



Martha A. (Toni) Northern

June 4, 1941 - August 31, 2009

Martha A. (Toni) Northern, age 68, of Murfreesboro, passed away on August 31, 2009 at her residence. She was a native of Hopkinsville, KY but lived in Murfreesboro for the past 30 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. She worked as a secretary for Oakland High School and retired from the HPERs Department at Middle Tennessee State University in 2003.

Toni was preceded in death by her parents, Ben S. and Mildred Stone Adams; and husband, Max Wesley Northern.

She is survived by her son, Ben Adam Northern in Murfreesboro; daughter, Anne Northern Mantooth and son-in-law, Eddie of Dalton, Georgia; brother, John W. Adams of Kentucky; sister, Peggy A. Schlichtman of Florida; and grandchildren, Callie and Gracen Northern and Trey and Bryce Mantooth.

The funeral service for Toni will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 4, 2009 at Jennings & Ayers with Marty Greene officiating. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

Visitation with the family will be from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at Jennings and Ayers Funeral Home, 820 S. Church St., Murfreesboro, TN 37130. (615) 893-2422 www.jenningsandayers.com

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Caris Hospice of Murfreesboro or to the charity of your choice.

Book Travel to Services

Events

SEP **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Jennings & Ayers Funeral Home
820 South Church Street, Murfreesboro, TN, US, 37130

SEP **Interment**

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Evergreen Cemetery
519 Greenland Drive, Murfreesboro, TN, US, 37130

SEP **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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Jennings & Ayers Funeral Home
820 South Church Street, Murfreesboro, TN, US, 37130

Comments



“ My very first day at Oakland I snuck in through the back door. It was summer and the floors were being waxed. When I got to Toni's desk and told her I was the new AP, she jumped up and hugged me. I thought "Who is this crazy woman!" The crazy woman was a truly awesome lady!

Mary Jo Yeager - Murfreesboro, TN - September 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Toni and I were "stay at home moms" 40+ years ago and started our day together every morning with coffee and laughter. She was a great friend and loved her family so very much. Gary and I send our deepest condolences to Ben and Anne and the entire family and will be praying for you all during this difficult time. Love, Charlotte

charlotte kines - winter springs, FL - September 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ May God bless you. Max and Toni were special people and close friends of mine during our Murray State days as well as later. I thought they both were very special people.

Robert Lee

Robert & Anna Lee - September 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Toni was a very gracious lady and so brave. We enjoyed so many happy times with her and Max at the Tennessee Poultry Meetings. Our time together at family occasions was always a bright spot when she was there. Tom and I send our love to Anne and Ben.

Tom and Faye White

Faye White - Dandridge, TN - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Northern. I was a student office worker at Oakland High School about 17 years ago and had the pleasure of working with her. I truly enjoyed the experience; she treated me kindly and with respect when no one else did. She was a gracious and understanding woman when I was going thru a tough time in my life. She will be missed by many.

Anna Gray - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I choose the American Flag for Toni...I could always spot her cruising around town in her little silver PT Cruiser with our country's flag on the side. Toni is undoubtedly one of the most dedicated co-workers I have had the pleasure to work with. She possessed the best personality and character I can only hope to emulate. A lot of our conversations were about the happiness that our grandchildren give us. We shared lots of laughter over silly, ridiculous stories...must admit some were true! Not only was she a great cook and shared her treats on a regular basis but she always looked so darn good...a hair never out of place...she looked as fresh and neat at going-home time as she did at coming-in-to-work time...still don't know how she accomplished this...and that red lipstick...always right for her...needless to say "I Love Her" and am honored over and beyond to call her my 'bossom-buddy'!

God is always present...just like you shared with us so many times in your e-mails, Anne. HIS grace is enough!

Love to all~Shirley Luscinski

Shirley Luscinski - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Anne: I am sorry for your loss. I know she will be missed by everyone. She touched so many lives and hearts. Prayers for comfort and many blessings to your family and Ben as well.

Wendy Warpoole - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Hey Anne, I'm so sorry about your mother. Just know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I would love to see you. I remember your mom always had that perfect smile when I would see her in the office at Oakland. Take care!

Janna Wyatt - Murfreesboro, TN - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Thinking of you and your family during this time. Just know that we are praying for you. Trust in God and he will get you through it. Love you and Eddie and the boys.

Connie Kelley - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember Mrs. Northern from OHS. I was an office assistant as was my sister for several years with Mrs. Northern and she was always a great person to be with. She always tried to greet us with a smile. Our sympathies are with your family.

Becky Jones - Murfreesboro, TN - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ In all the years I worked with and around Toni, I was always amazed that with all the craziness going on around her, she always had patience and a smile for everyone, whether they deserved it or not! Toni made our life brighter, took the time to ask about the little details in our life, and made us feel important to her. She also made the best butterscotch brownies in the world! Thinking of Toni will always bring a smile to my face.
Sandy

Sandy Neal - Murfreesboro, TN - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I will always be grateful for the opportunity to share the same exercise class with Toni. We all bonded, and Toni contributed so much. We teased her because she was always dressed so color coordinated and looked so neat. Her sense of humor, radiant smile and friendly personality captured the hearts of all of us, and there she will always remain.

Fran Dean - Murfreesboro, TN - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Over the last five years Toni sent many, many cards and letters to her sister Peggy to encourage her as she battled severe depression. She will surely be greeted at heaven's gate with smiles, cheers and open arms. Never once did we hear unkind words come from her lips. She has been a wonderful inspiration to our family and she will be missed.

-The Owocs

Vincent Owoc - Cooper City, FL - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Toni was such a vibrant person. You are so luck to have parents who cared so much for each other. God Bless Jimmy Bearden

jiommy bearden - albertville, AL - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Anne and Eddie, you and the rest of the family are in our prayers!

Doyle, Gwen and Todd Pritchett - Dalton, GA - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Mantooth is so sorry. But like Bryce said he is with your daddy. I know your going to miss her and Trey and Bryce will but she is better and no more cancer.

Allison Eaton - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. Please know that others share in your grief.

Peggy and Dale Hobbs

Peggy Hobbs - Springdale, AR - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To Anne, "Uncle" Ben, Eddie, and family. Thank you for the very positive information updates you have given over the past few months for your Mom. Daddy Earl would have been very proud of your handling these months with your Mom being so sick. It was good to keep up with the photos, and it was also good to know she had some very good days almost up to the end. She is now pain free and with Max and the other family members that preceded her. Thank you so vey much, Anne.

Sam and Patsy

Sam and Patsy Bettis - Charleston, TN - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Toni and I had good memories of playing bridge when we were in high school. Also when she and Mac lived in Memphis they were there for LLoyd and me when he was in the hospital. Also had a wonderful visit with her several days before she died.

Jill Feagan Block - Gilbertsville, KY - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM