

Toni Langfield, 1935–2016

A long-time member of OLOC, Toni was also a member of Mother Tongue Readers Theater where she collaborated with others to write and perform theater pieces.

She was born in Redford Township, a suburb of Detroit, but she moved to New York City where she married Melvin Baker and had four children. After a nervous breakdown, she was hospitalized at Bellevue, where a female psychiatrist encouraged her to work outside the home as a children's librarian.

Toni moved her family to Berkeley, California, where she worked at the San Francisco Public Library before accepting a position as librarian at Town School for Boys, a position she held for 24 years.

After her divorce, Toni came out as a Lesbian and met her partner, Carly Rivers. For over 20 years, they traveled, partied, worked, wrote scripts, mailed out newsletters, networked, and socialized all around the country with the women's community. She was adventurous and enjoyed hiking in Yosemite and watching Sandhill cranes in the California Delta. She is greatly missed by family and friends.