



Ms Tonya Dunn

December 17, 1974 - February 26, 2023

Tonya Nicole McDonald Dunn of Spanish Fort, AL passed away on Sunday, February 26, 2023. She was born on December 17, 1974 in Cheverly, MD to Bernard McDonald and Darlene Bodiford.

As the first to pursue higher education in her family, Tonya attended Northeastern State University for a Bachelor of Science degree in wildlife biology, then received her Master of Science degree in watershed management from Oklahoma State University. Tonya was known for her resounding dedication to protecting the environment, with her most distinguished achievement being leading the team that allowed for the removal of the Interior Least Tern from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife. Beyond her career, her proudest accomplishment was raising her daughter Emily, who is now working to continue her legacy by becoming a medical oncologist. Tonya was a phenomenal mother, friend, confidant, and mentor. She worked tirelessly to ensure those around her were taken care of. Her smile and humor lit up any and every room, and her strength was something that left everyone who knew her in awe. She will be missed very dearly.

Tonya is survived by her daughter, Emily Dunn, and by her niece, Kimberly McCandlis. She is also survived by many other family members, including half-siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

Her private memorial service will be held at Pine Rest Funeral Home in Foley, AL on Monday, March 6, 2023. Floral donations may be made through Pine Rest prior to Monday.

Cemetery Details

Pine Rest Memorial Park

16541 US Hwy 98
Foley, AL 36535
(251) 943-5667
info@pinerestfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAR 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ms Tonya Dunn*

October 04, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Tonya Kayaking in Delta*



Kat MCCONNELL - March 06, 2023 at 02:34 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ms Tonya Dunn.*



March 03, 2023 at 07:13 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ms Tonya Dunn.*



March 03, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ 40 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pine Rest Funeral Home and Memorial Park, LLC - March 03, 2023 at 04:33 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of *Ms Tonya Dunn*.



March 03, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ *USACE, Tulsa* purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of *Ms Tonya Dunn*.



USACE, Tulsa - March 03, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *One of the most brilliant and kind people I have had the pleasure to work with.*

Terrie - March 03, 2023 at 10:37 AM

MP

“ Tonya my Love, Rest In Peace.
You were so sweet and loving. I so Happy to have had you in my
life.
You will always be remembered. 🧡🙏

Maureen Phillips - March 02, 2023 at 10:13 AM

MR

“ Our family was lucky to have met Tonya and her family when they
made a trip down to Maryland. It was a wonderful experience we
won't forget. May you rest in peace dear Tonya!
Melanie & Kevin

Melanie Roderick - March 02, 2023 at 08:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Ms Tonya Dunn.



March 01, 2023 at 10:52 PM

LM

“ Tanya's spirit of kindness and joy drew you in right away. You felt
like you were old friends after just a few minutes. Her love is
forever.

louise McDonald - March 01, 2023 at 10:40 PM

TM

“ We were Blessed by having you in our lives. You'll be forever in our heart.

Tim and Jeff

Tim McDonald - March 01, 2023 at 08:12 AM

CB

“ Tonya was one of the nicest people I have had the privilege to work with. She was one of the first Corps of Engineers employees I had ever met. She came to my college limnology class and taught us how to process and quantify chlorophyll from phytoplankton. I later graduated and came to work for the corps in Tulsa District. I spent a few days shadowing her as she took us flying around Robert S Kerr on an air boat (over 10 years ago). I remember how much she talked about her daughter. It was clear that her daughter was her world! Over the years that I crossed paths with her at work I would ask about her daughter just to perk her up or lighten up the work talk. It worked every time. She loved that girl!! Tonya you will be missed and thank you for the wonderful memories you helped create. -Cory B

Cory Bowlin - February 28, 2023 at 11:37 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ms Tonya Dunn.



February 28, 2023 at 04:48 PM