



## Tonya Blanton

August 25, 1982 - March 28, 2024

Tonya Crosby Blanton passed away March 28th, 2024, after a long and hard-fought battle with cancer. She was surrounded by family and close friends.

Tonya was born in 1982 in Sarasota, Florida and spent most of her life in the Sarasota/Bradenton area.

Tonya loved life and lived it to the fullest! Her smile was infectious. Her exuberance for everything lit up the room whenever she walked in. She loved scrapbooking, boating, fishing, shopping with Grandma, and going to the beach. She was a hard worker with an amazing work ethic that was appreciated and respected by all.

But her greatest achievement, inspiration and joy was in being a mother. She loved her children fiercely and never missed an opportunity to express how much pride she took in them. Every holiday, birthday or milestone was an opportunity for celebration.

Tonya fought especially hard in her final months to be able to see and hold her beautiful, newborn granddaughter.

She will be so missed but the memories will be held closely, fondly, and forever.

Tonya leaves behind her children Victoria-Leigh (Kyle) Sherrod, Emily Blanton, Brett Blanton and Lillian Blanton, her granddaughter, Callie Sherrod, her parents, Dale and Toni Crosby, siblings Casey Crosby and J.R. Crosby and her grandmother Dorothy Short.

She is also survived by numerous loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and her companion Wayne Pope.

Tonya is predeceased by her grandfather, Bill Short, her "Pa", who we know is holding her tightly in his arms.

A Celebration of Tonya's Life will be held Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 1:00 pm at Maloney Funeral Home, 2401 Cattlemen Road Sarasota, Florida 34232. Memories and condolences may be left for the family online at [www.MFHcares.com](http://www.MFHcares.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Maloney Funeral Home  
2401 Cattlemen Rd  
Sarasota, FL 34232  
(941) 371-9711

# Tribute Wall

AH

“ Aunt Carol & JD Hicks purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Tonya Blanton.



Aunt Carol & JD Hicks - May 03, 2024 at 07:10 PM

CO

“ Connie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tonya Blanton.

Connie - May 02, 2024 at 09:25 AM

CO

“ Connie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Tonya Blanton.



Connie - May 02, 2024 at 09:25 AM

LM

“ Love: The Ladies of Quail Meadows purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Tonya Blanton.



Love: The Ladies of Quail Meadows - May 01, 2024 at 02:51 PM

TF

“ *The Tufo Family purchased the Caring Condolences Gift Basket for the family of Tonya Blanton.*



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**The Tufo Family** - May 01, 2024 at 06:31 AM

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“ *Tufo Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Tonya Blanton.*



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**Tufo Family** - May 01, 2024 at 06:22 AM

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“ *Tufo Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tonya Blanton.*

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**Tufo Family** - May 01, 2024 at 06:22 AM

UC

“ *Uncle Gary and Aunt Renee' Crosby purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Tonya Blanton.*



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**Uncle Gary and Aunt Renee' Crosby** - April 29, 2024 at 09:12 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tonya Blanton.



April 27, 2024 at 07:36 PM



“ She Brought me my first batch of guinea fowl keets....told me she picked the best ones just for me (they were mailed from the hatchery in Missouri - but she laid claim to them) I loved this girl like a true niece...even gave her an acceptable nickname. You touched so many in so many ways and will truly be missed....Love you Polka Dot, Aunt Ree will always be thinking of you!!!

ReeMcBride - April 23, 2024 at 10:54 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Tonya Blanton.



April 15, 2024 at 09:47 PM



“ She always knew how to put a smile on everyone’s face at the cancer center💕 always knew when I needed someone to talk to I could reach out to her☐ Tonya you will truly be missed you were a great friend, a great mom and you kicked cancers butt for as long as you could☐



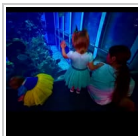
Jojo - April 15, 2024 at 09:35 PM

MC

“ I don't even know where to begin! I met Tonya when she was only 16 years old at the LWR country club. I had the pleasure of getting to know her and her BFF Christie. Tonya and I had kids a year apart and started to do play dates and the rest is history. I turned to Tonya for so many things. Although 11 years younger than me she was definitely more wise and mature. I don't know how to go through the future without her. Her love will live on forever in her children and grand children. I'll never forget her. Praying for comfort for her kids, family and friends.



Melanie Pyle Coulter - April 15, 2024 at 09:02 PM



“ You will continue to be my inspiration mom! I love you so much and I'm so proud of you💖 I will forever miss you my best friend!



Tori Sherrod - April 14, 2024 at 03:00 PM