



Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards

May 7, 1976 - May 13, 2018

Tonya Jeanine Edwards, 42, entered into the Kingdom of Heaven and into His loving embrace on Sunday, May 13, 2018. She was born on May 7, 1976, the daughter of Marion S. Edwards and Linda J. (Martin) Edwards.

Spending most of her childhood in Midland, Michigan, Tonya attended Midland Christian School and graduated from Midland High School. Consistent with her enthusiasm for marine life, she attended Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma where she furthered her Christian educational experience and received her Bachelor's in Marine Biology.

She was known for her soft spirit, quiet acts of kindness, and contagiously calm disposition. For over 20 years, she held various roles at Target in Saginaw and developed long-term friendships with her coworkers.

Tonya was a passionate book reader. She was a "Treky" at heart and enjoyed watching Dancing with the Stars, Grey's Anatomy, and her beloved Michigan Wolverines. Her most cherished moments in life included time spent with her niece and nephews from Des Moines, Iowa. She relished in every opportunity to play hide-and-seek and balloon volleyball with them, and they adored their "Aunt Tonya."

Tonya was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, James D. and

Carrie B. (Moore) Martin, and her paternal grandparents, Howard and Jean (Osborn) Knox.

She is survived by and her life is celebrated by her mother, Linda J. (Martin) Edwards; father, Marion (Tina) Edwards; his children, Robert Edwards, Brandie Pahl, Tamika McArthur, and Sydnee Edwards; brother, Ron J. (Katrina) Edwards; niece, Natalie S. Edwards; nephews, Landon J. Edwards and Isaiah D. Edwards; uncles, Ralph J. Martin, Howard Knox, Jr., and Gregory Edwards; aunt, Jeanine (Martin) Sheppard; great-aunts, Lela Price, Joann Williams, Bernice Dorsey, Mattie Calhoun, and Judith Moore; great-uncle, Joseph L. Moore; cousins, Madeline (Davis) Micou, Danielle (Davis) Yarmoluk, Jacqueline Davis, Nicole Davis, Darrell Martin, Tess Martin, and Odaliah Rance; along with many other extended relatives, friends, and co-workers.

The family extends its heartfelt expression of gratitude for the cards, emails, visits, prayers, and words of comfort, love, and encouragement during this time of bereavement.

For those desiring to make a philanthropic contribution in Tonya's memory, the family asks that you please consider her memorial established at Friends of the Public Libraries of Saginaw in support of books and reading programs at 505 Janes Avenue Saginaw, Michigan 48607.

Family Hour begins at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48607 with memorial service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Russell Sheppard will officiate.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards*



Browne's Mortuary - May 22, 2018 at 02:12 PM

SJ

“ *Your family is being thought about often during this sad and unexpected loss. Even across the country I can see the big hole she left behind. I loved watching the video of her life. It's obvious how much her family meant to her. It was especially touching to see the connection between her and her brother and even from such young ages. I am so so sorry. Much love, Stella*

Stella Josephine - May 29, 2018 at 11:07 PM

VE

“ *Veronica lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards*



Veronica - May 28, 2018 at 09:45 PM

CG

“ *The Goodman and Martin families lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards. Linda our hearts and love goes out to you and your family.*



Catherine Goodman - May 22, 2018 at 08:05 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards.*



May 22, 2018 at 12:50 AM

CJ

“ *C. Jarrett-Mason lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards*



C. Jarrett-Mason - May 21, 2018 at 09:07 PM

CJ

To Bethelites, sincere condolences to you, your family and friends. May precious memories comfort you now and days ahead. I am

C. Jarrett-Mason - May 21, 2018 at 09:12 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards.*



May 21, 2018 at 07:39 PM



“ *Linda - sorry about the loss of your daughter. Sorry I will not be able to attend memorial service, but my thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family.*



Elbert Hunter

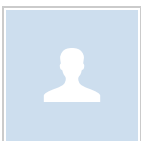
Elbert Hunter - May 21, 2018 at 04:38 PM



“ *Carrie Kackson-Zackrie lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards*



Carrie Kackson-Zackrie - May 21, 2018 at 02:39 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards.*



May 21, 2018 at 02:32 PM

PK

“ *What a sweet caregiver Tonya was to our boys when they were little! What a joy she brought to so many. Our deepest sympathy to you Dear Linda, Ron and your family as you grieve the loss of this precious loved one. Our prayers are with you! Love the Keppel family.....*

Patty keppel - May 21, 2018 at 06:24 AM

OF

“ *Odahlia Rance And Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards*



Odahlia Rance and family - May 20, 2018 at 07:42 PM

CC

“ *Linda, I am so sorry about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Cheryl Carpenter*

Cheryl Carpenter - May 20, 2018 at 05:39 PM

NA

“ *Loving sweet person she had the biggest smile. I will sincerely miss you ❤️ Rest Dear Cousin. From Naomi*



Naomi - May 20, 2018 at 08:38 AM

KM

“ *Kriss and Tammie Morris purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards.*



Kriss and Tammie Morris - May 19, 2018 at 02:31 PM

KM

“ *Tonya was a sweet, quiet person with great kindness. She will be greatly missed. Our hearts go out to Linda and Ron as well as her extended family and friends.*

With deep sympathy we pray that God comforts all of us.

Kriss and Tammie Morris - May 19, 2018 at 01:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards.*



May 19, 2018 at 01:23 PM

BP

“ *My sincere prayers and condolences goes to the family. Tonya was a beautiful soul. The last time I was in Target we would have our usual small talks. She would always let me know she is praying for my family and Mother at the time. I will miss seeing her at Target because she would always smiling and in good spirits. Rest In Peace.*



Barbara Payton - May 19, 2018 at 09:12 AM

MW

“ *MARIE WASHINGTON lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards*



MARIE WASHINGTON - May 18, 2018 at 07:08 PM

FG

“ *From your friends at GLSG Group purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards.*



From your friends at GLSG Group - May 18, 2018 at 04:00 PM

TW

“ *Tonya was a lovely and sweet lady. A donation have been made in her name to the Saginaw library from Terry & Mary Ann Watkins, Marsha Smith, Lindsey Grenda and Sara Hamberg. Our sympathy to the family,*

terry watkins - May 18, 2018 at 03:32 PM

CT

“ *Chenette M Thompson purchased the Lovely On e Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards.*



Chenette M Thompson - May 18, 2018 at 03:23 PM

LC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Edwards and Martin family during this difficult time. May the memories of Tonya bring you peace, comfort and strength in the days ahead



Lisa Coney - May 18, 2018 at 02:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards.



May 18, 2018 at 01:12 PM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards.



May 18, 2018 at 12:29 PM

DG

“ You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers, so sorry for your loss.



Deann Ganzley - May 18, 2018 at 11:52 AM

MM

“ *My sincere condolences to the Edwards and Martin families in Tonya's passing. Look to the hills from whence cometh your help! Remember, God will "carry" you through!*

Mary McDonald - May 18, 2018 at 09:53 AM

AN

“ *Alicia Nelson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards*



Alicia Nelson - May 18, 2018 at 08:49 AM



Bethany Davis

“ *I had the pleasure to work with Miss Tonya for many years at the Midland Target. I'm still shocked to hear that she has passed. She was a wonderful woman who's smile and laugh was contagious. It's a rare thing to ever work with someone that long and have only fond memories of them, but that was Tonya. My heart goes out to her family during this time of sorrow.*



Bethany Davis - May 18, 2018 at 08:18 AM

MJ

Praying for the Edward family.

Mattie Jackson - May 18, 2018 at 08:32 AM

DM

“ *DIANA MIREE lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards*



DIANA MIREE - May 18, 2018 at 06:29 AM

DC

“ *Deborah Champion lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards*



Deborah Champion - May 18, 2018 at 04:22 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards.*



May 17, 2018 at 10:47 PM

DS

“ *Donna Shipman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards*



Donna Shipman - May 17, 2018 at 09:45 PM

DP

“ I am so saddened to learn of Tonya’s passing. I have fond memories of our childhood, playing together in Forest Glen and hanging out after school while we were waiting for our teacher parents to finish their day. May the Lord comfort you during this difficult time.

Debbie Buehrer Papiernik - May 17, 2018 at 09:35 PM

ND

I am so very sorry. Trusting God to hold you so close, you can feel His love surrounding you..

Nancy DeBarr - May 17, 2018 at 10:20 PM

KA

“ So sorry to hear of your loss Linda. Praying for you and your family!
Hugs!
Kathy and Lee Kilbourn

Kathy - May 17, 2018 at 09:19 PM

RR

“ Rosemary Ruth lit a candle and sending prayers.



rosemary ruth - May 17, 2018 at 07:11 PM

AM

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. I worked with her at Midland and in Saginaw. We had great conversations and always enjoyed seeing her even after I quit.

amber - May 17, 2018 at 06:59 PM

VG

“ Linda my sincere Condolences to you and the entire Martin Edwards family. May you find comfort in knowing friends care. Praying for your strength during this difficult season.

Valerie Gatson - May 17, 2018 at 04:36 PM

VG

“ Valerie Gatson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards



Valerie Gatson - May 17, 2018 at 04:33 PM

DA

“ Dona Austin-Bigby lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards



Dona Austin-Bigby - May 17, 2018 at 04:04 PM

DW

“ Linda, my heart, thoughts, and prayers are with you and your family. May your faith sustain you and the Holy Spirit comfort you as you walk through these difficult days.

Darla Williams - May 17, 2018 at 02:32 PM



“ I worked with Tonya at target in Midland for a number of years. Never have I met anybody so kind as her!! I remember when we both lived at the same apartment complex and would hang out with each other. That was many years ago . I brought my baby in to target just a few weeks ago and We spend a little time visiting her. So glad I got to see her the little time I did. Tonya had a very sweet spirit and will truly be missed!!

Lacey Barcalow - May 17, 2018 at 12:56 PM

JW

“ Sorry for your loss. Tonya will always be remembered for her beautiful smile and kind heart. She was a wonderful babysitter to our children. We will pray for the peace and comfort of the Holy Spirit over her loved ones during this difficult time.



Jeanne Waligorski - May 17, 2018 at 11:47 AM

VJ

“ Valerie J lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards



Valerie J - May 17, 2018 at 10:10 AM

AA

“ Tonya was such a sweet caring person. I enjoyed working with her at Target and she will be truly missed. I'm so sorry for your loss. God Bless! Will keep all the family in my prayers.



Amanda A - May 17, 2018 at 08:05 AM

BJ

“ Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards



Brenda Jones - May 17, 2018 at 05:00 AM

GP

“ Gwendolyn Perry lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards



Gwendolyn Perry - May 17, 2018 at 04:31 AM

LG

“ Lillie Williams Grays



Lillie Williams Grays - May 16, 2018 at 09:17 PM

LP

“ LOREANN GISSENDANNER PAYTON lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards



LOREANN GISSENDANNER PAYTON - May 16, 2018 at 03:41 PM

KW

“ Kim Wright lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards



Kim Wright - May 16, 2018 at 11:06 AM

SC

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you Linda, Ralph and the entire family. May God give you the peace and comfort at this time that only He can provide.

God bless

Starr Curry - May 16, 2018 at 10:52 AM

CP

“ Cheryl Payton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards



Cheryl Payton - May 16, 2018 at 07:54 AM

JW

“ *Joanie Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards*



Joanie Williams - May 16, 2018 at 12:07 AM

SK

“ *Rest In Gods Arms Cousin Love You Cousin Linda and Cousin Ronnie*



Shontorie Knox - May 15, 2018 at 10:38 PM

DM

“ *DIANA MIREE sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards*



DIANA MIREE - May 15, 2018 at 08:44 PM

LT

“ *Tonya and I worked together for many years at Target...through those years we became family...Its hard to believe that we will no longer see that beautiful smile.. and hear her laugh; but she will forever be in our hearts and a part of our Target family... Ms. Linda you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers..Love Lorinda Thomas*

Lorinda Thomas - May 15, 2018 at 08:03 PM

BM

“ *Berna Martin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Jeanine Edwards*



Berna Martin - May 15, 2018 at 06:01 PM

DS

To the family of beautiful tonya what a well beloved woman I cant find the words to Express the shock of finding out Tonya is no longer with us. My grandson loved her and she loved him, on last Saturday she hugged him just like she would when he came to Target. I'm praying that your grief be short and your joy much longer. Donna Shipman Co-worker and Tonya Target mom

Donna Shipman - May 15, 2018 at 08:40 PM

KZ

Linda, and all of the family, we will be holding you up in prayer, as you walk through this time of grief. Love you and always remember the good times at Midland Christian!

Kathy and Bob Zook - May 17, 2018 at 03:01 PM

BK

Tonya was our steady babysitter when my children were small. I never had a worry when I left them with her because she was so dependable, kind, and resourceful. She was also an excellent role model to them. I am so very sorry for your loss and I will keep all of the family in prayer.

Barbara Ingold Kincaid

Barbara Ingold Kincaid - May 17, 2018 at 06:52 PM