



Toni Howe

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Lakeland – Mrs. Toni Howe passed away on Saturday, August 1, 2020. She was born in Princeton, IN and moved to Lakeland in 1980. Toni worked for Polk County Public Schools for over 35 years. She was the former Principal of Dr. N.E. Roberts Elementary and was an active member of Victory Church in Lakeland.

Toni expressed her love for life in many ways. She was an amazing and devoted mother, grandmother and wife. Toni and her husband Tim were perfect partners and soulmates. Toni often referred to Tim as the love of her life. They both shared the same passion for life through travel, church, family, friends and faith. Toni loved and adored her children and grandchildren. They were first and foremost in her life. She strived to prepare them for the future and wanted them to embrace and enjoy life to the fullest as she did. Her love for them was unwavering.

Toni was a lifelong educator. She loved teaching not only children but assisting those around her to be better at understanding the needs of children and families. An accomplished leader, she was always searching for solutions to help students and teachers to grow. She loved her career with Polk County schools and even after retirement she shared her expertise and knowledge as a supervisor for student teachers at Florida Southern College, preparing them for the classroom.

Friendships and family were vibrantly important and necessary for Toni. She danced to the beat of her own happy drum and in turn she helped her friends dance to theirs. She accepted those around her for who they were, but more importantly she helped them to embrace life fully and completely. Always making a joke at every turn, and always willing to give advice, she was a joy to be with. She brought laughter, love, kindness and fun into life wherever she was. Toni was direct and honest in her approach to living life and rarely let things get her down. These are the things that we loved and will miss most about her. She has taught us well-

Toni is survived by her husband, Timothy Howe; children, Dustin Bartley, Kyle Bartley, Brandy Bellittera, Rusty Howe; brother, Brad Kolb and nine grandchildren.



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A memorial service and celebration of life will be held on Thursday, August 13th, 11:00 am at Victory Church, 1401 Griffin Rd., Lakeland.

A private interment will take place at Serenity Gardens.



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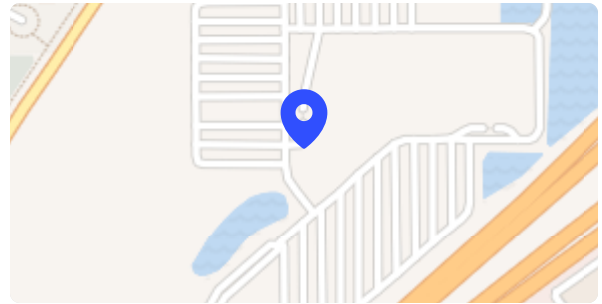
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Memorial Service

 **Thursday**, August 13, 2020

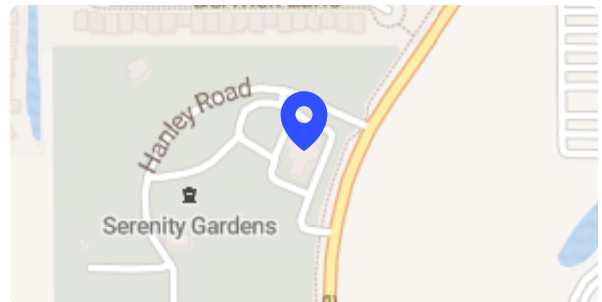
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 **Victory Church**
1401 Griffin Road, Lakeland FL 33810



Cemetery Details

 **Serenity Gardens**
3350 Mall Hill Drive, Lakeland FL 33810





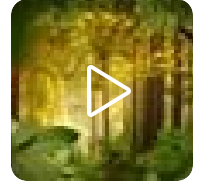
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Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes shared a **Tribute Video**.



August 11 at 7:19 AM



The Pegram Family sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Howe family.



August 12 at 5:54 PM



Mary E. Ready sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Howe family.



August 11 at 6:36 PM



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes shared 51 photos to the **LifeTributes** album.



August 5 at 8:17 AM

HY **Heather Yerkes** October 15 at 11:41 AM

I was thinking about Mrs. Howe this week. My favorite memory of her was when she interviewed me for a teaching job. I was subbing that day and covered in icing and markers. We talked like old friends and shared peanut butter M&Ms and Diet Coke. She was the best principal.



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Howe family.



August 10 at 8:55 AM



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Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Howe family.



August 8 at 4:16 PM



Shauna Watanabe posted:

My sympathies and prayers to Toni's family and friends. I have many cherished memories of times together.

August 8 at 2:51 PM



Rosa González posted:

I had the honor of working with Mrs. Howe at Dr. NE Roberts. I will never forget how she always stood by/for her teachers. Always taking in consideration what was best for the students. Always smiling, always caring. Still remember that hug she gave me when I transferred to another district, and she was getting ready to retired. RIP dear Mrs. Howe.

August 7 at 3:28 PM



Anonymous sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Howe family.



August 6 at 2:06 PM



Eileen Castle posted:

My deepest sympathy at the loss of Toni. As a teacher & principal Toni was devoted to her students, teachers & staff. Her main goal as an educator was to do what was best for students. Eileen Castle, retired Polk County Principal

August 6 at 4:59 AM



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Emily McClimans posted:

So thankful for you & your life, Toni! I didn't have long to get to know you, but in the duration of just a few weeks, you allowed me to stay in your home, you cooked amazing meals, you beat me at many card games, and you made me laugh so many times. Such an amazing mom, wife, & grandmother. You always were so positive about your lungs and never complained. I'm thankful to have met you. Heaven is so lucky to have you there.-Emily McClimans

August 5 at 6:41 PM



Sheryl Jordan posted:

My deepest sympathies.😞 Mrs. Howe was one of the greatest people to work with. She definitely put children first and always stood by her teachers. So many fond memories! Prayers for her husband, children and other family members. ~Sheryl McArthur Jordan

August 5 at 2:49 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Howe family.



August 5 at 1:26 PM



Erin Gonyea - Retired Pcsb Administrator posted:

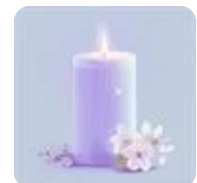
My deepest sympathy to the family and close friends of Toni. She was truly a leader in education and leader among leaders . He love for children was unwavering. She was a vibrant person who truly loved life , family,and always giving to help others . Rest In Peace Toni. You made a positive impact on so many children and teachers lives . Prayers for the family during this difficult time .

August 5 at 9:49 AM



Shauna Harper lit a candle in honor of Toni.

I worked w/ Toni @ Dr. N.E. Robert's Elem. & then realized our boys went to high school together. She was a good boss but became a great friend. Caring and sharing experiences to help me along my way, personally & professionally. She was always encouraging, positive and upbeat. All around fabulous person. I was sad to hear of her passing. I'm sending thoughts and prayers of comfort to Tim and the family. RIP Mrs. Howe 👤😞



August 5 at 8:35 AM



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Sybilparker posted:

I am so sad to hear that Toni passed away. I met her when my older girls were at PCE & she was in charge of reading. Then she was AP during some of time my younger ones were there. She was a fireball of energy & fun advocating for the students' success. Years later, I was subbing at NERoberts & I was excited to see that she was the principal. She had time for me at end of day & we caught up on our families. I had the pleasure of seeing her again at the beginning of this year at Randy Borland's funeral. Never would I have imagined her to be gone so soon. Hugs & prayers to all the family. She will be missed by all.

August 5 at 8:17 AM



Michael Hunt August 7 at 7:31 AM

Rest Well, Cuz



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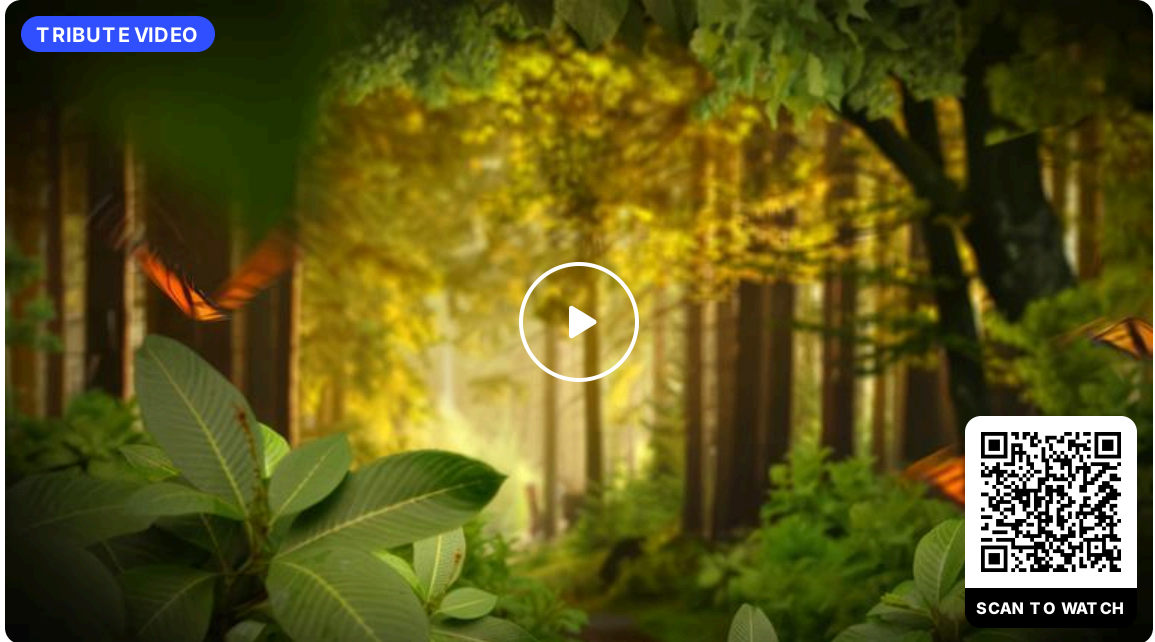
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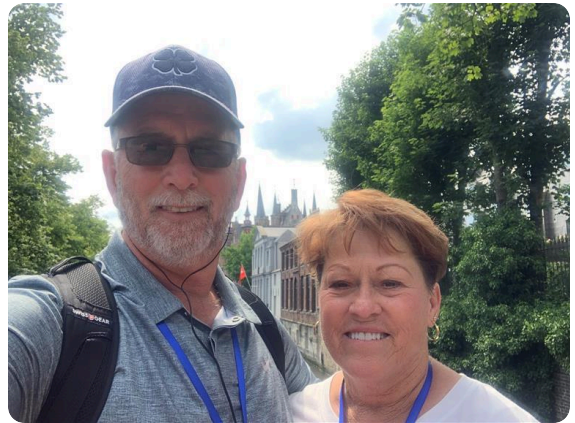




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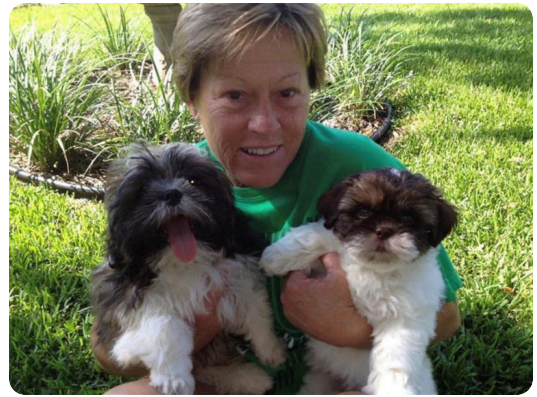




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