



Toni Giotta Nicks

August 10, 1948 - December 16, 2016

If you only met Toni once, or knew her a lifetime, you will never forget her. She was very charismatic and had a way of making you feel special. She could light up any room she entered, even after being fashionably late, running on “Toni time.” She could make you laugh even while scolding you with her spunky attitude and heart of gold. She enjoyed life to the fullest, enjoying her passions of family, cooking, dancing and farming. Was cooking mentioned? She was famous for her fried chicken.

Toni Antoinette Giotta Nicks, daughter of Vito and Lois Giotta was born August 10, 1948 in Visalia, CA. She graduated from Ivanhoe Elementary, and Redwood High School. After high school Toni, went on to earn her degree in nutrition from College of the Sequoias. Later in life she studied the Culinary Arts to become a Personal Chef.

She was an active member of the Order Sons of Italy in America-Enrico Caruso Lodge, and the Elbow Creek Grange. Toni retired from the Visalia Unified School District where she had a passion to serve and mentor troubled teens.

As a result of her generous spirit and vivacious personality, she was loved by many. She was as beautiful as the plants and flowers she grew, and her influence will forever remain in the lives of all who knew her. After a five and a half year battle with cancer, the Lord called Toni home on Friday, December 16th, 2016.

Toni is survived by her daughters Amanda Nicks Van Dam and husband John,

and Nicole Nicks; brothers Nick Giotta (Gay) and David Giotta (Janis); and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, godchildren, and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Vito Giotta and Lois Giotta.

A viewing will be Tuesday, December 27th, 2016 from 4pm-7pm, with a recital of the Rosary at 6pm, at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel in Visalia, CA. A funeral Mass at 10am at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Visalia, CA.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 635-1144
info@salseranddillard.com
<https://www.salseranddillard.com>

Rosary

DEC 27. 6:00 PM (PT)

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Visalia, CA 93277
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Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 28. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church- Visalia, CA
608 N. Church Street
Visalia, CA 93291
<http://tccov.org/st-marys/>

Tribute Wall

WH

“ *It seems as though I've known Toni all my life, but it's only since 1971. She was a wonderful friend and is missed deeply.*

*Walt Hill
Arizona*



Walt Hill - December 29, 2016 at 05:47 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Toni Giotta Nicks.*



December 27, 2016 at 05:37 PM

SS

“ *Toni you where an amazing woman .Someone I would strive to be like .You fought a tough battle with a smile on your face .You where such a brave soul .You will always be missed .Love ,Susan Costa - serr*

Susan Costa- Serr - December 27, 2016 at 02:03 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Toni Giotta Nicks.*



December 23, 2016 at 04:00 PM

TF

“ *The Espinoza Family purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Toni Giotta Nicks.*



The Espinoza Family - December 23, 2016 at 01:50 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Toni Giotta Nicks.*



December 23, 2016 at 02:41 AM

CF

“ *Very saddened to hear of your passing. Prayers and condolences to the family and friends*

Carol Fina - December 22, 2016 at 06:14 PM

SB

“ *Toni, you will remain forever in my heart. Since the day I met you, about 18 years ago, what stuck out to me is what a STRONG woman you were. You were a beautiful role model for me, by showing me you "could do it yourself"! Your girls have turned out to be independent, hard working women...just like you. God bless you.*

Shannon Balderas-Garcia - December 22, 2016 at 09:30 AM

JL

“ Toni was a special girl. We grew up together, worked together, and laughed Together . I know she is in heaven ! No more pain.

Janelle Parker Lindstrom - December 22, 2016 at 12:51 AM

ES

“ My Dear Toni was a pistol - her smile and her heart of gold was just the beginning ❤️ high school was better with her as we pushed the limits - it was all about fun - I loved her like a sister and I'm confident shes dancing in heaven and we were all blessed to have had this bright light in our lives / rest In Peace my friend ❤️❤️

eileen simonian - December 21, 2016 at 11:36 PM

TO

“ I have soo many fond memories of you how do I share just one?!? My favorite is going to Knees football games and we were discussing what a crappy job the cheerleaders were doing so we decided to make shirts and become Golden West best cheerleaders EVER!!!!!! And laugh oh boy did we have a blast!!!!!! Amanda and Nicole I love you both.....your mom was so proud of you both! She's a Lil firecracker I'm gonna miss dearly!!!!!!

Trisha O'Dell - December 21, 2016 at 09:37 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Toni Giotta Nicks.



December 20, 2016 at 11:49 PM