



Dawn Gwenette Pearson

January 8, 1964 - April 28, 2024

Sunday, April 28, 2024, Dawn Gwenette Pearson of Long Prairie, Minnesota, lost her life-long battle with depression at the age of 60. She is now free from pain in the loving peace and care of the Lord. She was born in Long Prairie on January 8, 1964 to Maynard (John) Strickler and Gwendolyn Joan Strickler maiden name Martin. She was the youngest of six children: two brothers Samuel Strickler (wife Mary) and Tom Strickler (wife Shannon - deceased); and three sisters Tam Snider (husband Jerry), Jean Krotz (husband Phillip), and Roseanne Thorp (husband Steve). She is preceded in death by her father Maynard (John) Strickler, mother Gwendolyn Joan Norby, stepfather Lloyd Norby, father-in-law Donald Pearson Sr., and mother-in-law Caroline Pearson. She is survived by her husband Donald Pearson Jr. and her two children Steve Rodriguez Jr. and Jadie Johnson.

Dawn married Mark Owen Johnson, Jadie's father in 1982 and after seperating in 1984 were divorced in 1986. Dawn then met Steve Rodriguez Sr. and they had Steve Jr. After her relationship with Steve Sr. she became engaged to Brad Gronskei but that didn't last. Dawn met her true love, Donald Pearson Jr., in 1996. Donald Pearson Jr. romantically purposed to her on April 20, 1997. They were engaged for many years and had a beautiful wedding at their home in Long Prairie on September 11, 2004.

Dawn attended Anoka-Ramsey Hennepin College in her young years taking courses for accounting. Some of her first jobs were employment with the Woolworth Company, MSI Insurance/Wheeler Insurance Agency, and the Food and Drug Administration. She also had jobs working as an inventory control clerk and did newspaper delivery. Around 1997 she got her CDL and started being an over-the-road truck driver with her fiancé at the time, Donald Pearson Jr. She got remarried to this love of her life on September 11, 2004 and continued going on over-the-road trips until approximately 2010 in which time she started transitioning to more of an office management role.

Dawn Pearson never backed down from trying anything new. She had many hobbies but particularly loved to play music, work in the garden, and do do-it-yourself projects. She will be greatly missed by many. Love you. Until we meet again.

Cemetery Details

Champlin City Cemetery

812 Cartway Rd.
Champlin, MN 55316

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Chapel Service

MAY 7. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

MAY 7. 2:15 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Years ago Dawn and Donnie opened their home to Keith and I when we had just had our oldest daughter. We were so thankful that they both welcomed us in because we at the time didn't have a place of our own. I'll never forget her and Donnie's generosity. Along with her yummy food, she was always trying out new recipes. We love you, Dawn!

Tina Pearson - May 06, 2024 at 11:28 PM

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“ Dawn Pearson my little sister was a perfectionist at whatever she did. Gardening, animal lover, DIY at home Improvements, helping people, building her game room with a full kitchen was a must. The oven had to have electrical and gas options. 2 kitchen sinks receptacles everywhere (up high, down low, in the floor everywhere. Dawn was a very good cook and was a pleasure to visit and made sure I could just show up unexpectedly. Tubing on the long Prarie river, fires, bbqs, horseshoes , my pets were always a must to her. Just plain visiting and watching TV with her was always so enjoyable. She didn't like the cold but would still go ice fishing with me. And always enjoyed a night out. Dawns middle name should have been Integrity.
Miss you dearly Dawn. Rest in Peace

Thomas Strickler - May 06, 2024 at 12:07 PM

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“ *Jon, Katie and the Dans Diesel crew. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dawn Gwenette Pearson.*



Jon, Katie and the Dans Diesel crew. - May 06, 2024 at 09:29 AM



“ *Dawn loved to show off her garden and projects around her property. Whenever we would visit, we would spend many hours on a tour so she could show it all off!*

Sandi Pearson - May 06, 2024 at 09:04 AM