



## Joanne "Jonie" Margaret (Fudali) Toto

July 20, 1963 - June 19, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved friend, sister, daughter, and mother, Joanne Margaret Toto (Fudali). Jonie passed away from cancer on June 19th, 2023, at the age of 59.

Jonie was born on July 20th, 1963, in Minneapolis, weighing 4lb 8oz, and displayed her fighting spirit from her very first breath. She spent her childhood in St. Anthony, where her vibrant personality and thirst for knowledge blossomed. Jonie's curiosity was insatiable, and she was always eager to learn and explore the world around her.

After marrying her love, Dave, Jonie began her journey as a dedicated wife and mother in Morgan Hill, California. She cherished her role as a mother and poured her heart into raising her two children, David and Dustin, with love, care, and unwavering support. Jonie's love extended beyond her immediate family, as she was a caring sister to James (Barb) and Susan, and a source of joy as a fun-loving aunt to numerous nephews and nieces. She moved back home to Minnesota with her family 11 years ago.

Jonie's parents, Kay Kruse and James Fudali (Georgene), provided a loving foundation in her life and she shared a deep bond with them. She drew strength from their guidance and carried their values of compassion and kindness throughout her own journey.

For over 25 years, Jonie dedicated herself to her work as a Paraeducator. Her passion for helping others, especially those in special education, touched the lives of countless students and families. Jonie's unwavering commitment to her profession was a testament to her selflessness and genuine desire to make a positive impact on the lives of those around her.

In late 2022, Jonie was diagnosed with cancer, embarking on a courageous battle against the illness. Throughout her treatments, she displayed tremendous resilience and unwavering optimism, inspiring all who knew her. Despite her valiant efforts, her condition gradually worsened. On that fateful day, Jonie peacefully passed away, surrounded by the love and warmth of her family.

Those fortunate enough to have known Jonie will forever hold memories of her kind, compassionate nature, and her infectious sense of humor. She had a genuine zest for life and an innate ability to find joy in the simplest of moments. Jonie's love for her children, her dedication to special education, her adoration for her dogs, and her cherished time spent with family and friends will always be remembered.

A service will be held to honor Jonie's life and provide comfort to her grieving family and close friends. Memorial service 11:00 AM Saturday, July 15 with gathering one hour prior at Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel, 2610 19th Ave NE, Minneapolis.

Rest in peace, Jonie. Your legacy of love and kindness will endure, and you will be deeply missed and forever loved by all whose lives you touched.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hillside Chapel  
2610 19th Avenue N.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

## Memorial Service

JUL 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hillside Chapel  
2610 19th Avenue N.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Joanne Margaret Toto in memory of Joanne "Jonie" Margaret (Fudali) Toto



Washburn-McReavy - June 25, 2023 at 04:58 PM

JT

“ Joni was a close colleague/friend of mine. I am so sad to just hear of this being recently retired from the WBLAS. Joni was fun, loving to students & friends, humorous, generous, calm, happy, witty, lovely, honest and a true sweetheart. She talked about her boys a lot and loved her boys so much! When I was traveling in California, we just happened to spend a night in 'Morgan Hills'. She was so excited to hear this, she excitedly shared her favorite places for us to go eat...and we did. I was lucky to be a team member with her at Sunrise Park Middle School. My heart is so sad, loved her!! Joni is with our Good Lord and will always be remembered. ❤️ Blessings, Jackie Tierney ❤️

Jackie Tierney - July 28, 2023 at 06:53 PM

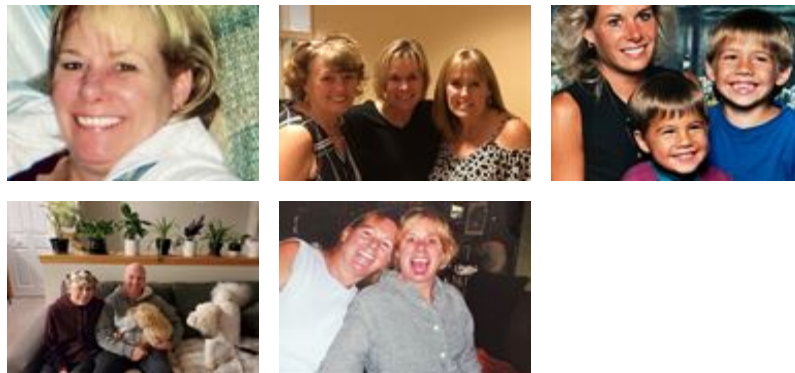
MB

“ *First, Condolences and deepest sympathy to the entire family and fiends of Jonie. Total shock when I learned of Jonie's passing. We knew Jonie, through Dave, and from her Morgan Hill days. She had a great personality, always smiling and happy and wasn't afraid to tell you what was on her mind or what was the latest that was going on in her life. Her two boys, and my boy, played Morgan Hill Pony baseball together, and in fact I coached her older boy, David, in the Pony division, which was 12/13 year olds. We also had Golden retriever dogs at the same time. Her dogs name was Tanner and ours was Ginger. We use to get the dogs together so that they could rough house around and get tired as both of our dogs were very active and always wanted to play. Was sad to hear when she decided to move back to Minnesota but that was where she wanted to be. Bless you Jonie.*  
*Mike and Tam Bouslog*

Mike Bouslog - July 27, 2023 at 03:34 PM

Washburn-McReavy  
FUNERAL CHAPEL, CONFERENCE AND  
CREMATION SERVICES

“ 24 files added to the album Life Tributes



Washburn-McReavy - July 14, 2023 at 11:15 AM

JT

*Loved being her colleague/team-mate at Sunrise Middle school! She was 'the best'!! ❤️*

Jackie Tierney - July 28, 2023 at 06:57 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joanne "Jonie" Margaret (Fudali) Toto.*



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July 13, 2023 at 03:52 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Joanne "Jonie" Margaret (Fudali) Toto.*



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July 12, 2023 at 09:11 AM

JB

“ I was so lucky to have had the 14 years I spent working with Jonie in Morgan Hill CA. She was one of the best Para-educators I ever had the pleasure of working with in my class. But even more, she was my best friend until she left us on June 19th. So if I do the math right we were friends, what? 24 years? It wasn't enough time, but it was absolutely perfect.

One of my fondest memories was our road trip to Duluth one summer! It was just us, having a good time without a care in the world. We could laugh over nothing and everything, even after not seeing each other for a couple of years. During that trip I asked Jonie if she wouldn't mind if we went to the Forest Hill Cemetary to visit my family. She knew both my mother and grandmother before they had passed and she said sure!! When I told her I was also going to finalize plans for my husband and I to be buried there, she took it right in stride. Of course, we then did some additional sightseeing. It was simply a really good time! She was a spectacular friend and I miss her dearly.

I was truly honored grateful to have been able to spend time with her at the end of her time on this earth. And I thank all her family for making me feel so welcome! I especially thank you Kaye, David, Sue and TJ. I feel blessed to have gotten to know you all during this difficult time. And I'll bet Jonie isn't a bit surprised that Kaye and I were such good roommates!

Love you Jonie! I'll see you again! ❤️

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Joan C Best - July 08, 2023 at 06:01 AM

JB

*Some edits in the last paragraph: 1st sentence - I was honored and grateful. 2nd and last sentences - Kay, not Kaye!*

*Jonie would understand that it's the teacher in me and I couldn't find a way to edit it in the text, sorry!*

*Of course I still miss you Jonie and will be watching your Memorial on the webcast! God I wish we'd all had more time with you!*

*I want to quote a loving framed plaque you once gave me, from Winnie the Pooh:*

*"We'll be friends forever, won't we Pooh?" asked Piglet.*

*"Even longer," Pooh answered.*

*We are in the longer than forever part now Jonie, and we are still friends, forever! ❤️*

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**Joan C Best** - July 13, 2023 at 09:20 PM

MN

*Jonie had such a beautiful smile (which shows so beautifully in this photo). She was a wonderful Mom to her two boys and she brought laughter to so many of our family gatherings. Bless you dear one. Deepest sympathy to her loved ones who were there to the end.*

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**Marilyn NUSSBAUM** - July 13, 2023 at 10:58 PM

JC

“*Joan C. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joanne "Jonie" Margaret (Fudali) Toto.*

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**Joan C.** - July 08, 2023 at 05:14 AM



“*Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joanne "Jonie" Margaret (Fudali) Toto.*



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July 05, 2023 at 12:41 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Joanne "Jonie" Margaret (Fudali) Toto.*



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July 04, 2023 at 06:38 PM



“ *Marilyn and Joe purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joanne "Jonie" Margaret (Fudali) Toto.*



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**Marilyn and Joe** - June 30, 2023 at 01:24 PM