



Antoinette "Toni" Starkey

January 2, 1938 - August 28, 2024

Our beloved mother Antoinette "Toni" Starkey passed away peacefully on Wednesday August 28, 2024, at the age of 86. She was born on January 2, 1938, to parents Antone and Dorothy Starkey. She graduated from Calumet High School in 1955. She was a cheerleader and very proud of it. She worked for the Croatian Catholic Union as the National Secretary Treasurer until her retirement in 2006. After retirement, she volunteered at St. Mary's Hospital in Hobart. She was on the Volunteer Board of Directors as Treasurer and was part of the Auxiliary. She helped with the scholarship fund and enjoyed the many friends that she had met while volunteering. She loved her monthly pinochle club and card friends which she played in since 1956.

Toni was a beautiful, kind, loving and sassy independent woman. Her Catholic upbringing was important to her, and she loved her family very much. She loved her parents, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She loved sports and was a big Chicago Cubs and Michigan Football fan. She enjoyed traveling to see her children and grandchildren and great grandchildren around the country when the opportunity arose.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Toni Marie Niedojadlo Marrs, her parents Antone and Dorothy Starkey, her grandson in-law Joshua Puckett, her brother-in-law Lawrence (Larry) Gibson, and many aunts, uncles and cousins who she loved very much. Toni is survived by her children Kerry (Larry) Cates, Wendy (Joe) Drzik, Raymond (Sandra) Wardell, her siblings Jim (Betty)

Starkey, Pat Starkey Gibson, Paul Starkey, Maryann Starkey and Anthony “Butch” (Debbie) Starkey. She had eight grandchildren, Jesse, (Emily) Cates, Laura, (Sean)Lynch, Ryane Puckett, Kyle Norris, Joe Drzik, Dominic Wardell, Philip Wardell, Victoria, (Montana) Pedersen. She loved her six great grandchildren Alexandria, Samuel, Phoebe, Daphne, Hazel, Julian, and Tyson.

Her spirit and memory will live in our hearts forever. May she Rest in Peace.

Visitation will be held at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, from 3 to 7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at St.

Helen’s Catholic Church, 302 N. Madison St. Hebron, IN.

In lieu of flowers you can send donations to Dunes Hospice. www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 769-0044
info@burnsfuneral.com
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Helen Church
302 N. Madison St.
Hebron, IN 46341

Tribute Wall

BS

“ To my sister Toni , thank you for being such a good sister to me. I have so many great memories with you from you being my ping pong partner to our great tailgate party at the Michigan game in 1997 even though the charcoal wouldn't lite cause it was 10 years old and the hamburgers had burnt paper on it. I'll always smile and be so grateful for the memories. You've earned your wings now fly with the angels. Love you forever, your brother Butch. 💔

Butch Starkey - September 04, 2024 at 08:48 PM

JB

“ Rest in peace Yoni. Was a pleasure working with you at St. Mary's. We had some fun times.

John Burton - September 03, 2024 at 11:26 AM

PK

“ Rest in Peace, my FRIEND. You will always be in my heart and my prayers.

Pat Kotulock

Pat Kotulock - September 03, 2024 at 08:42 AM

ST

“ Grandma Toni (aka Busha) was hands down one of the kindest and funnest people I've known. She taught me how to grieve while we kept on keeping on. My thoughts are with you...

Susan Thomas - September 02, 2024 at 10:04 PM

SF

“ Susan Thomas and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Antionette "Toni" Starkey.

Susan Thomas and Family - September 02, 2024 at 09:57 PM

SF

“ Susan Thomas and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Antoinette "Toni" Starkey.



Susan Thomas and Family - September 02, 2024 at 09:57 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Antoinette "Toni" Starkey.



September 02, 2024 at 06:44 PM

MD

“ Mike & Vicki Drzik planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Antionette "Toni" Starkey.

Mike & Vicki Drzik - September 02, 2024 at 02:03 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Antoinette "Toni" Starkey.*



September 02, 2024 at 02:03 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Antoinette "Toni" Starkey.*



September 02, 2024 at 12:40 PM



“ *I love you Sis. I am going to miss our talks on the phone or visiting each other. I will always treasure our time together and all of the happy memories. I love you so much Toni and we will see each other some day.*

Mary Ann Starkey - September 01, 2024 at 12:17 AM



“ *I love you sis! I will miss our times together, but the memories are always there. Fly high with the Angels!*

Paul Starkey - August 31, 2024 at 03:52 PM



“ *Please know that "Toni" and the entire family are in my prayers. God be with you all.....hugs Colletta Kosiba (Kerry and Larry's friend)*

colletta Kosiba - August 31, 2024 at 01:56 PM

JC

“ Jill C. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Antoinette "Toni" Starkey.



Jill C. - August 31, 2024 at 01:25 PM

JC

“ Jill C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Antionette "Toni" Starkey.

Jill C. - August 31, 2024 at 01:25 PM

HK

“ Tony and I met when we were both married to our ex-husband. We remain the best of friends they didn't Tony and I had some great times together that I'll never forget and I'll never forget Tony. I love you Always. Your loving friend, Helen Kozenchik

Helen Kozenchik - August 31, 2024 at 12:59 PM

LM

“ Toni was one beautiful lady. She never looked her age. She was always so happy and fun to be around. Loved all her family so. She will truly be missed.

Linda Marrs - August 31, 2024 at 09:57 AM

LJ

“ Little Joe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Antionette "Toni" Starkey.

Little Joe - August 31, 2024 at 01:41 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Antoinette "Toni" Starkey.



August 31, 2024 at 01:41 AM



“ Dew, Lew, May Michelle, and Noah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Antionette "Toni" Starkey.

Dew, Lew, May Michelle, and Noah - August 31, 2024 at 12:02 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Antoinette "Toni" Starkey.



August 31, 2024 at 12:02 AM



“ I will always love you and miss you, Sis💔 Fly with the angels...

Patti - August 30, 2024 at 09:54 PM



“ Raymond and Sandra Wardell and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Antionette "Toni" Starkey.

Raymond and Sandra Wardell and family. - August 30, 2024 at 09:39 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Antoinette "Toni" Starkey.*



August 30, 2024 at 09:39 PM



“ *The Hudnall Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Antionette "Toni" Starkey.*

The Hudnall Family - August 30, 2024 at 03:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Antoinette "Toni" Starkey.*



August 30, 2024 at 03:19 PM