



Tina Kay Droscha

July 21, 1961 - January 2, 2012

Tina Kay (Wilson) Droscha went to be with her Lord on Monday, January 2, 2012 after a long and courageous struggle with recurrent breast cancer. She was born in Marion, Indiana to Howard and Robertha Wilson on July 21, 1961. The family moved to Charlotte when Tina was only a few weeks old. Tina developed a love for music at an early age. She sang in the choir at First Baptist Church in Charlotte, MI (FBC Charlotte) from the first grade, and was a part of the 'unending chain of musicians' known as the Charlotte High School Band Program. After graduating from Charlotte High in 1979, Tina attended Judson University where she received her Bachelor of Fine Arts with an emphasis in Vocal Music in 1982. After graduating from Judson, Tina married her hometown sweetheart, Brian Droscha. She worked for Merrill Lynch from 1983 until 1994, when she accepted a position with Board of Realty Information Systems. From 2003 to 2005 she served as assistant to the Executive Minister of American Baptist Churches of Michigan. In 2005 she accepted a position as administrative assistant for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce where she was employed until her passing. Tina was a lifelong member of FBC Charlotte. It was there that she was able to continue sharing her love and talent for music by performing solos, singing with the choir, and serving as a worship pianist. Tina was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 1997. After a five-year remission, Tina was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer in 2002. Tina was given a limited prognosis, but she far outlived the doctors' predictions. In an October 2011 article with the Lansing State Journal,

Tina was quoted as saying, "I chose to live like I was living with cancer instead of dying from it." Tina is survived by her husband of 29 years, Brian, daughter Bethany (Matt) Suckrow, and sons Jacob and Adam; her mother, Robertha Wilson and sister, Beverly, both of Janesville, WI; her brother Keith (Sherry) Wilson of Mt. Sterling, KY; and sister Ruth Anne Quinn of Baker City, OR; many nieces and nephews; lifelong friend Debbie (Rohdy) Reid of Charlotte, dear friend Debra Redman of Maumee, OH, and many other special friends. Visitation will be held Tuesday and Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Charlotte with Reverend Robin Crouch officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church or Eaton Community Hospice in Charlotte. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.prayfuneral.com

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Tina Kay Droscha



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Of all the people I have come to know, I must say, Tina was the most spirit fill. She had such an abundance of faith and love. I was blessed to work with her. My thoughts and prayers are with you in your loss. May God Bless you.

Jane Sawdy - December 26, 2012 at 01:55 PM

JV

“ We will miss Tina. She was such an inspiration and super "lil' sis" to me. Our comfort on earth is all of our memories of her (mine since she was a few weeks old) and that she is now singing in the heavenly choir for Jesus. May our Lord and Savior be with you Brian, Beth, Jacob, and Adam. Love, Janice

Janice Vinson - January 27, 2012 at 01:06 PM

GJ

“ Dear Brian and Family, We are very saddened to hear of Tina's passing and will be praying for you. She was a beautiful person and will be missed by many.

Gregg & Sarah Johnson - January 11, 2012 at 11:13 PM

JP

“ Brian and family, I was so saddened to learn today of Tina's passing. The love that the two of you shared is truly an inspiration to all that know you. I know that she is now without pain and hope that can be of some comfort to you and to the kids. God has welcomed a new angel back home. We are all sent here for a short time before being called back to our "eternal" home with our Father. Bless you all. Jill

Jill Perez - January 11, 2012 at 03:20 PM

DK

“ We were so sorry to read today of Tina's passing. She may have lost the battle, but she gained a great victory! I (Sandy) remember sitting next to her in choir and listening close so I could ride on her notes. What an inspiration and sweet spirit she was! Sharing in your grief--and in the joy that she now sees Jesus face to face.

Dennis and Sandy King - January 06, 2012 at 11:06 PM

“ Dear Droscha/Wilson family, I think I first met Tina in 1968 when I was 4. That's when we first started attending FBC Charlotte. Tina was a year ahead of me in school. I remember being jealous that she had such good girlfriends in her Sunday School class. My Sunday School class was made up of me and a bunch of boys. Not an ideal situation for a shy adolescent. Over the years, Tina and I crossed paths many times in Junior High and High School at winter retreats, 5th quarters and other youth events. We sang together in youth choir and performed in church musicals. Tina was always more outgoing and popular (after all, she was a band kid!) and had many, many friends. But she always had time to talk to me and encourage me. One summer in high school, we put together a little singing group of Jon Woodhams, Joel Young, Tina and I and traveled out to the Christian music conference in Estes Park, Colorado with the Rosiers and Bruntons. We sang in a couple churches on the way out and had matching outfits and everything. That music conference was a big eye-opener for all of us. That's where we first heard Amy Grant sing (she was still a teenager too) and really found out what the contemporary Christian music scene was becoming. Becky Brunton was disappointed we didn't enter any of the singing contests but we were way too naive and inexperienced to even think about it. But we did have lots of fun! I remember the Rosiers were a little freaked out at Tina's driving. Tina liked to put the cruise control on and then sit cross-legged on the seat with feet nowhere near the pedals (please don't try this, Adam or Jacob!). :) After I graduated from high school, I followed Tina to Judson. That first semester I got very homesick, but she very willingly became my "home" and I remember sitting in her room and talking and laughing for hours. We also sang in the Judson choir together, had music lit classes together, and went on choir tours all over the midwest. When Bob and I moved back to Charlotte, Tina was in the midst of having babies and raising her family. Many times we'd grab a pew while waiting for a rehearsal, husband or child and catch up with each other. Tina never failed to mention how proud she was of her children as we talked of your antics and accomplishments. Each one of you was very special to

her. And when I had a medical scare several years ago, Tina heard about it, sought me out and talked to me of how God had been working in her life. She told me that her cancer diagnosis was the best thing that had happened to her because it made her wake up and realize she needed to get her relationship right with God and she had been so blest since she had. Thank you for your part in helping Tina come to church Christmas Sunday so we could say goodbye. And for the beautiful memorial service yesterday. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. If Bob and I can help in any way, please call us.

Sylvia (Freeman) Bittner - January 06, 2012 at 04:09 PM

PL

“*Dearest Family of Tina: Hello, Bev, from Polly (Feen) and Greg Lundberg. Please know how heavy our hearts were to have heard about your losing Tina from this current world. Greg saw this as posted by Bob Bittner. Although years since we had seen Tina (probably at a Judson event or Dr. Ed's funeral), I can see her plain as day in a sporty blue dress with black trim, giving me practical advice, singing so consistently beautifully and strongly (I was always jealous), or screaming with a bunch of other girls at Greg's recital when he announced that we were engaged. I can see her talking on the phone with you, Brian. (We were roommates--she, Bethany, Beth and I...what a time.) I always thought it amazing and wonderful that one could marry a high school sweetheart. Tina was so mature and level-headed, but always laughing and making us laugh. Bev, we are so sorry. We are happy, however, for "no more bad days" for her. I know that your family is just beautiful and your children are amazing, Brian. We read about Bethany now and then and know that her wedding was gorgeous. Well, thank you for reading this from two old friends with whom you are not that familiar. We are loving you in our prayers and will continue to do so. Love to you, Bev, Brian, and all, Polly and Greg.*

Polly (Feen) and Greg Lundberg - January 05, 2012 at 11:01 PM

GD

“ Brian I'm so sorry to hear about Tina my prayers are with you and your family may you find your comfort and strength in the Lord who will always be with you

Gloria Emenhiser DeLong - January 05, 2012 at 06:14 PM

TT

“ Brian, I saw Tina's Obit. in the State Journal I was surprised and sad for you. My mother has passed away also (Jan 2) and we are in the midst of her funeral planning at Tiffany's Funeral home and St. Gerard Catholic Church. As you know, I think very well of you and you have my deepest sympathy for Tina's passing. I always enjoyed our conversations during class and after. You were one of my best students ever (35 years). I hope things go well for you and your family during this time. Your friend, Tom Taliaferro

Thomas A. Taliaferro - January 05, 2012 at 03:51 PM

DS

“ Brian & family, We are so sorry to hear of your great loss. Be assured that she is now resting safe in the arms of Jesus.

Dee & Cheri Smith - January 05, 2012 at 03:35 PM

JC

“ Brian and family, we are so very sorry to hear of Tina's passing. I am sorry that we could not be there to share our sympathy. The Deeg family wants you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time.

Julie Casper - January 05, 2012 at 02:03 PM

SO

“ I remember Tina and Debbie (Rohdy) Reid being the somewhat annoying little sisters as I hung out with Tina's sister, Bev, when we were growing up. Then, after college, Tina came back to Charlotte and we've had many, many years to serve together at church. Tina was such an important part of the music ministry at First Baptist -- singing, playing piano, handbells, and directing whenever needed. She will be missed!

Sharon Oatman - January 05, 2012 at 09:25 AM

BB

“ Tina was a bright light and will be greatly missed by the Judson family. Her spirit was as beautiful as her voice and she lived courageously and victoriously. We are praying for all of the Droscha family. Bonnie Bienert Judson University

Bonnie Bienert - January 05, 2012 at 08:10 AM

BS

“ Brian, Bethany, Matthew, Jacob, and Adam, It was an honor and a privilege to know Tina/your Mom. She was an awesome lady and an inspiration to everyone who knew her. She helped me understand that with God, determination, and courage you can get through tough times. She will be greatly missed. God be with you and give you peace during this time of sorrow. I will keep y'all and the rest of the family in my thoughts and prayers.

Bethany (Pease) Swanger - January 04, 2012 at 10:04 PM

JS

“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of my friend and former co-worker while at the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. I will always remember Tina for her kindness, bravery and faith in her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Despite her health challenges, she always kept her head up and was an example to all that had the pleasure to know her. She will always be loved and greatly missed.

Jim Sandy - January 04, 2012 at 03:49 PM

EL

“ You fought a good fight Tina. You will be greatly missed by so many people, me included among them. I know you are in a better place, but I still wish you were here with us. Bless your family. Emma

Emma Laido - January 04, 2012 at 12:15 PM

LK

“ My Thoughts & Prayers are with Tina & her Family. I never met Tina & felt like I knew her through all the very kind words I heard from her sister, my co worker Bev. Tina was a wonderful Daughter, Wife, Mom, Sister, Aunt & a Great Friend to so many & will be missed and the memories will live on. God Bless, Laurie Kosahrek

Laurie Kosharek - January 04, 2012 at 11:50 AM

TS

“ Tina was a beautiful person and was always there to help, even if it was just a smile when you needed one. I will truly miss her!! She did teach me beauty, grace and perseverance in diversity. For that I want to say thank you for sharing her with all of us, I will never forget her.

Tammy Smith - January 04, 2012 at 09:50 AM

TF

“ Sweet, beautiful Tina. You made the world brighter and better and you were loved and will be missed by so many. Don's and my sympathy and thoughts go out to all of her family and loved ones.
Don and Terrie Ferrell, Judson College Ohio Hall Houseparents

Terrie Ferrell - January 04, 2012 at 04:31 AM

DW

“ *Through the incredible strength and love of her family, family and the lord, Tina will live on in our hearts forever*

debbie wilson - January 03, 2012 at 11:30 PM

D"

“ Our prayers go out to you in the middle of the day, in the middle of the night and all through the day as you grapple with the incredible loss of your Mom, Wife, Sister-in-Law, Daughter and dearest, dearest friend. I know she is in a better place, resting in the peaceful arms of Jesus. Cradled, knestling with warmth, safety and eternal peace. The struggle will be with the loss to all of us left behind who will mourn her sweet face and chearful personality and whitty thoughts and beautiful voice unto the Lord. We love you Tina, we miss you and we aren't sure how we will get from one momement to the next without you. But knowing that God gave your children and husband a wonderful heart in you to love and be loved this memory alone will prove to be of great comfort in the days to come. The depth of our sorrow is the depth of our love and there is no human measure for such a loss as this. Years will heal but the bitter first couple of years will be so painful but necessary in our healing process as we say good-bye and the end to such a valiant and courageous long fight with cancer. You are with our Lord setting peacefully. We will have to learn with each new day how to cope with your loss in our lives. We will need to lean on each other to do that and remember that we ALL will need to approach our sorrow in our own way in our OWN TIME. Not to be rushed but to be cheerished as we all so deeply cheerished you my friend. I can't say good-bye really, I can only say "see you later". For I long to see you on the other side of the place we call Earth. This other side of heaven. I will look for you in the shining stars at night and the shining moon on a clear night and the hush of the wind through my hair. I will know it is then that you are with me. You are a dear and wonderful friend that we will take one baby step at a time to cope with your loss for now. One day we will hold you hand again and see your shiney, pretty smile, just as God does now. Love, Stoney & Terry Adams

Diane D. Adams "stoney" - January 03, 2012 at 10:25 PM

BH

“ *Brian and Family, Kim called us this evening to let us know of Tina's death. She sure fought a courageous cancer battle and amazed so many. We always enjoyed her solos at First and especially looked forward to when she sang "O Holy Night" at most Christmas eve services. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.*

Barry & Mary Hart - January 03, 2012 at 10:25 PM

JS

“ *My deepest sympathy to Brian and Tina's family. I had the pleasure of working closely with Tina at BORIS. She was a real inspiration to me with the faith this wonderful lady had. The way she dealt with all the troubles that were put in her way. When she was given the worst, she turned to her faith in Jesus and would not let it break her. She had to have been the strongest person I have ever met and I thank God that he allowed our paths to cross. I pray that our Lord and Savior holds you and your family in his arms and comforts you in this time of great sorrow.*

Jane Sawdy - January 03, 2012 at 05:38 PM

JS

“ *Brian and family, so sorry for your loss. Let us know if you need anything.*

Jamie & Justin Southward - January 03, 2012 at 04:10 PM

SB

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Tina when I was ten years old. When I was considering playing the flute in school my parents hired her to be my flute tutor during the summer months. She was very patient with me as I struggled to learn how to read music and play the flute at the same time. Ultimately I decided not to play the flute but my study time with Tina will be a memory I can hold for a lifetime. I often joke with people that know both Tina and I that I knew Tina and Brian before they were “Tina and Brian” (as a married couple). Being in Tina's presence made you want to be a better person and a better Christian. She had the voice of an angel and a heart bigger than anyone can imagine. God's choir has another angelic voice. Brian, Bethany, Matthew, Jacob and Adam I'm thinking of you during this difficult time. Thank you for sharing Tina with us for so many years.

Sally Nash Boyd - January 03, 2012 at 03:52 PM

KK

“ I was blessed to work with Tina at BORIS Systems. She was a wonderful person: always kind, generous in sharing her knowledge, and welcoming to everyone. She was strong and was never afraid to voice her opinion. I'll always remember that she introduced me to the idea of mixing M&M's with microwave popcorn. My thoughts and prayers go out to Tina's family. I'm so glad my path intersected with hers for a time.

Karen Kennedy - January 03, 2012 at 03:40 PM

CS

“ To the Family of Tina Droscha, I worked with Tina at Boris in Lansing and enjoyed working with her. I remember she was a kind lady and had a pleasant smile. I am saddened for your loss. My deepest sympathy to the family.

Cami Sulen - January 03, 2012 at 07:36 AM

MP

“ We are so blessed to have Tina and her family as neighbors and friends for the past 17 years. We find relief in knowing that her pain is gone and although her battle is over, she has not lost. She has claimed her reward that she has known was in store for her, which is a beautiful and everlasting life along side of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She can be well pleased in knowing that she has raised her family well, the way God had intended. There will be a new bright star in the heavens.

Mike, Jeanette, Kevin and Katy Pung - January 02, 2012 at 01:26 PM