



Toni Gallo

September 18, 1953 - April 6, 2021

Toni Gallo, age 67 of Valparaiso, Indiana, passed away April 6, 2021. Toni bravely fought complications from COVID-19 for five arduous months. Toni was named Antoinette Marie Gallo at birth and was born in Liège, Belgium. She was the second born of five daughters. She is survived by her beloved sisters Nora Brown (John Brown), Zina Brechbill (Jim Brechbill), Fran Gallo (Rick Clark) and by her loving nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Toni was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Josephine Gallo, sister Jeanie Urbano, and many aunts and uncles, including aunts Frances Cimino and Lily Lum. Toni loved her family deeply. She was the most precious member of the Gallo family.

The world has lost a loving shining star. Toni lived in the moment. She graced the world with her dazzling smile, her love, her hugs, her sweetness, her kindness, and her innocence. She had the magic of making everyone she met feel valued and good. She colored the world with her creativity. She dazzled us with her art and her fierce strong spirit.

Toni loved to dance. She loved to work out, and do yoga and Zumba at the YMCA in Valparaiso. She loved to spend days with friends at St. Agnes Adult Day Center. Toni was a devout member of St. Teresa Avila Catholic Church. Parishioners will remember Toni singing devotional hymns as she loved to sing. Everywhere she went, Toni made lifelong friends. She left the world a better place because of the love she showered upon those of us lucky enough to know her.

Funeral Services will be held at St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church in Valparaiso on Monday, April 12, 2021 (The Gallo family asks that you kindly wear a mask. Thank you.):

9:00am-10:00am Viewing at St. Teresa of Avila

10:00am-11:00am Funeral Mass at St. Teresa of Avila

11:00am Burial at Calumet Park Cemetery in Merrillville

St. Teresa Avila

1511 Laporte Ave

Valparaiso, IN 46383

Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W 73rd Ave.

Merrillville, IN 46410

Memorial donations may be made to Opportunity Enterprises (OE) In Memory of Toni Gallo

<https://www.oppent.org/donate>

Opportunity Enterprises is a wonderful non-profit organization helping individuals with developmental disabilities reach their fullest potential and live a full, enriching life. At OE Toni made ceramics and took wonderful art classes with Ben. OE organizes dances and Toni joyfully attended OE Valentines and Halloween Dances annually. She made many friends at OE. Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point, IN entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Calumet Park

Merrillville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Theresa of Avila
1511 Laporte Ave.
Vallparaiso, , IN

Mass

APR 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MT

“ I will always cherish the beautiful card Toni colored for me, and I will never forget the smile on her face when she handed it to me, and asked me if I liked it. It was my privilege and pleasure to take care of Toni while she was a patient at RML Chicago. I know her light will continue to shine on those who knew and loved her.

Fly high, Toni.

Melanie (Respiratory Therapist) - April 15, 2021 at 04:54 PM

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**Respiratory Therapist*

Melanie (RT) - April 15, 2021 at 04:57 PM

FG

Thank you, dear Melanie! Toni loved you. She was pure innocence and pure love. I hope you will keep the card for as long as you live. I will cherish every day I spent with her at RML. It was a privilege to be with her and to meet so many loving medical staff members at RML, including you. Thank you for your comment. I hope you see this!!!

fran gallo - May 20, 2021 at 09:51 PM

MI

“ Toni loved to go to Zumba and grocery shopping with the staff from her house at OE. I as staff worked with her for over 4 years. She was very helpful to staff. She will be missed

Michelle - April 13, 2021 at 07:19 PM

FG

Thank you, Michelle, fir taking such good cate of Toni!! She adored you. From her sister Fran

fran gallo - May 20, 2021 at 09:53 PM

KH

“ *Kristine, Kinjal, Tone, Gizelle, & Hailey (RMLRehab) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Toni Gallo.*



Kristine, Kinjal, Tone, Gizelle, & Hailey (RMLRehab) - April 12, 2021 at 10:01 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Toni Gallo.*



April 09, 2021 at 02:07 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Toni Gallo.*



April 09, 2021 at 12:43 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Toni Gallo.*



April 08, 2021 at 09:54 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Toni Gallo.*



April 08, 2021 at 07:35 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Toni Gallo.*



April 08, 2021 at 06:46 PM



“ *Jessica Garrick purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Toni Gallo.*



Jessica Garrick - April 08, 2021 at 05:27 PM

RH

“ Toni will be so missed. She always had her beautiful smile on. Such a pleasant person to be around, when I would talk to Jim on the phone and she was there with him, she would want to talk to me. Jim would say it's Rose and she would say I remember Rose. She was so sweet and she did love to talk. Her beautiful soul is shining in heaven may God Bless her and her family.

Love and Prayers

Rose and Cleve Husk



rose husk - April 08, 2021 at 01:45 PM

FG

“ My dear sister, Toni...It was my greatest blessing to be at your side these past three months. You were valiant, my warrior sister! #ToniStrong Toni-Love, Galov. Oh, how you fought! Hundreds of people prayed for you, breathed for you, respected you, admired you, love you. Your beautiful spirit lit up RML Specialty Hospital. The nurses and doctors, patient ambassador and pastor, aids and medical staff all wanted to stop by your hospital room, the happy room, the art studio, the party room. We tried to protect you the best we could. I'm sorry you had so many hardships in this life. I think you were too good for this world.

Spread your wings, find your voice again! Fly, Sing, Dance. Breathe freely. Shine. It's now your turn to look after us, your family. We need you now more than ever.

I am still holding your hand. I will never let go.

Love you eternally,

Your baby-sister, Francy

Fran Gallo - April 08, 2021 at 11:30 AM

ME

Amen...I'm praying for your heart, Fran.

Melanie, one of Toni's Respiratory Therapists from RML Chicago

Melanie - April 15, 2021 at 05:02 PM

FG

Thank you, Melanie. I still feel much grief over Toni's death. I really thought she would pull through and now that everything is opening up post-COVID-19, I realize how close she was to getting a vaccine. I miss her terribly. I only now thought to check this site and just saw your loving messages. Thank you for your love and your goodness . Fran

fran gallo - May 20, 2021 at 09:57 PM