



Toni (Maria Antonieta) Williams

July 25, 2021

Toni (Maria Antonieta) Williams passed away on Sunday, July 25, 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents, Arturo Jaime Garcia and Maria Antonieta Cantu, and she is survived by her sisters, Lucy de la Garza (Bobby), Gracie Engert, and Gloria Miranda; nephew Max Miranda (Nora); niece Katarina Robin Miranda; niece Eva Marie Engert Torres (JC); and grand-nephew and -niece, Carl Torres and Beatrice Grace Torres. Toni lived life at full tilt. A graduate of the McHi Class of 1967, she was an active member of several school clubs and excelled in advanced academic classes. She married her high school sweetheart, David Williams, a musician who introduced her to the world of rock and roll and enabled her to meet several famous rock and roll musicians backstage. A graduate of Pan American University in Edinburg, Toni succeeded as an executive with the State Department of Human Resources while she lived in Austin. Among her professional accomplishments, she was proudest of setting up the first project for the Census Bureau Community Survey for underprivileged families, a tool still in use by the Census Bureau today. Toni relocated to McAllen a few years after her divorce. She taught high school with the Hidalgo School District and sponsored the cheerleaders. After her retirement, Toni became active in the RGV Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, where she served as an ambassador and board member. Toni also initiated a girls' leadership program with the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas. She was an ardent supporter of the Democratic Party, women's issues,

and the environment. Toni loved to travel and explored the world with her parents and friends. Beloved by her family and countless friends, Toni will be deeply missed. At Toni's request, there will be no graveside service. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Toni's favorite charities: Sierra Club, Disabled Veterans of America, Mujeres Unidas, Planned Parenthood, or Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley.

Tribute Wall



“ *Toni (Maria Antonieta) Williams*

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *Toni (Maria Antonieta) Williams*

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Elvia Rios - August 09, 2021 at 03:01 PM



“ *That pic of Toni brings back so many happy memories of our friendship that began at McHi. She and I stayed friends through out our lives. Before Covid, a group of us who attended McHi had a monthly luncheon.*

Toni loved politics and became involved in national, state, and local Democratic elections including mine when I ran for office. She was tireless on the campaign trail. Will miss her dearly. Gone way too soon and so sudden and unexpected.

Elvia Rios - August 09, 2021 at 02:20 PM

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“ *Reaching out to all of Toni (Maria Antonieta) Garcia Williams's Family.*

Each of you will also have a big part of my heart. Especially Sending my love to Toni's Sisters for their strength and peace during this time of sadness and healing of hearts.

Nashla Showery and Brothers, Aziz and Slaimen Showery

Nashla Showery - August 06, 2021 at 08:50 PM

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“ This is a beautiful obituary for my friend, Toni.

*"I always thought that I would see her again".
(Music of JAMES TAYLOR)*

Like so many of us, I am going to miss her.

I knew TONI to be strong with her beliefs about helping the underprivileged.

I recall her talking about her charity involvement with the Sierra Club and Wounded Warriors with its importance of taking care of our environment; and our dedicated wounded military.

As well as her, gracious giving; Toni demanded ethics and for what was always the "moral and right thing to do" especially in Politics. Her Leadership was outstanding and impressive to all who knew her capacity of trustworthiness and loyalty.

Many of us shared Toni's love of listening to quality music. She was a Pro in picking out the "hits."

She enjoyed listening to local musicians play popular tunes and especially following the sound of the Lead guitar.

I am blessed and grateful for the memories of our friendship and the "lessons- of life" that I will learn from her absence.

*What brings me solace is that TONI is in PEACE.
She is in the HIGHEST PLACE and IS in the Presence of the Lord.
AMEN*



Nashla Showery - August 06, 2021 at 08:39 PM

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My life long friend since McHi. Will miss her dearly. The memories of all the good times we had will keep her in my life. My sincere condolences to her family. She was passionate about politics involving herself in Democratic national, state and local elections and committed to social justice and community organizations. Gone too soon and so unexpected.

Elvia Rios - August 09, 2021 at 02:58 PM