



Toni Jo Rochon

January 24, 1958 - January 4, 2023

Dodgeville – Toni Rochon, age 64, passed away Wednesday, January 4th, 2023 in Madison at St. Mary’s hospital in her daughter’s loving arms.

She was born on January 24, 1958 in Dodgeville, WI, daughter of Raymond “Dutch” and Betty (Vivian) Schmit. She was raised in Mineral Point, Wisconsin, where she attended school with the class of 1976. She met her husband, Kenneth Rochon, in 1981 and moved to Dodgeville in 1984. Together they had two children that she absolutely adored, Cory in 1984 and Katie in 1989, with the addition of being blessed with an extra daughter, Andrea in 1977, from Ken’s previous marriage.

Toni devoted 42 years of her life to Upland Hills Nursing and Rehab Center and loved every day of it. She started out as a CNA when she was 16 and then decided activities was where her heart belonged. Boy, did she ever make the right choice there; she brought so much joy and hope and love to the residents, their families, and the entire staff at the NRC. She has touched countless lives and has forever impacted those who were lucky enough to get to work with her.

She loved sharing her time with others and was someone you could always depend on showing up. Whether it meant attending events she was invited to, showing up to show her support to others in need, having drinks on the patio,

mingling downtown, or going shopping and meeting her friends for lunch. Her dog, Kayda, kept her busy with the tennis ball outside while her cats, Gracie and Charlie gave her all the snuggles and cuddles she could ask for. Every May she planted annual flowers all around the house and planted her garden, she loved her new raised garden bed so much. She always looked forward to adventures that her and her husband would take throughout the year and they made a great team around the house too. She loved sharing love and she was one of the best at making you feel special and accepted.

Toni is survived by her husband Kenneth Rochon; her daughter Katie Smith (Brian); her step-daughter Andrea Cox (Damian); her granddaughter Alexis Cox; her brothers Gary Schmit and Terry "Rufus" Schmit; her sister Mary Triggs (Fred); her sister and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, and many other friends and relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond "Dutch" Schmit and Betty (Vivian) Schmit, her brothers Bobby Jones and John ("Dutch") Schmit, her mother-in-law Magdalen Rochon, her brothers-in-law Paul Rochon, Dave Rochon, and John Yager, her nephew Adrian and niece Naomi, and the one she was waiting most to see, her son and baby boy Cory Rochon.

A private visitation with family and Nursing and Rehab Staff will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville.

A Celebration of Toni's life will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the DODGER BOWL in Dodgeville.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be given in Toni's name to the Iowa County Cancer Coalition, PO Box 36, Cobb, WI 53526.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 18. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dodger Bowl
321 King Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Toni always had the cares and needs of others before her own. She thrived on helping others to be better people and pushed for others to receive recognition that she often deserved. It was a blessing to know her and to work with her at Nursing and Rehab Center. The lives of the residents were so positively impacted by her caring and creativeness. She was not only an exceptional “Caregiver” but also a “Joy Giver” to all. She will be missed.

Steve McCarthy - January 17, 2023 at 05:44 PM

VI

“ I am so sorry to hear about Toni's passing. She was a wonderful person. We had an exercise class together at UHH and we always had so much fun. My deepest sympathies.

Vickie - January 12, 2023 at 04:25 PM

DK

“ So very sorry to hear of Toni's illness and passing. She was a great childhood friend when we were young. Days sleigh riding, playing in boxes making forts, swimming at the pool, overnight sleep overs. Good memories of her in my life. Condolences to her family.



Debbie Kieffer - January 12, 2023 at 08:57 AM

MB

“ My childhood memories would not be as sweet without Toni in them. So many days we hung out at Jerusalem Park or at each other's house. Rode bikes in circles at the lot at the end of Fountain St. by Kroll's. RIP Toni. We'll meet in the park again one day!

Mary Jo Miller Bystol - January 07, 2023 at 01:25 PM

MB

How could I have forgotten the sleigh rides down Meekers Hill! All the times we stuck our tongues on our metal sleds! Mary Jo Miller Bystol

Mary Jo Miller Bystol - January 07, 2023 at 06:28 PM

MS

“ *Mary Schmit lit a candle in memory of Toni Jo Rochon*



Mary Schmit - January 06, 2023 at 08:55 PM

DK

Sorry Mary that you lost your dear sister after just losing your brother John. Prayers for you and family.

Debbie Miller Kieffer - January 12, 2023 at 08:59 AM

LH

“ *Lisa Heaton lit a candle in memory of Toni Jo Rochon*



Lisa Heaton - January 06, 2023 at 07:29 PM

PA

“ I met Toni, Ken and Katie when I moved next door. Little did I know that my nephew and Cory had been best friends in school. We spent many evenings around the campfire and shared many stories. One of my favorites was her story of meeting Ken. She said as soon as she met him she just knew that he was the one. They created a beautiful life and family together and I will always remember our girls trip to WI Dells. Katie is one of a kind and the way she cared for her mom makes my heart sing. Rest in Peace Toni. You did everything for everyone. Now it's your turn to rest and enjoy catching up with Cory.

Patti - January 06, 2023 at 06:36 PM

CS

We are so sorry about the passing of Toni. What a wonderful lady she was. We always enjoyed visiting with her when we would visit my mother-in-law at the nursing home. She was so caring and helpful to all. My son Luke worked with Toni and had such a special place in his heart for her. Sending our deepest sympathy to Toni's family.

Christine Stewart - January 06, 2023 at 11:34 PM

SM

We, the family of Helen McDermott, are saddened by the loss of Toni. She provided a fun, creative and entertaining atmosphere that the residents so enjoyed. Rest in peace Toni.

Susan McDermott - January 07, 2023 at 08:06 AM