



Tonia Marie Carruth

August 21, 1975 - February 15, 2021

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Tonia was born on August 21, 1975, to Eddie Dixon and Debra Chalmers in Talmage, California. Tonia decided to serve our country and went into the military right after high school. She was in the Air Force from 1994-2001. She was an Information Management Specialist for the 92nd Air Refueling Wing at Fairchild Airforce Base in Spokane. During her tenure in the military, she received numerous awards and accolades. Tonia took part in the Iraqi No-Fly Zone Enforcement Operations. On April 24th, 1999, Tonia married the man of her dreams, Aaron Carruth. They were the perfect couple and had so much in common. In January of 2002, she gave birth to their beloved son, Dylan. In February of 2006, she gave birth to their beloved daughter, Braelynn. Dylan and Braelynn were her pride and joy. This family was inseparable and they spent quality time camping, traveling, and having get-togethers with friends and family. They were the consummate family. Tonia

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comes to mind when we think of Tonia is sitting by a campfire, spending quality time with family and friends, having great conversation, enjoying each other's company and enjoying the simple things in life. We look forward to that day when we can all sit by the campfire with you again! We will sorely miss you Tonia! Tonia is survived by her husband, Aaron; son, Dylan; daughter, Braelynn; mother-in-law, Karen Carruth, father-in-law, John Carruth; brother-in-law, Ethan Carruth and many more relatives. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that individuals make a gift to: Camp Fire Inland Northwest www.campfireinc.org -or- OCRA (Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance) www.ocrahope.org The Carruth family would welcome friends and relatives to attend a Celebration of Life sometime in the Spring of 2021. The Carruth family will keep everyone posted on a date, time and place. The Carruth family would welcome and encourage you to share your best memory of Tonia in Tributes at Cheney Funeral Chapel's website – www.cheneyfuneral.com

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Tribute Wall

MK

“ I am so very sad to hear about Tonia. I worked with her at Bonneville Power and she was a very bright spot in the office. Always so cheerful and helpful. I know she loved her family to the moon and back! A beautiful soul gone too soon from this earth. Rest in Peace my friend.



Merrie Kelly - March 14, 2021 at 03:19 PM

DC

“ Aaron and Family,

I just learned about Tonia. My heart goes out to you! I'm so glad I stayed in touch with her all these years after we served together at Fairchild AFB. My condolences for your loss!

Dawn Chase

Dawn Chase - March 01, 2021 at 10:41 PM



Thank you, Dawn. She loved getting your cards.

Aaron Carruth - March 06, 2021 at 01:14 AM

GP

“ Aaron & Family,

My hart was also broken in hearing about the loss of Tonia. She was an amazing woman who I worked with at Oxarc. I know words can't express the loss you're feeling, but find comfort in knowing Tonia is in a better place. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Again, my condolences..

George Phelan

George Phelan - February 28, 2021 at 01:07 PM



Thank you, George. She was one of the good ones, that's for sure.

Aaron Carruth - March 06, 2021 at 01:16 AM

JM

“ *Tonia and Aaron have been our neighbors since they bought the house across Oak Street before Dylan was born. Our hearts are broken that Tonia has left us and we are filled with sadness. She was a wonderful friend, always kind and smiling. She often stopped by after walking Ruger to check on us and talk for awhile. We pray for healing and strength from the Lord for her family and friends. We will miss her. Arlene & Jim Mowatt*

Jim & Arlene Mowatt - February 22, 2021 at 03:49 PM



Thanks, you too! She loved you both.

Aaron Carruth - March 06, 2021 at 01:16 AM



Aaron, I am so sorry this has happened to your family. I know how much you will miss Tonia, and I know there are truly no words to take the hurt away. My husband, Don, died on January 16 after years of illness and suffering, but he, too is in a better place. I will always remember when Tonia brought the baby goat to work, and how much fun you both had with it. Take care of yourself. My best to you and your family.

Burke Neisig - May 05, 2021 at 06:54 PM

AC

“ A poem written by a close family friend, Michael Eng. We hope you enjoy!

*The Tower in the Sky
(A tribute to Tonia)*

*The smell of coffee early in the morning and the crackling of a
campfire to warm the chill.*

*Spending time with my family, camping with the rv was my biggest
thrill.*

*The peace, the serenity, the adventure of finding the perfect view. It
didn't matter where we camped, just as long as I was with you.*

*The campsite I am at is so beautiful and surreal. One day, we'll
camp there and you will see how it feels.*

*I'm free from the pain, it came so sudden, oh my; I wish I had time
to say my goodbyes.*

*Don't fret, don't cry, I will always be there for you. Just look for me,
in the tower in the sky.*

*Although I'll miss the ones that I love, it's not like I'm gone, I'm
somewhere above.*

*Enjoy the things that we used to do; do it for me. Remember and
embrace what I loved and you will see.*

*Unfortunately life is short, I'm sorry to say. Remember to cherish
your life and enjoy it each day.*

*The next time I see you, I don't know when, I'll have the huckleberry
pancakes and coffee ready, I'll see you then.*

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Aaron J Carruth - February 21, 2021 at 02:44 PM