

# AUNT CHLOE

## In Memoriam

**Toni Morrison's death, on August 5, 2019 at the age of 88, has devastated lovers of words. Yes, we will still have her novels, short stories, essays, children's books, and interviews to read and reread, but it is Ms. Morrison in the flesh, alive and enlivening, that we will miss. She often focused on the lives of black women, depicting the real and raw experiences of her characters—ones that continue to impact readers of her literature. Griot to her community, writer of revolution almost too dangerous to be read, elder to many generations—she held tightly the pieces of black truth, love, and triumph unrecognized throughout our country's history. The Aunt Chloe Collective has a kinship with Toni Morrison, as she is one of our "Chloes" for whom our journal is named. For these reasons (and more), we remember her and dedicate this issue to her. As we celebrate her life, we urge you to seek connection to her words and become versed in her language.**

**Rest in Power, Toni Morrison.**