



Ms. Diana "Toni" Fontana

December 15, 1935 - December 5, 2024

Diana "Toni" Fontana, of Lenox, MA, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 5, 2024, just 10 days shy of celebrating her 89th birthday.

Born in New York City, NY, on December 15, 1935, daughter of the late Victor and Minna Chianelli Fontana, she was educated at the former Dalton High School and graduated with the class of 1957 from the University of Massachusetts with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics.

Toni was employed by General Electric Ordnance/Engineering from 1957 through 1970, where she worked as a computer systems analyst. She was co-owner of Astro Beef Co. Inc. from 1977 until 1998, when the company was sold.

Diana was the Chairperson of the Berkshire County Red Cross Board of Directors, the President of the Berkshire Community College Foundation, Chairperson of the Dalton Community Chest Drive, Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Ponds at Foxhollow, the Helen Berube Teen Parent Program, and Treasurer of the Zonta Club for 20 years. Additionally, she was the Chairperson and Board member of the Elder Services of Berkshire County.

Toni had a passion for traveling and discovering the richness of different

cultures. Among her favorite experiences were summers in the Berkshires, including the theater, dance performances, and Tanglewood concerts. Vibrantly engaged with life, Toni embraced opportunities for joy and connection. She took tap dancing lessons, competed in the Josh Billings, hosted delightful cocktail and dinner parties, spearheaded poinsettia sales as part of Zonta fundraisers, and pursued public office. Some of her most cherished memories were created while laughing and sharing moments with her dear lifelong friends.

Toni is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, her sister, several nieces and great-nieces and -nephews. She was predeceased by her brother and her sons, Robbie and Todd Oliveira.

Funeral Notice:

A celebration of Toni's life will be Tuesday, June 24, 2025, from 4pm to 7pm at the Doctor Sax House, 35 Walker St, Lenox MA 01240.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to HospiceCare in the Berkshires or the Zonta Club of Berkshire County in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **24.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Doctor Sax House
35 Walker St
Lenox, MA 01240

Tribute Wall



“ *She was the BEST of the BEST and will be missed!!
So grateful for our last lunch and all the memories together.*

Matthew Keator - January 14, 2025 at 02:26 PM