



## LATANJA "TONNIE" NOVAK

August 19, 1985 - May 29, 2020

Latanja "Tonnie" Iona Novak, 34, of LaCrescent, MN, and formerly of Caledonia, died peacefully, surrounded by her family, Friday, May 29, 2020 at her home, ABLE Lancer House in LaCrescent, MN.

Tonnie was born August 19, 1985, in Bensenville, IL to Louis and Iona (Beneke) Novak. She was a graduate of Caledonia High School, and she worked at ABC Works. She loved music, drawing, card games, music, animals, spending time with her friends at ABLE, and more music! She was a ray of sunshine and will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her mom, Iona Novak; siblings, Denise Duss of Caledonia, Karen Bultinck (Bruce) of Wauconda, IL; nephews and nieces, Jonathan (Samantha) Kruse, Adam Kruse, Kelsey (Wes) Burroughs, Astrid Bjorge, Jessie (John) Kuschel, Brandon Bultinck, Trevor Bultinck; great nieces and nephews, Collyn Kruse, Kaleb Kruse, Mariah Burroughs, Aubrey Burroughs.

She was preceded in death by her father, Louis Novak; and grandparents, Bill and Hilda Beneke.

Tonnie will be cremated and there will be a private/closed ceremony for immediate family and close friends on Wednesday, June 3rd at 10 am. at United Methodist Church, Caledonia. Rev. Debbie King Quale will officiate.

For those unable to attend the service, a live recording will be on the church's Facebook group and digital viewing of the service will be posted at [mccormickfuneralhome.net](http://mccormickfuneralhome.net) after the service. There will be a celebration of life at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mc Cormick Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of LATANJA "TONNIE" NOVAK*



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**Mc Cormick Funeral Home** - June 03, 2020 at 11:52 AM

EV

“ *We just found out about beautiful Tonnie's passing. The loss is heartbreaking. She was such a joy, a dear friend to our Adrienne. She was Adrienne personal cheering squad. I will always remember how her eyes and her whole face light up in joy, it was infectious!*

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**Eva, Adrienne & Vicky** - June 27, 2020 at 03:41 PM

LS

“ *Lisa Schwidde lit a candle in memory of LATANJA "TONNIE" NOVAK*



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**Lisa Schwidde** - June 05, 2020 at 10:58 PM

AS

“ I am so profoundly sorry for your loss. Tonnie was an absolute joy to work with, and I am so lucky she was a presence in my life, even if only for a short while. My hope for you is comfort, peace, and healing, intertwined with all of the wonderful, loving memories you have with her. Rest in peace sweet Tonnie.

Ashley - June 04, 2020 at 01:17 PM

AS

“ Ashley lit a candle in memory of LATANJA "TONNIE" NOVAK



Ashley - June 04, 2020 at 01:07 PM

RR

“ My condolences on the loss of Tonnie. I met Tonnie when I worked summer school as a high school student. I will never forget her smile and excitement for everything we did. She was influential in my decision to start my career path as a special education teacher. With her help, I learned to love and support the unique needs that people bring to our lives. Her memory will live on in my heart.  
Rachel (Jennings) Reining

Rachel Reining - June 03, 2020 at 02:32 PM

KD

“ I always loved getting to work with Tonnie. Taking her to church and home to see her family is one of my favorite memories with her. She and her contagious smile and laugh will be so missed! -Kami Doberstein

Kami Doberstein - June 01, 2020 at 10:47 PM

SH

“ Pretty certain that when I worked with Tonnie at ABCWorks, her main goal was to laugh the loudest, dance in her chair the longest, & win at the game "how many times can I get Sheila to come out of her office to see what I want" -  
Which ALWAYS worked and always ended in a good laugh! I will be forever thankful for the smiles & mayhem that you brought to our days, Tonnie! Deepest sympathy to Iona & family!  
- Sheila Heberlein ❤️

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**sheila Heberlein** - June 01, 2020 at 10:20 PM

JM

“ So very sorry for you loss. Tonnie's smiles were the best....like sunshine. She will be missed. Joam Mitchell

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**Joan Mitchell** - June 01, 2020 at 08:31 PM

NR

“ Oh Iona... I am so very sorry you lost sweet Tonnie. My deepest sympathies.  
Nel Rommes

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**Nel Rommes** - June 01, 2020 at 05:58 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of LATANJA "TONNIE" NOVAK.



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June 01, 2020 at 02:45 PM

LG

“ *I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Tonnie it was a pleasure to be around her!!!! My thoughts and prayers are with you all!!! Give Iona a special hug from me please Leigh Goetzinger*

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**leigh goetzinger** - June 01, 2020 at 10:53 AM