

Antonette "Toni" Clarke was born in England during WWII. After graduation from Nottingham University, Toni taught math, English and French to British high-schoolers before marrying husband John Clarke and opting to be a stay-at-home mom to their three children.

In 1977 the Clarke family emigrated to Illinois where Toni served on eleven nonprofit boards and chaired the fund-raising and construction of a \$4 million public library.

In 2005 she and John moved to Woodsboro where they converted a dilapidated 250-year-old barn into their uniquely stunning retirement home. Toni delights in their 12 grandchildren who include adoptees from Kazakhstan and Ethiopia, and numerous foster-grandchildren. During the past 13 years she has volunteered weekly with first-grade students at Waverley Elementary School, the highlight of her week, she says.