



**Toni-Lou Griffis**  
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### **A Light Extinguished, But a Legacy that Shines: Remembering Toni -Lou Griffis**

With heavy hearts to remember and celebrate the life of Toni Lou Griffis, a remarkable woman who dedicated over 50 years of her life to the vital work of emergency medical services. Toni Lou was more than just a provider, agency leader, EMS Educator or Regional Faculty member; she was a mentor, a guide, a source of unwavering knowledge, and a true inspiration to countless individuals who have gone on to serve their communities in times of greatest need. She was a pioneer, a first-generation CIC, Regional Faculty member, instrumental in the development of the Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team and so much more, her impact was all encompassing.

For more than five decades, Toni Lou poured her passion and expertise into shaping the next generation of EMS professionals. Her impact stretched far beyond the classroom, touching the lives of EMS providers, instructors, educators and countless others who benefited from her dedication to excellence in pre-hospital care. She understood the critical importance of well-trained and compassionate responders, and she tirelessly worked to ensure that those under her tutelage were equipped with the skills, knowledge, and critical thinking abilities necessary to save lives.

Many who had the privilege of learning from her remember her patience, her genuine care for their success, and her ability to make complex concepts understandable and engaging.

Her influence extended throughout the region, where she was a respected figure among her peers and a driving force in advancing the standards of EMS education. Her dedication helped to elevate the quality of pre-hospital care throughout our region.

While we mourn the loss of Toni Lou's physical presence, her legacy will continue to live on through the countless lives she touched and the skills she imparted. The providers she trained will continue to respond to emergencies with the knowledge and confidence she instilled in them, carrying forward her commitment to saving lives and providing compassionate care.

**Rest in peace, Toni Lou. Your contributions will never be forgotten.**