



Toni S. Davis-Harrison

June 29, 1954 - November 25, 2020

Davis-Harrison, Toni Suzanne
Thomas Township, Michigan

Toni Davis-Harrison, 66, of Saginaw, Michigan died Wednesday, November 25, 2020. She was born and raised in Saginaw, graduating from Arthur Hill in 1972. She attended SVSU. She had a diverse career, working at Studio Five; Banana Tree; playing violin in the Saginaw Valley String Ensemble, office manager of Mallinckrodt Nuclear Medicine, and co-owner of River Horse Books with her good friend Don Brink. She was most proud of enlisting in the United States Coast Guard on June 8, 1988. She would rise to the rank of Yeoman 1st Class having served for 25 years. Toni was awarded numerous citations. She was deployed during Hurricane Katrina (New Orleans) and Deepwater Horizon (Mobile, Alabama). She retired from USCG, Sector Detroit on June 8, 2013.

She met the love of her life, Norman, at the post party of the 10 mile Crim Road Race in August, 1994. They married on January 19, 1997. Toni and Norman adopted two children from Russia on December 26, 2001, Yaroslav "Slava" and Valentina "Vala" Harrison. She is survived by her husband, Norman and her two children, Slava and Vala. Predeceasing her were her parents, Robert and Gloria Davis; and her brother and sister in-law Michael and Kathy Davis.

Toni was passionate for living life. This included her joy of raising her dogs and cats. She had a green thumb and she loved the arts and crafts. She traveled the world and loved spending time in Puerto Rico, St. Kitts, and Dominica as well as her parent's house in Harrison. She loved to cook and to host gatherings for friends and family. She was a great mother and wife. She had many close and lifetime friends, too many to mention. Toni was a long time member of the YMCA and for years was very active in the racquetball leagues. She was very committed to her faith.

The Harrison family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff of Covenant Healthcare (Harrison & Cooper Campus) for their excellent care.

FUNERAL SERVICE: To honor Toni's Jewish faith, the funeral services will take place at 11:00 a.m. Friday, November 27, 2020 at Deisler Funeral Home, 2233 Hemmeter Rd. (off State). Rabbi Dorit Edut will officiate. Military Honors will be conducted under the auspices of the United States Coast Guard and VFW Post # 1859. For those that are unable to attend the funeral service, you are invited to join remotely by going to the following web address; the service will begin livestreaming at approximately 11:00 a.m.

<https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/56866438>

VISITATION: Family and friends will gather at Deisler Funeral Home, 2233 Hemmeter Rd. (off State) on Friday, November 27, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Due to the public health crisis, Toni's family is planning a celebration of her life in June 2021.

MEMORIALS: In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to Angels Among Us non-profit humane society, 305 N. Center Road, Saginaw, MI 48638.

Deisler Funeral Home is honored to serve the Harrison family. Please share your thoughts and memories with the family at the funeral home or through www.deislerfuneralhome.com.

Events

NOV **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00PM

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NOV **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ We just heard from Don Brink of Toni's passing. We were saddened to hear this. We remember celebrating New Year's Eve with Toni and Norm and Don and Shirley at the Grey Gables Restaurant in Charlevoix in 2005. Here is a remembrance from that evening. Ingo and Jane Deters



Jane Deters - December 06, 2020 at 06:37 PM



“ Slava, I'm sorry to hear about your mom's passing. She sounds like a remarkable woman. Sending you love and hugs.....Mrs..Ann Murphy

Ann Murphy - December 06, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Deisler Funeral Home - December 03, 2020 at 04:34 PM



“ Mary Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Toni S. Davis-Harrison



Mary Lawrence - November 28, 2020 at 09:20 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Michelle Hurd Riddick - November 27, 2020 at 01:48 PM



“ Norm, Vala, and Slava, we were very saddened to learn of Toni's passing. You have our deepest sympathy and are in our thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort in remembering and sharing wonderful memories and knowing that many care as you celebrate the life of your wife and mother and hold her in your hearts. We wish you the comfort and peace of God. --- Mark, Monica, & Derek Bauer

Mark Bauer - November 27, 2020 at 12:40 PM



“ Upon reading the obituary I found there were many things I didn't know about Toni, as she didn't know about me. I remember how I babysat for she and Mike many years ago. I knew her parents well and her brother. I want to send my sincere condolences to her husband Norm and children.

Patricia Wescott - November 30, 2020 at 12:51 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Toni's passing. I will keep your family in my thoughts and hope all the wonderful memories you have of her bring you some consolation.
Miriam Light

Miriam Light - November 27, 2020 at 12:27 PM



“ I enjoyed playing racquetball with Toni for a number of years, she was a fierce competitor and great fun to be around. I was so grateful for her experience and love of books as she was able to sell a number of mine! My sincere condolences to her family and many friends. I know she will be greatly missed but never forgotten.
Colleen Kincaid

Colleen Kincaid - November 27, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ I always enjoyed chatting with Toni at Saginaw Uncorked, such a loving soul and will be missed. Prayers being sent from our family to yours during this most difficult time. May her soul Rest In Peace. Scott and Colleen Cheney



Colleen Hughes Cheney - November 27, 2020 at 08:58 AM



“ Toni was truly a lovely and accomplished woman who obviously cherished her family. That warmth and love remains to embrace you all whenever you need her. Our fond thoughts are with you, Norm, Vala and Slava.



Barbara Boggess - November 27, 2020 at 08:50 AM



“ I have a wonderful memory of that time when we met in Paris after your wine tour in Bordeaux and Burgundy. You came to the Lotti and you arrived looking so happy with a bouquet of flowers. We had dinner in a restaurant... do you remember Norman... I am so sorry Norman. My thoughts are with the three of you



Francoise Bonnardot - November 27, 2020 at 03:50 AM



“ Loved our monthly dinners when you came to Detroit on Coast guard weekend.
You will always be in my heart.
Love Joan MacKay

joan mackay - November 26, 2020 at 08:50 PM



“ Kevin And Kimberly Oertel lit a candle in memory of Toni S. Davis-Harrison



Kevin and Kimberly Oertel - November 26, 2020 at 07:43 PM



“ Toni had such a wonderful spirit. She will be miss. My life has been inspired with the footprint she left on my heart.

Kevin and Kimberly Oertel - November 26, 2020 at 07:43 PM



“ Judge Terry L. Clark lit a candle in memory of Toni S. Davis-Harrison



Judge Terry L. Clark - November 26, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ Always enjoyed spending any time with Toni. She was a good and loyal friend. She had just the right amount of warmth and plenty of moxie! She loved her family and friends. We will miss her and she will not be forgotten. Love to Norm, Vala and Slava.
Suzanne John Megan and Eric Pearce

sue pearce - November 26, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ Our condolences and prayers are with Norm, Slava, and Vala. Our hearts go out to you.

Duane and Donna Malburg

Duane and Donna Malburg - November 27, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ Norm, I am so deeply sorry. I could hardly catch my breath when I heard. I wish you and your children peace, as you take one step at a time moving forward. There is not much to say...I send you a virtual hug and keep you all in my heart.

Barbara Steinmetz - November 27, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ Dear Norm, I am so deeply sorry for this sad and untimely loss. I hope that you and your kids can find some peace as you move forward one step at a time. Sending you the only thng I have to offer, a hug. Be well my friend.

Barbara Bandler Steinmetz - November 27, 2020 at 08:41 PM