

A Tip From A Former Smoker®

Tonya M Memorial Nobody Wants That Tip :30 URL

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The spot opens on the A Tip From A Former Smoker® logo and cuts to a shot of Tonya sitting. The text “Tonya, 49, North Carolina” appears on the bottom left-hand side of the screen.

TONYA M: Because I smoked, I have heart failure.

The spot cuts to Tonya looking out window.

TONYA M: I had to have open heart surgery...

The spot cuts to image of Tonya sitting setting up pump, then cuts to Tonya sitting on bed.

TONYA M: ...and a battery-operated heart pump installed inside of me.

The spot cuts to image of Tonya and her family.

TONYA M: It was hard on the kids. They kinda went from me being their caregiver...

The spot cuts to Tonya looking out the window then a shot of her sitting.

TONYA M: ...to, you know, the husband and kids being mine. And that’s definitely not what I wanted for them. Nobody wants that for their kids.

ART CARD: Smoking caused Tonya’s heart failure. She died at 53.

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