie Kleinknight - April 04, 2018 at 02:15 AM

BK

You will be missed by so many, what a delightful lady, I am so glad I got to know you. RIP Toni

Bernie Kleinknight - April 04, 2018 at 02:17 AM

JB

“ Jeremy and Lilly Bontrager purchased the Cherished Memories - Multicolor Pastel for the family of Toni L Van Gordon.



Jeremy and Lilly Bontrager - April 03, 2018 at 11:17 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Toni L Van Gordon.*



April 03, 2018 at 10:29 PM



“ *I am shocked and saddened to hear about Toni. We played volleyball together in high school and she was such an inspiration. She was competitive and compassionate. Her friendly spirit and smile were given to everyone she met. She taught everyone how to be kind by how she lived. Jean, my thoughts and prayers are with you and Toni's family.*

Dorene Sands Kenworthy

Dorene Kenworthy - April 03, 2018 at 09:39 PM



Dorene, Thank you for your prayers!

Jean Whalls - April 05, 2018 at 05:30 PM



“ *From the moment I met her, she was just a person you want to spend time with. She was so much fun, great sense of humor, sincere, and always with a beautiful smile. We made great memories though the years. My heart is so sad to know that she is gone. I still can't believe it. I know she is rejoicing on the other side, shouting on the hills of glory. She will forever remain in our hearts. May God comfort her beautiful family. Gone but not forgotten!*

Rita Bontrager - April 03, 2018 at 06:46 PM

MG

“ I was saddened to hear about Toni's passing. I knew her thru quilt retreats that we both attended. Her quilts will help keep fond memories of the love and joy she found in quilting for her family. My condolences to the family. You are in my prayers. Monica Gause

Monica Gause - April 03, 2018 at 05:47 PM

JB

“ Absolutely, without a doubt, one of the funniest, truest friends you could ever have! My heart is broken to hear this news - but what a joy because of her utmost faith! Prayers for all of you!!

Jo Anne (Sweet) Barr

Jo Anne Barr - April 03, 2018 at 04:18 PM

AR

“ Allison, Evan & Robin purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of Toni L Van Gordon.



Allison, Evan & Robin - April 03, 2018 at 03:35 PM



“ Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of Toni L Van Gordon.



April 03, 2018 at 01:43 PM

CA

“ Toni came up to me smiling that wonderful smile of her and introduced herself at a quilt meeting. I saw her a short time later at a quilt show where she came up to me again and reminded me who she was. She will certainly be missed by all that knew and loved her!

Carmie Anderson - April 03, 2018 at 09:24 AM

LR

“ Toni was a hard worker and a very caring person. She always had a smile on her face and never complained. She got along with so many coworkers and will be missed by many. My prayers for John and all her family. May God be with you all in the days ahead.

Lynn Reeder - April 02, 2018 at 11:34 PM

EL

“ Expak Logistics purchased the Eternal Grace for the family of Toni L Van Gordon.



Expak Logistics - April 02, 2018 at 12:58 PM