



## Toni R. Rodts

April 9, 1975 - May 24, 2026

Toni R. Rodts, 51, of Pekin, passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2026, at Carle Health Pekin Hospital.

She was born in Peoria on April 9, 1975, to James and Niki Houston. On August 15, 2002, she married Thomas Rodts in Las Vegas; he survives. Also surviving is her mother, Niki Houston of Springfield, MO; 3 children, Destiny Bauer of Pekin, Dylan Smith of Newnan, GA, and Danielle Smith of Coffeyville; 2 stepchildren, Lindsey Wallen of Champaign and Tori Rodts of Pekin; siblings, Tonya Juares, Rick Houston and Kenny Houston, all of Springfield, MO; 2 stepbrothers, Josh and Jimmy Houston; and 10 grandchildren, TaNaisha, William, Jill, Lailah, Avah, Nicholas, Cooper, Zoey, Kamden, and Brysen.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Houston.

Toni was a loving wife, daughter, mother, sister, and grandmother whose family meant everything to her. She treasured the time they shared and found joy in life's simple pleasures, especially being outdoors, camping, playing pool, and Texas Holdem. She also had a special fondness for The Lion King and carried the spirit of "Hakuna Matata" with her.

The family will receive friends from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, May 31, 2026, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria, with a Time of Reflection beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to her family to help with expenses.

Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).



# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAY 31. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services Inc. - East Peoria  
444 E. Washington Street  
East Peoria, IL 61611

## Time of Reflection

MAY 31. 3:00 PM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services Inc. - East Peoria  
444 E. Washington Street  
East Peoria, IL 61611

# Tribute Wall



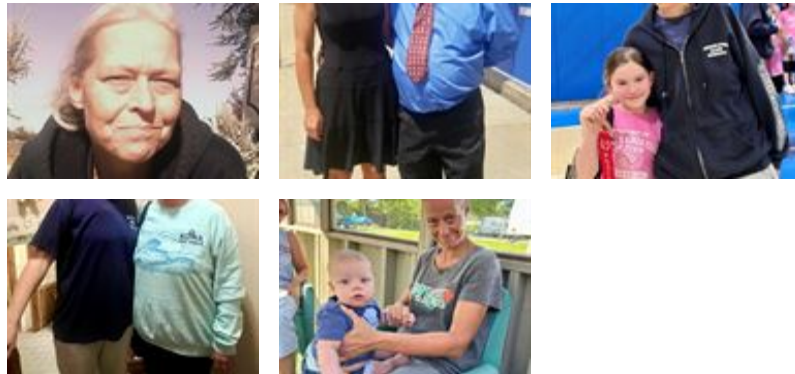
“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Toni R. Rodts



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 02 at 04:26 PM



“ 27 files added to the album Life Tributes



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - May 31 at 11:48 AM

SF

“ Shane and Katy and family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Toni R. Rodts.



Shane and Katy and family - May 30 at 03:29 PM

SF

“ Shane and Katy and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Toni R. Rodts.

Shane and Katy and family - May 30 at 03:29 PM

DF

“ Deanna Boyer (Stroud) & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Toni R. Rodts.



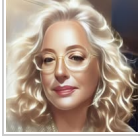
Deanna Boyer (Stroud) & Family - May 29 at 10:09 AM

ME

“ I remember you, myself and Glenn all having a good ol' time in class back in high school. We always were like minded and were good friends back then, but you moved away. Then you came back! Tom was a tag-a-long but that's okay ;) Then over the last 16 years we have become great friends. I can't even begin to tell you how much I miss you! I have went to text you about 47 times and you aren't here anymore. We both knew this day was coming but I don't think ANY of us was ready for it. I have Faith in knowing that I loved you like a sister and I know you felt the same. I'm not going to be selfish and wish you were here though You were suffering and that was horrible to see, so to one of my Best Friends in this entire world FLY HIGH MY FRIEND, NO MORE PAIN NO MORE SUFFERING!!! God be with you and take care of you. I Love You and I will see you again someday.....until then... I Love You... Bye

Melissa

Melissa - May 28 at 05:52 PM



“ Toni came into my life when I moved here 15 years ago. She became a loyal friend. Someone that took care of me and my animals. Someone to laugh with and cry with. She had a funny sense of humor. She was outspoken just like me. She was a fighter. She loved her family and friends and would talk about them often. She will truly be missed. I am glad the battle is over. But I will miss her. Love always girly, Alicia

Alicia Holden - May 28 at 05:34 PM

RP

I am glad I had the chance to meet her, a very special person she is. Will be praying for friends and family

Randy Parker - May 30 at 05:52 AM

MD

“ Toni brought kindness, loyalty, and warmth into our lives every day, and her absence will be deeply felt. I am grateful for the time we shared and will remember her with love and gratitude always.

Mike Davis - May 28 at 05:20 PM

MD

“ Mike Davis purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Toni R. Rodts.



Mike Davis - May 28 at 02:27 PM

MD

“ Mike Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Toni R. Rodts.

Mike Davis - May 28 at 02:27 PM

BB

“ *She was an amazing mother-in-law and she was always very nice to me and amazing to me! She wasn't the biggest hugger, but everytime I saw her she gave me a big hug! It made me feel good and like I was always part of the family! She will be missed dearly!* ”

---

**Brandon Bauer** - May 28 at 01:39 PM

LM

“ *Toni was my bestie she was always there for me no matter what I was going through she is bright and she wasn't shy to tell you what she thought I miss you bestie love you forever and always* ”

---

**Lisa Minnick** - May 28 at 12:53 PM