

Toni McCarten died peacefully at her home on September 20, 2019. Diagnosed with cancer five years ago, she kept the matter private while fighting the disease that took her life.

Raised in Minneapolis, Toni graduated from Hamline University with a Degree in Art. She moved to Alexandria in the early 1980's and started her career operating Margoni's Gift Shop. She then managed Bronc's On Broadway, and served as Director of the Runestone Museum revitalizing its heritage and presenting the International Anne Frank Exhibit. She loved her role decorating for the Holiday Ball. Toni found her passion creating, designing, and building beautiful homes with McCarten Design for the past twenty-five years.

Toni had the ability to make everyone feel like family. She showed up for people over the years to provide support oftentimes without being asked. She anticipated what people needed and gave more than what was required or expected of her and she never expected a return favor. She was fierce and strong, stubborn and caring. She was a passionate person with a special gift for creativity. Whether designing a beautiful home, a piece of art, a Christmas spectacle, or a perfect meal with friends, she created what many could never imagine. Her bright light will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please make a donation to the Alexandria Area Community Foundation for the Toni McCarten Memorial Fund for the education of students interested in design and construction careers. (Alexandria Area Community Foundation, 1210 Broadway Street Suite 240, PMB 364, Alexandria, MN 56308)

Toni is survived by her husband Paul McCarten and her daughter Gina Licari McCarten, and her many friends and family.

In Loving Memory



Toni R. McCarten

1955 - 2019



Toni Renee McCarten

*I am having my glass of wine in
Heaven today*

All pain has gone away

There is so much to explore and see

Oh what my new designs will be

It is time to mourn for me no more

Remember all the happy times

As life has much more in store

When tomorrow starts without me

Don't think we're far apart

For every time you think of me

I'm right there in your heart.

PS...Sicily is all I expected it to be!

In Memory of

Toni Renee McCarten

August 11, 1955 † September 20, 2019

Mass of Christian Burial

Church of St. Mary

Alexandria, Minnesota

Saturday, October 12, 2019

1:00 PM

Officiant

Father Steve Binsfeld

Urn Bearer

Rocky DeYoung

Interment

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Alexandria, Minnesota