

2012 MS. SENIOR MICHIGAN

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Greetings Michiganders!

I have been a resident of Rochester Hills for the past 17 years, before that a resident of Pontiac for 17 years and before that a Detroit for 32 years. I'm 65 years old. I graduated from Detroit's Western High School in January, 1964, and Wayne State with a double major in Psychology and Sociology in June 1968, a Masters in Clinical Psychology in March 1972, a teaching credential in June 1974, a counseling credential in 1975 and Post Master's work after 1976 to finish my School Psychology certification. I have been employed by Pontiac Schools for the past 40 years as a Vocational Counselor (1 year), a Bilingual High School Counselor (4 years), and a school psychologist since 1976, now their senior psychologist and department head in the Office of Special Services. I am also in a small part-time private practice as a psychologist for 30+ years and now at Heron Ridge Associates in Clarkston.



I am happily married to Brian Murphy, a professor from Oakland University in British Literature/ Shakespeare/Film now retired and lecturing locally. We have a 27 year old daughter, Lauren who is a lawyer now working for Cross Fire Staffings in Auburn Hills. We also have a son, daughter in law and three grandchildren who live in California. My mom, Virginia, is 90 years old and living at Sanctuary at Bellbrook in Assisted Living. I have two younger sisters. I love reading, dancing and all forms of music from rock n'roll to opera and classical. I love to ski and have taught my family all to ski. We meet in Lake Tahoe annually for our family ski trip. I also love tennis and play out of LifeTime Fitness.

I love Michigan. It is the ideal state to live in if you love water, sand and forests. I look forward to promoting Michigan made things and Michigan activities for the next year! I participated in Leonard's Strawberry Festival Parade and look forward to Romeo's Peach Festival Parade on Labor Day.

Thank you for selecting me to represent our beautiful state of Michigan at Nationals for Ms. Senior America, October 7-12th.

Toni's Philosophy of Life:

To be as one seems! To be on the inside what I seem to be on the outside. As above, so below! This is my Philosophy of Life. To live each day true to myself and in the present. To love exactly where I am. To find my happiness right here, right now with you. And lastly, to accept others with the same kindness and tolerance I show myself. This is my Philosophy of Life!