



Cynthia Marie Hawkins Durant

May 30, 1961 - May 14, 2025

Cynthia Marie Hawkins Durant, aged 63, passed away on May 14, 2025, in Coon Rapids, MN. She was born on May 30, 1961, and lived a life marked by her dedication to advocacy.

Cynthia was a formidable advocate for HIV/AIDS awareness and education. Despite her own health challenges, she devoted much of her life to supporting those affected by HIV/AIDS, bringing crucial education to schools, businesses, and other organizations. Her efforts not only educated but also provided a voice for the often marginalized victims of this global pandemic.

She attended Forest Elementary School, graduated from Robbinsdale Sr. High School in 1979, and furthered her education at North Hennepin Tech Community College. Cynthia's educational background fueled her passion for advocacy and community service.

Known for her opinionated and stubborn nature, Cynthia was also a loving, caring, and hilariously resourceful individual. Her hobbies included karaoke, camping, fishing, and engaging in the arts. She had a particular fondness for theater and games, and she was notably lucky at playing slots, often celebrating her winnings.

Cynthia leaves behind her husband Lawrence Durant; her sister Cheryl Walgrave; brother Steven Hawkins; along with a host of relatives including nephews, nieces, in-laws, and many friends who felt like family. She was preceded in death by her son Nicholas Hawkins, Nicholas's father George Entler; her parents Emelie & Elmer Hawkins; her siblings Susan Moat & Craig

Hawkins.

Visitation and Celebration of Life Services will take place on Saturday, May 31, 2025. The visitation will take place from 10:00 - 11:30 AM at Washburn-McReavy Glen Haven Chapel, 5125 West Broadway, Crystal, MN. A short interment will follow at the same location. The celebration of Life will occur from approximately 12:45 - 4:45 pm at the Maple Grove Community Center, 12951 Weaver Lake Road, Maple Grove, MN.

Cynthia's life was a testament to her strength and dedication to making a difference in the world, and she will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Graveside Service

MAY 31. 11:30 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Memorial Gardens
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Celebration of Life

MAY 31. 12:45 PM - 4:45 PM (CT)

Maple Grove Community Center
12951 Weaver Lake Road
Maple Grove, MN 55311

Tribute Wall

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“ CINDY WAS A AWESOME PERSON I MET HER AT STEVE O'S BAR IN CRYSTAL MN WHERE WE ALL GOT TO SING KARAOKE AND ATE CHICKEN WINGS ETC SHE ALSO HAD A FEW DIFFERENT HALLOWEEN PARTYS WITH KARAOKE CINDY WAS A VERYAWESOME AND NICE PERSON



Shawn Fredrick - June 05, 2025 at 04:10 PM



“ From the moment I met Cindy at camp, she brought joy, kindness, and an open heart that made me and everyone around feel seen and valued. She shared her story not just with words but with an undeniable strength—reminding us all that vulnerability is a form of bravery. She taught us that even in the hardest moments, there is space for laughter, love, and resilience. She will be deeply missed.



Jay Schmuhl - May 30, 2025 at 10:36 PM