



Dominica "Minnie" Tonissen

January 13, 1921 - June 15, 2023

It is with great sorrow, that we announce the passing of our Mother Minnie Tonissen. Minnie passed peacefully early morning, on June 15, 2023 with family by her side. Born to parents Vincenzo and Concetta DeVito, on January 13, 1921, Minnie was the oldest of Five and was predeceased by brothers Mikey (wife Dorothy), Vito, Tony (wife Abbey) and Carmie.

Minnie married Glenn Tonissen on July 21, 1945, at St. Calistas Church, in Chicago. They had five children Steven (Debbie nee Handley) Tonissen, MaryAnn (David) Wayer, Patricia Tonissen, Kathryn (Joseph) Pecora and the Late Vince (Marilyn nee Monaco (Eddie) Marques) Tonissen. Cherished Grandmother of Eric (Cindy) Tonissen, Vinny (Laura) Vassalla, Kirk (Karen)Tonissen, Jerry (Melinda)Vassalla, late Danny Tonissen, Joey (Julie) Vassalla, Katie (Kevin)Gray, Christina Tonissen, Kevin Fitzpatrick (Ciarán Traynor), Emily Leavy. Great Grandmother of nineteen whom she loved dearly.

Minnie was a women a faith and service, to the community of St. Rene. She volunteered her time, in the office at the school, before beginning a working career out of the home. Even then she ironed the Priests vestments and altar cloths, while my father rolled them onto a spool, before returning them to the church. Helping to clean, decorate and take down the decorations was part of her volunteering, with the Altar & Rosary Society. Her husband Glenn, like many of the men whose wives served, were there to lend a hand. Minnie was

also a founding member of St. Rene's Mothers Club. She held the office of President, more than once, Treasurer and served on any committee that needed a hand. Her name is forever embroidered on the Mothers Club table cloth, with the many names of club members who followed her including her daughter Patricia and her Niece Helen DeVito.

Fundraising grew bigger and better. Soon Showtime was born. It started with different school rooms turned into a variety of ethnic restaurants, where delicious meals were sold. Minnie had the Italian room decorated with vines and hanging grapes. My younger sister Kathryn and I would clean up the plates and the tables, when people finished eating making room for the next group. Needless to say Minnie's homemade food was completely gone, by the end of the night.

Showtime evolved into something bigger, with more entertainment and food. Minnie's late nephew Michael DeVito and his Late wife Helen would go on to provide years of volunteering their time and talents just like their Aunt Minnie. What a role model she was, and will remain.

Minnie was one of a few first female Eucharistic Ministers, at St. Rene. She was very excited and wore her pin proudly. Minnie still sent her weekly donations, to St. Rene, after leaving the Parish. However that didn't mean she ignored St. Joseph Parish. Her pistachio Bundt cakes, were always a big hit, at the fundraiser. Even as Minnie got up in years, she found a way to lend a hand just as she had always done.

She will be forever missed and never forgotten.

Visitation is Monday, June 19, 2023 from 4 PM to 8 PM at Foran Funeral Home, 7300 W. Archer Ave.(55th street just west of Harlem). Visitation at the funeral home on Tuesday, from 8:30 AM until time of Prayers at 9:30 AM . We will go in procession from the funeral home to Two Holy Martyrs Parish, St. Rene Goupil Church for a 10 AM Mass of Christian Burial. Minnie will be laid to rest next to her loving husband Glenn (Tony) at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, in Hillside.

Cemetery Details

Queen of Heaven Cemetery

1400 S. Wolf Road
Hillside, IL 60162

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 19. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Foran Funeral Home - Summit
7300 West Archer Ave
Summit, IL 60501
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Prayers

JUN **20**. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Mass

JUN **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Two Holy Martyrs Parish St Rene Goupil Church
6949 W 63rd Pl
Chicago, IL 60638
(773) 229-8523

Tribute Wall



“ Mom was a beautiful, loving lady who deserved the best. We were able to bring her home to Jesus with love and care. I am so thankful to all of the folks who paid for her care during the last four years of her life, Steve and Debbie Tonissen, Mary Ann and David Wayer, Marilyn Tonissen-Marques with the support of her husband Eddie and my husband, Joe Pecora.

Joe and I are so grateful to have the 10 years we shared with Mom in our home and all the wonderful memories shared with family and friends.

Kathy Tonissen Pecora - June 22, 2023 at 12:57 PM



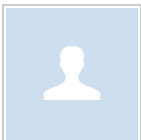
“ Tony/janita L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dominica "Minnie" Tonissen.

Tony/janita L. - June 21, 2023 at 04:55 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dominica "Minnie" Tonissen.

June 20, 2023 at 11:38 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dominica "Minnie" Tonissen.



June 19, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dominica "Minnie" Tonissen.*



June 18, 2023 at 11:45 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dominica "Minnie" Tonissen.*



June 18, 2023 at 04:17 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dominica "Minnie" Tonissen.*



June 18, 2023 at 01:47 PM



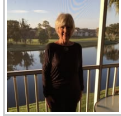
“ *Aunt Minnie, you were one of the best. Total class, total love and smiles. I will always remember the fun that we had at Christopher and Ruthies wedding...and the events leading to it. You have been a blessing to everyone that knew you. Heaven gained an angel. Say hello to everyone for me. Hugs my dear. You are missed.*

Jamie Conklin - June 16, 2023 at 10:38 AM

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*Aunt Minnie, you will be missed.
I'm so glad I was in town to see you at the nursing home.
Please tell everyone in heaven. Until we all meet again.
Your loving niece
Susan*

Susan liberto - June 16, 2023 at 01:29 PM



*Minnie, 102 God Love You. We knew you for a long time being friends
with Vince & Marilyn. We did get to see you at many parties. You will
have many angels to greet you. Love,
Peg & Sieg*

Peg Genutis - June 17, 2023 at 03:02 PM