

BUTTERFLY KISSES
BY JOHN F. CONNOR

DON'T CRY FOR ME, PLEASE DON'T BE SAD
HOLD ON TO THE MEMORIES
OF THE TIMES WE BOTH HAD
DON'T DWELL ON DARK THOUGHTS,
HOLD ON TIGHT TO YOUR WISHES
SENDING YOU HUGS AND BUTTERFLY KISSES.

I WALK BESIDE YOU; I AM THERE ALL DAY LONG
I AM RIGHT HERE. BUT YOU THINK I AM GONE
YOU DON'T SEE ME, BUT I CAN SEE YOU
WHATEVER THE PROBLEMS,
I WILL HELP YOU GET THROUGH.

I AM THE WIND IN YOUR HAIR,
THE SAND IN YOUR TOES
BUTTERFLY KISSES THAT YOU FEEL
ON YOUR NOSE
I AM WITH YOU AT SUNRISE
AND IN THE SUNSET
BUT YOU CANNOT SEE ME,
IT'S MY ONE REGRET.

I SIT RIGHT BESIDE YOU WHEN YOU ARE SAD
AND YOU LOOK THROUGH THE PHOTOS
OF TIMES THAT WE HAD
I WATCH YOU SLEEPING, I HOLD YOU SO TIGHT
BEFORE I GO, I KISS YOU GOODNIGHT.

I WILL WATCH OVER YOU FROM HEAVEN ABOVE
FOREVER YOU WILL BE A DEAR AND TRUE LOVE
HOLD ON TO YOUR DREAMS
AND ALL OF YOUR WISHES
SENDING YOU HUGS AND BUTTERFLY KISSES.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Toni Elana-Ann Salazar

December 11, 1983 - August 18, 2026

OBITUARY

Toni Elana-Ann Salazar was born on December 11, 1983, in Des Moines, Iowa, and passed away on August 18, 2026, in Stuart, Iowa. Her journey through life, marked by compassion, faith, and an unwavering love for her family, touched the hearts of all who knew her.

Raised in Iowa, Toni developed deep roots within her community and her church. She attended Presbyterian Church in Indianola, Iowa, where she nurtured not only her own faith but also the faith of others as the founder of the Black Sheep Bible Study. Through this group and her everyday actions, Toni embodied her favorite saying, "Don't be afraid," offering encouragement and wisdom to everyone she met. A proud "God-fearing Woman," she incorporated her spiritual beliefs into every facet of her life and inspired others with her courage and resilience.

Family was at the very center of Toni's world. She will be lovingly remembered by her devoted husband, LyVandr Salazar, and her cherished children: Malachi Burgess, Tavi Burgess, SyKiah Burgess, Sienna Burgess, and Mariska Burgess. Her mother, Jaunita Ott, continues her legacy of kindness and strength, as do her siblings, brother Charles McClendon and sister Anissa McClendon, along with her community kids, whom she viewed as her own, who knew her as "Mama T", and many extended family members and friends. Toni was preceded in death by her father, Charles McClendon, Sr.

Toni was known for her immense love of animals, and butterflies held a special place in her heart—delighting her with their beauty and symbolizing transformation and hope. Her boundless generosity and open-hearted spirit were evident in the ways she cared for creatures great and small, and in the steadfast loyalty she showed to her friends and neighbors.

She will be remembered not only for her numerous acts of kindness and selfless devotion to loved ones, but also for the genuine warmth she extended to her community. Her deep faith, her belief in supporting others, and her commitment to living without fear have left indelible marks on those who were blessed to know her.

Toni's presence will be profoundly missed, her memory cherished, and her love everlasting in the hearts of all who knew her.

VISITATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026
12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.
SAINTS CENTER
320 N. FREMONT ST.
STUART, IA 50250

MEMORIAL SERVICE

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EULOGISTS

HEATHER STERN
BRANDON WELLS

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

DANCING IN THE SKY BY DANI AND LIZZY
BACK PEW BY LILLY ROSE
BEAUTIFUL CRAZY BY LUKE COMBS

