



## Toni Rae Carey

October 7, 1954 - December 10, 2016

Toni Rae Carey, 62, of Channing, passed away peacefully at her home on December 10th, 2016 surrounded by her loving family after a long battle with Early Onset Alzheimer's Disease. Toni was born on October 7, 1954 in Ishpeming, Michigan, daughter of the late Earl and Alice (Johnson) Arola. She was a 1972 graduate of Republic High School and a 1975 graduate of St. Luke's School of Nursing in Marquette. Toni was a registered nurse known and loved by her patients for her compassion, kindheartedness, and intelligence. She worked at Bell Memorial Hospital in Ishpeming before moving to Iron Mountain to work at the VA Hospital from 1979-1987. She finished her career at Dickinson County Hospital where she worked on the surgical and medical floors until 2006. Toni married Jim Carey on March 1, 1980 at the United Methodist Church in Republic, spending nearly 37 wonderful years together. Toni and Jim settled in Sawyer Lake where they raised three children and made an incredible life for themselves.

Toni enjoyed gardening, collecting recipes, rose mauling, and creating rag rugs on her 100 year old loom. She loved to walk with her golden retriever Ponsse, ride her bike, and cross country ski. Toni and Jim enjoyed camping and traveling together and attending their kids sporting events over the years. Toni was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and dog owner. She was very proud of her heritage and enjoyed any and all things Finnish. She was and will forever continue to be an inspiration to everyone who knew her, especially to her husband and children. Toni had a heart for caring for people,

and had so much love for her family and friends. Toni was a member of the United Methodist Church in Republic where she attended throughout her life. Toni's family would like to give a special thank you to everyone at Mill Creek Senior Living Community in Marquette. The personal and loving care Toni received during respite stays was like she was at home. The help Mill Creek gave us at home in the last week is greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank Sandy Blockland for the care at home she gave each day.

Toni is survived by her husband, Jim; 3 children, Ryan (Kylie) Carey of Humboldt, MI, Lindsay Carey at home, and Erin (Justin) Dillon of Witch Lake, MI; 5 grandchildren, Carver, Finley, Sawyer, and Scout Carey, and Lucy Dillon; 2 sisters, Connie (Dennis) Valenti and Wanda (Dave) Holsworth, both of Republic. Toni was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Alice Arola, two unborn children, and her mother-in-law, Joanne Carey.

Visitation will be from 9:30 am until 12:00 pm (noon) CST on Thursday, December 15th at the St. Rose Church in Channing. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 pm at the church.

Pallbearers will be; Ryan Carey, Justin Dillon, Wade Holsworth, Chad Bruno, Jim Battye, and Brian Nurmi. Burial will be in the Sagola Township Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been set up at mBank of Marquette (857 W Washington St, Marquette, MI 49855) in Toni's name for the Alzheimer's Association. Make checks payable to The Toni Carey Memorial Fund. Condolences to the family of Toni Carey may be expressed on line at [ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://ernashfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Channing Cemetery

Byers Rd.  
Channing, MI 49815

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 15. 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Rose Catholic Church  
703 Bell Ave.  
Channing, MI 49815

## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 15. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Rose Catholic Church  
703 Bell Ave.  
Channing, MI 49815

# Tribute Wall

LW

“ *Jim and family, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Toni. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Linda Wooden*

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**Linda Wooden** - December 22, 2016 at 06:36 PM

MH

“ *Jim and family,*

*On behalf of the Board and Staff of the Marquette County Road Commission, please accept our most sincere condolences.*

*Mary Herman, Clerk*

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**Mary Herman** - December 19, 2016 at 11:01 AM

BD

“ *Dear Jim, Ryan and family,  
We are so sorry to hear that Toni has passed. we will light a candle for you and your family in her honor.  
Betty and the rest of the dahlquist family.*

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**Betty Dahlquist** - December 17, 2016 at 04:00 PM

MB

“ *Jim and Family:  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.  
Mick and Jan Bruno*

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**Mick Bruno** - December 17, 2016 at 08:07 AM

WF

“ With deepest sympathy Jim and Family .... So sorry for your loss.... She was such a sweet person .... wishing you special memories to comfort you.... Jim and Winnie Fornetti and the Kilgren family.

Winnie Fornetti - December 16, 2016 at 03:27 PM

SL

“ My condolences and heartfelt sympathy to Jim Carey and family on the loss of Toni. She was and is beautiful, inside and out: a gentle, caring soul. Prayers and Love for peace and understanding. Hugs-- Sherri LaRock-MacDonald (Cousin).

Sherri LaRock-MacDonald - December 15, 2016 at 09:11 AM

MH

“ Mark, Kelly, Hannah, and Megan Helgren purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Toni Rae Carey.



Mark, Kelly, Hannah, and Megan Helgren - December 14, 2016 at 03:58 PM

DB

“ I just learned of your loss today and send you my deepest sympathy. Toni was always such a kind, lovely lady and nurse. God now has yet another angel in His heavenly family. Remember always all those good memories and love that she gave while here on earth. With sympathy to the entire family.  
Donna Bailey

Donna L. Bailey - December 14, 2016 at 03:19 PM

NJ

“ Northern Products of Wisc., Inc. Paul, Jim & Jodi purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Toni Rae Carey.



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**Northern Products of Wisc., Inc. Paul, Jim & Jodi** - December 14, 2016 at 11:21 AM

SN

“ My condolences and sympathy to your Family. Toni was a lovely lady and gentle soul.  
Cousin, Sharon Nies



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**Sharon Nies** - December 13, 2016 at 09:57 PM

TS

“ The Verso Fiber Supply Staff purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Toni Rae Carey.



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**The Verso Fiber Supply Staff** - December 13, 2016 at 07:00 PM

FN

“ Jim and Family, my deepest condolences to you for the passing of Toni.

Sincerely, Fred Nannestad.

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**Fred Nannestad** - December 13, 2016 at 06:26 PM

BL

“ Jim and family we are so sorry for you loss of your wife our thoughts and prayers are with your family our deepest Sympathy Bill and Jean Luokkala.

Bill Luokkala - December 13, 2016 at 04:13 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Toni Rae Carey.



December 13, 2016 at 12:43 PM

TA

“ Toni was one of the kindest people I've ever met. We shared many laughs and good times. I will really miss you Toni, but I know that God called you home and it was your time. My sympathy to the Carey family. May God give you strength at this difficult time.  
Tina Anderson

Tina Anderson - December 12, 2016 at 10:03 PM

DK

“ I remember what a kind, gentle spirit Toni had, and how much I enjoyed spending time with her. She was someone I felt immediately comfortable with, no matter how long between visits. Toni is with God now, and one day we will see her again. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jim and family.  
Earl and Bonnie Koski



Dr Bonnie L. Koski - December 12, 2016 at 09:47 PM

FF

“ From Necole Cherovsky and family and Cory Valenti and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Toni Rae Carey.



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**From Necole Cherovsky and family and Cory Valenti and Family** - December 12, 2016 at 07:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Toni Rae Carey.



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December 12, 2016 at 06:07 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Toni Rae Carey.



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December 12, 2016 at 04:39 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Toni Rae Carey.



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December 12, 2016 at 03:49 PM

DD

“ *Out deepest sympathies are with you Jim, Ran and the entire Carey family. From all of us here at the ALC.*

**Danny Dructor** - December 12, 2016 at 02:39 PM

MS

*Our deepest sympathy and condolences go out to the entire family! May you find peace and comfort knowing she is in the loving arms of God! He truly has gained an amazing angel 🙏❤️*

**Missy Sundholm** - December 12, 2016 at 04:05 PM



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



December 12, 2016 at 02:16 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Toni Rae Carey.*



December 12, 2016 at 12:48 PM

MF

“ *Sending our thoughts & prayers, much love & many hugs to all of you!*

**Mattson Family** - December 12, 2016 at 12:47 PM

GM

“ *My deepest sympathies to you all.*

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**Gordy Mouw** - December 12, 2016 at 11:53 AM