



Demp Toney

September 2, 1928 - June 17, 2014

DEMP TONEY SEPTEMBER 2, 1928 – JUNE 17, 2014 Demp Toney passed away peacefully on June 17, 2014. Miss Toney is survived by her sister, Nelma Arlene Toney Wilkinson of Georgetown, Texas. Surviving nieces and husbands are Margaret Humphrey, Madalane Toney, Anne Toney, Mary Helen and Jack Haney, Sandra and James Stone, Martha and Ron Cunningham, Moya Jan and John Green, and Patricia and Jimmy Moore. Surviving nephews are Charles Doughtie, William David Toney, and William Thomas Toney III. Miss Toney was pre-deceased by her parents, William Thomas Toney and Ida Ora Leonard Toney as well as four of her siblings, William Thomas Toney Jr., Harvard Beeson Toney, Helen Marie Toney, and Vinnis Perry Toney. She was also pre-deceased by niece Beverly Ann Toney and nephew John Thomas Toney. Demp Toney was born in the Volga Community in Houston County on September 2, 1928. She was the sixth and last child of William Thomas Toney and Ida Ora Leonard Toney. After graduating from Angleton High School, Demp attended business school to train as a legal secretary. She settled in Austin, Texas and quickly grew to love Austin and the Texas hill country. She was a member of National Secretaries of the United States and was named National Secretary of the Year during her career. Her professional life included serving as legal secretary to Governor Allan Shivers, Judge Trueman O'Quinn, and attorney Hardy Hollers. Demp's love of music and drama led to her involvement with community theater in Austin. She was an active supporter of Zachary Scott Theatre Center. Her theatrical career

encompassed leads or other roles in more than twenty-five plays. She also appeared in several movies and commercials. Demp Toney was a sixth generation Texan. She had an enthusiasm for life that was genuine and contagious. She enjoyed genealogy and was a member of Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of The Republic of Texas, and Daughters of the Confederacy. A love of animals led to Demp's lifetime support of the Austin Humane Society and Central Texas S.P.C.A. The family of Miss Toney would like to thank the staff of Skilled Nursing at The Heights Health Care at Creekside and Odyssey Hospice for their kind and thoughtful care for their beloved Demp. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Demp's honor to the Austin Humane Society, 124 W Anderson Lane, Austin, Texas 78752, 512-646-7387 (www.austinhumanesociety.org), Zachary Scott Theatre Center, 1510 Toomey Road, Austin, Texas 78704, 512-476-0541 (www.zachtheatre.org), or your local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Miss Toney will lie in state Thursday, June 19, 2014 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Graveside service will be held Friday, June 20, 2014 at 9:00 AM at Adickes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery in Huntsville, Texas. Memorial condolences may be made to the family online at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Demp Toney*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *To a amazing lady in our family loves and hugs misses you much Rose Marie and Melissa Michelle ,.well, the lord surely needed a angel and sent you to us and then sent you home tell all hello ... we love and miss you*

always, Mrs. Melissa Michelle Toney and Ms. Rose Marie Toney always and forever

MELISSA MICHELLE ANDERSON TONEY - September 01, 2016 at 01:38 PM



“ *My dear first cousin, two times removed, I am so sorry that I will not be able to visit with you next month in Texas. I will remember our last visit fondly.*

May peace be with you.

Kathy Wooley - June 21, 2014 at 11:28 AM



“ *U first met Demp in the early 70's at a party at Maggie Cox's apartment. My impression was 'what a grand lady' and also beautiful. Many happy memories of Demp. She will be greatly missed. -- Judy Stephens Scott*

Judy & Steve Scott - June 21, 2014 at 10:25 AM

GC

“ I first came to know and love Demp in the '60s both in the theater and in political matters while she worked for Judge O'Quinn and Gov. Shivers. What a super lady! Gracious, talented, resourceful, and personally witty and warm. It was good to see our friend John Meadows' name among those offering remembrances; it brings back many wonderful memories. My wife Carol was close to Demp as a member of the DAR. Demp is gone but never forgotten.

Glen Castlebury - June 20, 2014 at 06:48 PM

JB

“ As can happen with life, I lost all contact with my dear Demp over the years. I am the lesser for it. Although we never were in each other orbit that often, I always felt great closeness to her spirit and heart. Demp radiated "life" in every aspect and more.

The first time I ever "met" Demp was at an informal party at someone's house when I first came in to Ken Johnson's life via "Finian's Rainbow" at Center Stage. I was playing an old upright grand piano to humor the others. Suddenly, from my right, she grabbed my face, looked me square in the eye and kissed me right smack on the mouth. God love a woman who knows how to express herself. I will never forget that moment and many others. I love you, Demp. Sorry I didn't get to return the kiss. BUCK

John Bernardoni - June 20, 2014 at 05:02 PM

MB

“ Condolences from a member of the William Barret Travis Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Miss Toney, a lovely, elegant lady, gave many impressive presentations to our Chapter on Texas history.

Montell Bidgood - June 20, 2014 at 10:21 AM

MS

“ *Demp and I shared a birthday and some of the best times in theater projects around Austin. She was a lovely lady. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. R.I.P. Dear Lady.*

Maggie Swinney - June 19, 2014 at 10:22 PM

AM

“ *condolences to the family. i had the privilege to work with demp in the late 60's and early 70's on a few acting projects. loved her classy attitude and genuine love of life. now she can whistle in the green room.*

alex marshall - June 19, 2014 at 11:11 AM

PS

“ *It is with sadness for us & prayers for one of Austin Theatre's founding actresses, an icon, Grande Dame, Diva, a leading lady, actress & Femme Fatale, if you will, that Demp has trod the boards for her final curtain call replete with a standing ovation. We wish her a REALLY GOOD SHOW in her new theatre with absolutely THE BEST DIRECTOR ever known. She truly is a jewel in His Crown. She shares this stage with a wonderful genre of us Austin Theatre types.*

Polly Swain - June 19, 2014 at 12:14 AM

TU

“ *I got to meet Mrs. Toney while I worked at Huntsville Health Care Center. I'm sorry to hear of the passing of this lovely, classy lady. Prayers to Mary Helen and the rest of the extended family.*

Tony Ughetti - June 18, 2014 at 08:12 PM

BN

“ *Mary Helen, Bill and David, the Toney family will be in my prayers. God will give you the strength required during your time of sorrow. I want to express my sincere sympathy.*

Beverly Conner Niederhofer - June 18, 2014 at 05:38 PM

DA

“ *As far as I'm concerned, Demp's performance as Blanche DeBois in Streetcar named Desire was probably her defining moment on stage! She loved the role. She lived the role. And I shall never forget her in the role. She was one-of-kind...the kind that comes but once in a lifetime. And I am grateful she came in mine. She will be missed, but never forgotten.*

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Dell Aldrich - June 17, 2014 at 09:56 PM

JM

“ *What a lovely lady. I first saw Demp onstage in the 1950s and many times thereafter. She was a fine actress and a splendid person. Bless her.*

John Meadows - June 17, 2014 at 09:32 PM

PM

“ Aunt Demp was Gem...she was always polished & always beautiful inside and outside.

Aunt Demp was (1) sweet soul who will remain in our hearts.

Aunt Demp was "simply the Best".

Our Love & Prayers uplifted-

Patti & Jimmy

Patti Toney Moore - June 17, 2014 at 09:12 PM

JC

“ A grand lady has left us with many wonderful memories as a good friend and as a great actress. Pete shared the stage with her often and in each show Demp showed Austin what a talented actress she was. Thanks for all our good times. We salute you.

Pete & Jane Calhoun

Jane A Calhoun - June 17, 2014 at 05:49 PM