



Tonya Clark

August 19, 1957 - July 6, 2025

Tonya Sue Clark packed up her tackle box to go fish the shores of heaven with the Good Lord on July 6, 2025 at age 67. Her funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, July 9, at West Prairie Lutheran Church, 46788 282nd St, Lennox. Guests are invited to join and greet the family at the church from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm prior to the service and share memories during the fellowship luncheon immediately following.

Tonya was born August 19, 1957 in Canton, South Dakota, the oldest of six children born to parents, David and Donna Volden. The family spent much of Tonya's younger years moving around the area, calling Luverne MN home the longest.

From there, Tonya's masterful cooking skills led her to a long career heading up the kitchens of restaurants and bars in the Sioux Falls area. At Famous Dave's where she worked for many years, her memory lives on in the Tonya Clark Achievement Award, given to employees who manage to work ALMOST as hard as she did. Throughout this time, Tonya was blessed with three children, Alyssia, Adam and Amanda. In 1999, reconnecting after many years, she married the true love of her life, Kent Clark and they went on to spend the next 26 years living as Happy Campers.

A caretaker at heart, Tonya knew how to love – through food, through her care

and concern for those around her, and through her generous spirit. She was tougher than most – A fish hook through her hand? “No problem!” An awful injury in the garden? “It’s all good!” She was not deterred. Rain or shine, she could be found enjoying her garden, fishing, camping, or having fun at the river that she called her second home, her true Happy Place. We will miss Tonya’s light-heartedness and unconditional love, her spirit, her sense of adventure, and most of all her love for family.

Tonya will be forever remembered and loved by, her husband, Kent Clark; children, Alyssia (Megan) McLaughlin, Amanda (Austin) Gilbertson, and Adam Olson; step children, Chad Clark and Chris (Shelley) Clark; her grandchildren who meant the world to her, Mason Olson, Layne Gilbertson, Connor & Finley Clark, Rivers Clark, and Skylar (Alondra) Kidd; siblings, Allyn (Jane) Volden, Amy (Mike) Leu and Jim (Sonia) Volden; nieces, nephews, countless best friends, chosen family and extended family who meant everything to her. Tonya found eternal peace alongside her parents, David Volden, Donna (Don) Underberg, and sisters Peggy Volden and Lori Volden, as well as many others that she has loved along the way. Tonya truly was ONE-OF-A-KIND and will be missed immensely. ♡

Cemetery Details

Saint Edwards Cemetery

47109 280th St
Worthing, SD 57077

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

West Prairie Lutheran Church
46788 282nd St
Lennox, SD 57039
<http://westprairielutheran.org>

Service

JUL 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jarman Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Tonya Clark



Jarman Family Funeral Home - July 08, 2025 at 10:59 PM

BL

“ god Bless to all of you

brian lind - July 12, 2025 at 09:32 PM

DS

“ As cousins, we would gather at the Volden Farm, laughing, playing in the big barn, in the Sioux River and eating our Grandmother's incredible Norwegian foods. God has her now and great peace.



Diane Fee Slayden - July 09, 2025 at 02:49 PM

SA

Thank you for sharing this, Diane. Some of our mom's favorite memories were at the Volden farm. ❤️ Sending love to you.

Saucey - July 10, 2025 at 05:21 PM

SA

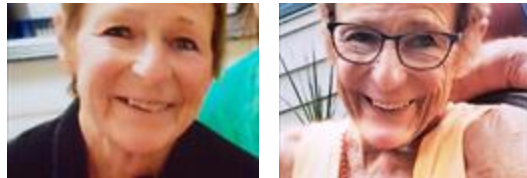
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Saucey - July 08, 2025 at 08:10 PM



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Jarman Family Funeral Home - July 08, 2025 at 06:14 PM

MM

“ We are sure going to miss you Tonya, shared lots of laughs. Campground fires 🔥 Campground get togethers, going out to eat and having a cool one or two. Fishing 🎣 tournaments. Love ya Kiddo. Mick and Marlene McKee

Marlene McKee - July 08, 2025 at 04:43 PM

SA

Thank you for loving my mom so much. Her river friends were definitely her chosen family. She loved to be with you all and had the most fun when she was a happy camper. Make sure you have a few cold ones for her by the fire this summer. She will be there with you stiking the fire. ❤️ Im so sorry that you lost your friend.

Saucey - July 10, 2025 at 05:25 PM

KZ

“ Tonya was a special person easy going and a hard worker a real pleasure to be around She will greatly be missed. I'm glad to say I was a friend. RIP SWEET TANYA

Kathy Zemke - July 08, 2025 at 02:13 PM

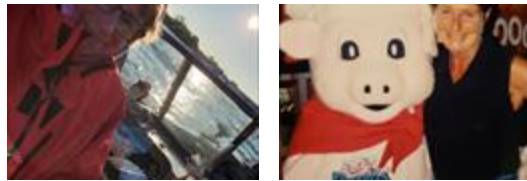
SA

Thank you for loving our Tonya so much, Kathy. I know you both shared a ton of laughs. Keep those in your heart forever. ❤️

Saucey - July 10, 2025 at 05:27 PM

SA

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Saucey - July 07, 2025 at 06:23 PM

SA

“ Rest easy beautiful Mamma. There is only one Famous Tonya in this world. We will miss you always and love you forever. ❤️



Saucey - July 07, 2025 at 06:20 PM



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Jarman Family Funeral Home - July 07, 2025 at 03:15 PM