



## Toni Pappas Brandt

January 17, 1965 - November 21, 2016

Toni Pappas Brandt passed away on November 21, 2016. She was born on January 17, 1965 in Lubbock, TX to Constantine Anthony Pappas and Elizabeth Clikas Pappas.

Toni grew up in Montgomery, Alabama graduating from Jefferson Davis High School in 1983 and from Auburn University in 1987. Out of college Toni worked for the Alabama Shakespeare Festival and later moved to Atlanta, GA and worked as an International Operations Manager for the Monarch Beverage Company. After her marriage in 1998 Toni lived in Ireland and California before moving to Cary, North Carolina where she raised her family and resided up until her passing.

Toni is preceded in death by her father Constantine (Dean) Pappas and her sister Christine Trotman. She is survived by her husband, Robert Brandt, children Grace Kathryn, and Robert Max of Cary, NC; mother Elizabeth Pappas of Dunwoody, GA, brother, Dean Pappas of Woodstock, GA; nieces Ellen Trotman Ashmore (Ramsey) of Montgomery, AL, Tyler McNeil Trotman of Stephenville, TX, Arianna Pappas of Woodstock, GA.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, November 28 at 5:00 pm at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Cary, NC 27519. The family will receive friends following the service.

The family requests that any donations be made in Toni's memory to the charity of one's choice.

Online condolences may be made to [www.wakefuneral.com](http://www.wakefuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

NOV **28**. 5:00 PM (ET)

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church  
2220 High House Rd  
Cary, NC 27519

## Visitation

NOV **28**. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DR

“ We are so sorry to hear about Toni's passing. Our deepest condolences to the family. Don and Debbie Rosenbaum

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**Debbie Rosenbaum** - November 30, 2016 at 12:00 PM

SG

“ I have many great memories of Toni. It's hard to put it into words. I loved her truly. When I told my daughter about her passing, she said, "Isn't that who you wanted to name me after?" and I said, well yes it was... Toni and I spent crazy times at JD and at Auburn. I'm sorry that I didn't reach out to her and tell her what she meant to me. I can only hope that the Lord will tell her for me. She was an amazing talent, athlete and human being. My heart misses her. Sandi (Peterson) Gillam

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**Sandi Gillam** - November 28, 2016 at 10:01 PM

PB

“ I have so many wonderful memories of when Toni and Chris would come to Mobile. We always had so much fun! I remember her beautiful wedding! She was a sweet and kind friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. May her memory be eternal.

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**Panay Burland** - November 28, 2016 at 07:37 PM

JM

“ We will always remember Toni as a warm, welcoming, creative, clever and funny member of the family. We will never forget how supportive she was in welcoming Noby and then Tristan into the family. She was especially encouraging to us in our adoption process. We will always remember how happy she was for us when Tristan joined our family. She should have been with us so much longer.

- Jim & Noby Miller

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**Jim Miller** - November 28, 2016 at 02:49 PM

RT

“ When I think of Toni , I think of the strong , beautiful, smart girl i knew many years ago in Montgomery Alabama. We cheered together in jr. High and shared some great times. She had a contagious energy that was a joy to be around. She was very athletic. Toni taught me how to do a back flip in 7th grade. It wasn't an easy thing to do. i thought i would break my neck. She knew I could do it. She had almost a movie star presence. I remember how she owned the stage in a beauty pageant we were in in 9th grade. She gracefully floated across the stage with "super model walk" and twirled a cape around her like a pro. We all just smiled and said...Toni just won. And she did and she was perfect .Her creativity just flowed from her without effort. She always had confidence. It was fun to be with her and she made you feel like anything was possible. She would wow the crowd with her round-off back-handsprings that continued in succession across half of a football field without stopping. I recall when we went to a cheer competition over the summer, in Auburn and she and several other girls, flipped in the gym to see how many times they could go without stopping. Of course, she made our squad stand out because she won and everyone cheered so loud when she did her last flip. She was determined and never let you down. That was Toni .the competitor. She had many talents including a beautiful voice too. I remembered she introduced Fleetwood Mac's song" Reflection " to me and sang it one day at her house when we were just hanging out. She sang like Stevie Nicks and it was moving. We would have " make-over day" and she would curl my hair and do make-up ( fun girl stuff). Toni was the friend everyone wanted to have. That was 1978. Toni had a gift of humor and warmth that made anyone in her presence feel special. She was a giver. Her wit and charm has stayed with me. After I moved from Montgomery in 1980, I thought of her many times and considered to be blessed to have known her. I had hoped to see her again one day. I'm deeply sorry for your loss. Words are not enough. Sending prayers to her children, husband, Mom, brother, and all of her family .My heart breaks for all of you. God bless you.

*Ree Hammill Taylor*

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**Ree Hammill Taylor** - November 28, 2016 at 12:54 PM

JM

“ *Jim, Noby and Tristan Miller purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Toni Pappas Brandt.*



**Jim, Noby and Tristan Miller** - November 28, 2016 at 12:19 PM

BV

“ *Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. ~ Berta Vasquez*

**Berta Vasquez** - November 28, 2016 at 11:59 AM

RE

“ *Bob, Grace, and Max,*

*I'm so sorry for your loss, my deepest sympathies. My prayers are with you and all those who loved Toni during this most difficult time.*

*Sincerely  
Rene Robles*



**Rene** - November 28, 2016 at 11:13 AM

SW

“ Our deepest sympathies to Bob and the entire family. She seems like a lovely woman and I know she will be greatly missed.  
*Susan and Michael Wheeler*

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**Susan Wheeler** - November 28, 2016 at 09:52 AM

KC

“ Deepest sympathy to Betta and Toni's family. We have known and loved Toni all her life. She was always a breath of fresh air and delight whenever she was in the room and in the world. May her precious memory be eternal.

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**kathryn Coumanis** - November 28, 2016 at 07:20 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of Toni Pappas Brandt.



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November 27, 2016 at 09:30 PM



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



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November 27, 2016 at 09:01 PM

JC

“ Bob, Grace and Max - sending our deepest sympathy to you upon the loss of your wife, mom, and our sister-in-law. The right words to say escape us, but from personal experience we know that reflecting on the best memories will bring peace and a smile. We especially remember Toni's kindness and her strong value of family ties. You were very blessed to have Toni share her life and her loving heart with you, as were we. Our thoughts and prayers are with you each day.

*Jesse and Karen Curry*

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**Jesse and Karen Curry** - November 27, 2016 at 08:17 PM

IL

“ How sad we are. May her sweet memory be eternal. May God bless and watch over her family. Our love ad prayers, Irene and Jimmy Lignos

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**Irene Jimmy Lignos** - November 27, 2016 at 07:54 PM

EL

*Bob, Grace, and Max, so sorry for your loss. I will miss Toni's smile and laugh. We will keep her in our prayers.  
Liz Lamson and Family*

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**Elizabeth Lamson** - November 28, 2016 at 10:31 AM

JM

*Bob, no words can express my thoughts. I can't imagine the loss you and your family feels right now. May the strength of your family, friends and faith keep you whole.*

*Jack Moreland*

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**Jack Moreland** - November 28, 2016 at 10:57 AM

NC

“ I worked at the Attorney General's office with Toni when we were in college. She was everyone's favorite--so funny but also sensible and hard-working. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing.

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**Nancy Cooper** - November 27, 2016 at 07:27 PM

KB

“ Toni was at the center of my fondest memories growing up. She was the person you would go to for advice when you needed it and she always had a way of making you feel better. We shared many nights laughing and being silly. She was a wonderful mix of fearless, funny, and loyal. She was also naturally talented and creative. I would listen to her play guitar, and be in awe of her talent to write a song so quickly and the sound of her voice, which came so naturally. I will miss you dear friend but feel you are with me each time I remember the fun we had. Her love for her family was what I remember about her the most. I'm holding her family close at heart and sending my love and prayers for comfort to each of you.  
*Kim Starr Bartlett*

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**Kim Bartlett** - November 27, 2016 at 06:34 PM

KE

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Bob, Grace, and Max, we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

*The Ely Family*

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**Kim Ely** - November 27, 2016 at 06:16 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Toni Pappas Brandt.*



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November 27, 2016 at 03:28 PM



“ *To my dear friend, Bob and his children, Grace & Max...I'm so very sorry to hear of Toni's passing. A friend to so may, she was lovely, and funny, sweet, and clearly, a wonderful wife, mother, sister, and daughter. May you be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you. Sharing in your sorrow with much love and friendship. Love, Giselle, Morrisville NC*

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**Giselle Chachula** - November 27, 2016 at 03:05 PM



“ *Toni was a wonderful woman - full of life and love for family. I had the unique honor of being assistant to her "Room Mom" title one year for Max's and my son's class, and she was a force to be reckoned with! Our spring carnival fundraising basket - which I really should call her basket - was the most creative, biggest, and most beautiful, and no doubt garnered the largest number of raffle tickets that year! I also had the pleasure of accompanying her on many memorable family and child-oriented adventures, including a concert at the Art Institute where I witnessed her love of music. She loved nothing more than her husband, Bob, and their children, Grace and Max. Bob, Grace, and Max - may you find peace knowing that she found the most joy in her love for you. My deepest condolences to you and to all the Brandt/Pappas family. I will always remember Toni's spirit, creativity, and deep love for her family. Gina Bertolini, Cary, NC*

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**Gina Bertolini** - November 27, 2016 at 01:36 PM

FD

“ My heart is very sad with the loss of you my dear friend Toni. You were the epitome of a good friend: caring, loving, ready and willing to help whenever needed. It was heartwarming to witness your love and devotion to your family and your children Grace and Max. Toni was an excellent cook and enjoyed sharing her delicious foods with others. Her chicken noodle soup was the best ever!! She also was a member of our neighborhood book club in The Reserve for many years. It is with a smile I can say we all enjoyed her humor, intellect and love of reading. Your loving and kind spirit will never be forgotten. Prayers for you to Rest in Peace with the Lord. My deepest sympathy to Bob, Grace and Max and prayers for all her family for peace of heart during this sad time! I love you Toni.  
Sincerely, Fran Distefano

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**Fran Distefano** - November 27, 2016 at 12:38 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Toni Pappas Brandt.



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November 27, 2016 at 12:18 PM

JS

“ *Memory eternal to our beautiful niece Toni. The extraordinary memories flooding our recollections right now reflect Toni's beauty, brilliance, talents, humor, and huge capacity for love. All through childhood and young adulthood Toni yearned to be a good wife and mother. She loved Bob, Grace, and Max with every molecule of her being and her heart was full at the honor of them being her family. Because "Charlotte's Web " was a favorite of hers, all we can think of to describe our Toni Baloney is SOME WOMAN. With all our love, Aunt Jamie and UncleGreg*

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jamie saad - November 27, 2016 at 07:02 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Toni Pappas Brandt.*



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November 27, 2016 at 06:53 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Toni Pappas Brandt.*



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November 27, 2016 at 01:00 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Toni Pappas Brandt.*



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November 26, 2016 at 06:40 PM