



Ms. Tonya Miller

October 12, 1977 - June 30, 2016

Tonya Miller, 38, of Riverview, Florida, born on October 12th, 1977, in Alaska, entered into eternal rest on June 30, 2016. She was a person so filled with light and a smile that was contagious. She was a dedicated and loving mother to her three boys. Tonya thoroughly enjoyed sports and being outdoors with her boys. She enjoyed being social and enjoyed spending quality time with family and friends. Tonya had a few hobbies she was an avid pool player that took after her dad Donald Boyt (deceased). She had a true love for baseball and football. Although Tonya's real and abiding passion was her three boy's family and friends. She had a love for so many and will be dearly missed. She is survived by her sons Austin Besnier (Becca), Cody Besnier, and Dillon Besnier of Riverview; grandson, Hunter Besnier; mother, Jan Boyt; Brother Brian Watson; Three sisters Renee Watson, Cindy Boyt-Lawler and Sandy Cluff and many other family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, July 9 at 4:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Hopewell (Plant City). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 9. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Tonya Miller



Hopewell Funeral Home - July 08, 2016 at 06:15 PM



How beautiful!

Linda Beck - July 09, 2016 at 01:59 PM

SB

So heartbreaking I will always remember her for skate land she was always fun funny and just a beautiful person 😞

scott burney - July 09, 2016 at 02:36 PM

HS

How beautiful this was so sad she was a great person and I will also remember all the fun times from Skateland 😊😊😊😊😊😊

Heather Spano - July 09, 2016 at 04:08 PM



Tonya my fondest memory of u is wen we went to the monster trucks with ur mom dad and brother im sorry i could not come say goodbye to u today, you was

Sluggger Sluggger - July 09, 2016 at 11:19 PM



Beautiful.

Shirley Harner - July 10, 2016 at 08:28 AM

KC

I'm sorry we didn't get to share more times together. Just seeing your smile at the Riverview games and reading all the sweet things friends and family have written about I know we shared a love of family and sports❤️ Rest in Peace Tonya❤️

kate correa - July 10, 2016 at 02:49 PM

SR

Very sad 😞 She was a wonderful friend and mother she was a special woman with a beautiful smile that will never be forgotten her memories live on rip tonya 💔🙏

sherry rogers - July 10, 2016 at 08:31 PM

KM

My condolences for your family Tonya. Such a beautiful person inside and out. I will always remember your pretty smile and infectious laugh . RIP ♡♡

Krising Morgan - July 10, 2016 at 09:04 PM



“ Miss you sis ❤️

Renee Watson - June 30, 2020 at 07:49 PM

CK

“ We knew Tonya since she was a baby. We watched her grow up and then watched her boys grow up, too. She left this world way too young. We will miss her.
Carla and Gary Kiddy



Carla Kiddy - July 30, 2016 at 02:28 PM



Cute pics, Carla and Gary. Love the one with Don. Still heartbroken

Renee Watson - August 03, 2016 at 08:23 PM



“ *Jan I am so sorry for your loss. Brian, Renee, Cody, Austin and Dylan you are in our prayers.*

Shirley Harner - July 10, 2016 at 07:58 AM

SB

“ *I'll never forget the day I met Tonya I just stopped in at my job (childcare center) to say hello (I was on vacation), when my husbands aunt told me we hired a new teacher. We walked into her classroom and were introduced by my aunt, there was something about her that made me feel like I had known her all my life... Weird right?! Then my aunt and I were walking around and she showed me the new kids which included Austin who was napping, then Cody who was fighting on his mat turning over he looks at me and says hi Aunt Shelly,! Both the teacher and my aunt were like is that your nephew? I said no, I never saw him before in my life and they then mentioned it was Tonyas youngest. Amazing right..... Tonya and Donald became some of our best friends. It was all kinda strange cuz we all felt we knew each other forever. Tonya was an amazing woman, and a friend like no other. When I heard the news I was devastated and didn't wanna believe it. She so young it's just not fair! My heart is breaking not only for her loss but for her three amazing sons and family.*



Shelly Baker - July 09, 2016 at 06:28 PM



“ *Sandra Rosa lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Miller*



Sandra Rosa - July 09, 2016 at 01:31 PM



“ *Love, John Reeser and Jacquie Jordan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ms. Tonya Miller.*



Love, John Reeser and Jacquie Jordan - July 09, 2016 at 11:28 AM



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



July 09, 2016 at 01:31 AM

MB

“ I met my beautiful friend Tonya over 17 years ago. She had a contagious smile that would light up the room. I have so many wonderful memories of all the fun things we did together and I will cherish them forever. My heart broke when I received the news that she was gone...way to soon. From the small things when she would just hang out at my house while the kids played, when she cut my hair and gave me pedicures because I was too broke to afford them, kids play dates, shopping, giving me so many of my favorite recipes (Tonya's chicken), birthday parties, grown up nights out, you were the best daiquiri maker and my favorite host, my sounding board when I needed advise, our cruise to the Carribean and my favorite picture of my girls...oh how we laughed trying to get them to sit still for our Christmas picture (I always think of you when I see it). We just had fun and we laughed. You were a best friend to me. Then life happened, kids started growing up, different schools, new hobbies, work and we both had so much going on and always in different directions. I would give anything to remember our last call. I know we said to each other..."we really need to get together soon". My heart is truly broken, I miss you and love you! See you when I get to heaven. Love Michele

Michele Bartock - July 09, 2016 at 01:03 AM

KE

“ When I first met Tonya it was at EBLL. I thought, as we sat and cheered on our boys "I could totally hang with this girl! Her passion to cheer on Dillon was the same as I had with Kyle. The love of baseball was a mutual interest. As we spent several years on the Rockets our memories continued to grow. She spoke often of her boys and how much she wanted for them. Her smile and love for her boys will never be forgotten! RIP Tonya..Love the Knees

Kelly - July 08, 2016 at 10:11 AM

MT

“ MJ And TC lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Tonya Miller



MJ and TC - July 08, 2016 at 06:31 AM

RV

We will always remember and cherish when we were such a close-knit group, spending so many hours at the ball park. Practice every night, games from early till late on the weekends. Travel ball, little league, all-stars, going to Cooperstown together. We will always remember you behind home plate, long before the game started getting the best angle to help Blue out with his calls. We will always remember how nervous you would get when it was late in the game and the score was close. Time is called, Coach Rob exits the dugout, then a lone voice that could be heard above all others would say those immortal words: "Damn it Rob!" Over the years, that phrase became predictable, and expected. It wasn't a curse, it was a show of solidarity and trust. It became a rally, and cheer, and was taken as a "let's go, I have faith in you to fix this situation." When we came out on top you would say "Damn it Rob" with a huge smile on your face. When it did not work out you would say "Damn it Rob" with no smile on her face. That phrase became a greeting, a term of endearment and a badge of a close friendship. Your baseball family, including the all of the Vighs will miss you dearly. "Damn it Tonya"

Rob Vigh - July 09, 2016 at 12:48 PM

GB

“ *I am just so saddened by this very unexpected loss of Ms. Tonya. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers go to her sons and family at this very difficult time. May her sole rest in eternal piece and God be with her now and forever.*

Gerry Bell, patron at Mango Joe's

Gerry Bell - July 07, 2016 at 11:39 AM

KP

“ Oh Tonya, what will I do, we spent most every Saturday together comparing notes about my Alex and your Dylan. The minute you saw me you always greeted me with a loving hug. How did I know that a week ago Saturday was going to be my last hug :(. Then I texted you for 3 days cause we were supposed to meet up on Wednesday--alas no answers because you were already an angel. I only knew you two years but you were one of thee best people I ever had met in my life. I need to see mom Jan and give her a hug now and we'll still go get our cars washed together on Wednesdays and remember you. I love you darling.

*Kathy Pope
Valencia Lakes*

Kathy Pope - July 07, 2016 at 11:30 AM

BS

“ *Barbara Swilley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Miller*



Barbara Swilley - July 07, 2016 at 08:07 AM



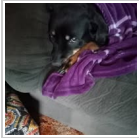
Tonya u will be missed.

Sluggger Sluggger - July 07, 2016 at 11:45 AM

 Alina
Berry
Clark

“ Tonya... 30 plus years of friendship. We have passed the torch in our family. Either it was a skateland night, a slumber party, you riding on the hood of the iroc z as I drove down the street, helping each other move, Summerfield together, our nightly walls, to us always having each others backs. I am so thankful to have so many memories and now your oldest and my brother. Best friends. How lucky are we. I love you so much, and miss you like crazy. We have endless memories that I will always treasure. I am so sure that heaven just got brighter because that beautiful smile and laugh just glows beyond measures. Give Heather a hug for me and tell her we all miss her. You know Donald and I and both of our families will watch after your boys as we all know you will as well. Rest in peace beautiful and know we all love you and miss you so much.

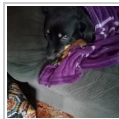
Alina Berry Clark - July 07, 2016 at 07:59 AM



“ Teresa Kraft lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Miller



Teresa Kraft - July 07, 2016 at 07:39 AM



Tonya I can't believe your gone... I remember you from a little girl coming to Cape May to see your family. And the 2 weeks that you spent at my house in Pa. Tonya you will be greatly missed. I know you are with your dad and brother now. Could you give them all a kiss for me. And also if you run in to Aunt Ellen could you give her a big kiss and hug for me!!!!


Teresa Kraft - July 07, 2016 at 07:42 AM

AA

“ April Allard lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Tonya Miller



April Allard - July 07, 2016 at 07:13 AM


Melissa
Hyde


“ I am so grateful for our childhood memories.. I think my favorite is me putting a huge hickey on your neck and your mom was sooo pissed.. Lol. I am going to miss your beautiful smile, your infectious laugh, and everything about you. Dammit- kiss the rest of the family up there and keep an eye on all of us here. Please send signs that let us know you are here. Until I see you again... Xoxoxoxo

Melissa Hyde - July 06, 2016 at 09:07 PM

KB

“ Rick and I were fortunate to have known you for close to 10 years. We met in tee ball and our boys played together for years. Your smile was infectious and your heart made of gold. You were a "true good soul" in this crazy world of judgemental people. There were parties, kid sleepovers and awesome baseball tournaments. Each event starting with a huge hug and us laughing about what was going on in our lives - the good, bad and the ugly. You were an incredible mom, always putting your boys first. I admired this most about you, as I know being a single mom is hard. You will be missed sweet lady, but I know in my heart that you are flying high in heaven with your angel wings. God speed my friend!

Kelly Black - July 06, 2016 at 08:28 PM

 Kelly
Black

“ Your smile lit up a room! Rick and I were so fortunate to have known you for close to 10 years. Our boys started in tee ball together and played throughout the years. There were parties, sleepovers and weekend tournaments where we would always start with a huge hug and laugh about what was happening in our lives - the good, bad and ugly. Your smile was so infectious and your heart was made of gold. You were a "real true good soul" in this crazy world - never judging others and living your life to the fullest. Your boys were always first and I always admired that about you the most, as I know being a single mom is hard. You will be missed sweet lady, but I know in my heart that you are flying high with your angel wings in heaven. God speed my friend.

Kelly Black - July 06, 2016 at 08:12 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Tonya Miller.



July 06, 2016 at 08:03 PM

TS

“ You were a good friend, person and mother! I'll never forget you and your kindness n smile n never forget how happy you were when I walked in and seen you and you ran and hugged me with the biggest smile I'll miss you and never forget you your in my heart n memories watch my angel boy for me I love you! And I'll promise you I'll watch over the boys I love you girl and miss you so much! ❤️



tara steiner - July 06, 2016 at 06:41 PM

CV

“ Tonya was an amazing friend and person. She was always so much fun to be around and I will cherish all of those memories with her!! She knew exactly what to say at exactly the right time. I will very much miss you girl!! I love you! Gone way too soon!! Rest in peace friend!



Candice Venrick - July 06, 2016 at 06:23 PM

Dow Chase-Forrest

“ You came into my life at the exact moment I needed a true friend. I will forever cherish all the fun nights and countless hours spent at the baseball field cheering our boys on from t-ball to high school. You will always have a place in my heart. I miss and love you.



Dow Chase-Forrest - July 06, 2016 at 04:46 PM

Sandra Martinez

“ We are so sorry we will not be able to attend in Tonya's celebration of Life, we will be out of town. Our hearts and prayers go out to all of her Family and Friends. She will always be remembered as we have for years created many many baseball memories with our boys and baseball family. RIP Tonya! From The Martinez Family!

Sandra Martinez - July 06, 2016 at 03:26 PM

KB

“ I am so sorry that I will be out of town and unable to attend the service. Tonya, we shared many years together, cheering on our boys as a village of baseball moms. Those are memories very close to my heart, now and always. I am smiling when I confidently say that you will no doubt be remembered as the most spirited and loudest baseball mom ever; what made you special is how loudly and proudly you cheered for ALL of the boys, all of the time. The video of Kody hitting his first ever home run ends with you giving him a high five at the dugout... you were so excited for him that you jumped out of your chair and beat me over there.

Dillon, you have a community of moms that have watched you grow from an energetic kid into a confident young man so never doubt that you are a part of a family that extends way beyond the baseball field. We are all here for you and praying for you and your brothers.

Katie Brown - July 06, 2016 at 03:03 PM

TH

“ The Hone's lit a candle in memory of Ms. Tonya Miller



The Hone's - July 06, 2016 at 02:59 PM