



*Tonya Renee Harris
McManus*

April 29, 1975 - July 13, 2025

Tonya Renee Harris McManus, 50, of the Salem Community in Morganton, NC, passed away suddenly on Sunday, July 13, 2025.

Born in McDowell County, NC on April 29, 1975, she was the daughter of the late Ralph Harris and Madge Shepherd Harris.

Today Tonya grew her wings. After taking care of everyone she met, it is now time for her to be taken care of. Tonya's smile and enthusiasm for life turned many a person's day around. If you were lucky enough to be around this special lady, you were truly blessed. She will be missed every single minute until we meet again.

Tonya worked for Greenway Public Transit.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Tom McManus; siblings, Sandra Massey, Kim Massey, Roy Massey, Robert Massey, Jim Harris, Rhonda Harris, Dwayne Harris, and Robert Harris; numerous nieces and nephews; and five fur-babies.

In addition to her parents, Tonya was preceded in death by a nephew, Michael Childers.

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The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m., Saturday, July 17, 2020 at Sossoman Funeral Home. A private graveside service will be held at the Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery at a later date.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

I had the pleasure of working with Tonya for many years. I am thankful to have had called her a true friend. She was beautiful inside and out and never failed to show others her kindness. Tom, I pray God will give you, and all her loved ones strength to heal. Cherish your memories of her!

—Carla Bates

So sorry for your lose. May God bless and keep each one of you. Your all in my thoughts and prayers.

—Teresa Childers Arrowood

Prayers for Tom and the family during this very trying time.

—Jason Daniels

Tom & Family, I am heartbroken over Tonya's passing. She was always smiling, talking about her dogs and her husband!! Very loyal person. Praying for the family during this difficult time.

—Sharon Parker Wilfong



I'm so sorry for your loss Rhonda. Prayers and love for you and your family.



—Paula Lewis



Rhonda, I am so sorry for your loss. You will be in my prayers you and your family.

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I remember the first day I met Tonya after she was hired at Greenway. She strolled into the employee lounge like she owned it. I introduces myself to her and as I extended my hand out for her to shake she pulled me into a warm embrace. While she explained she was a hugger not a hand shaker. From this point on whenever we saw each other there was always a hug waiting and I love ya my friend. Tonya you will be sorely missed whether it be from your hugs to your dance moves in our yearly meetings. I love you my friend. Fly high! And let us know you're there from time to time.

—Rhonda Carter



I am so sorry to hear of Tonya's passing. She was always so sweet and always making everyone around her laugh. All of her family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

—Brandi Childers Massey



So sorry for your loss. Prayers and love for the family.

—Paula Lewis



—Melissa Bradley



Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family!

—Dora Childers



So sorry for your loss, I pray God give you peace and comfort during this time and always.

—Tony and Twillia Moore



—Landon C. Cloer



—Melody Avery



You were an absolute precious soul! I will miss joking with you and seeing your beautiful smile. My thoughts and prayers are with Tom and the whole family. May God give you all strength and peace in the coming days and months.



So sorry for your loss bother. Tonya was a wonderful person. She will be greatly missed.

—Scott & Shelly Cash



Tom, Please accept our condolences. Your family is in our prayers. Mark & Barb (Berling) Lovensheimer

—Barb Lovensheimer



—GySgt Steve Rude Ret.



REST EASY SISTER

—Mark Sharpe

