



Galynn Dawn Nordstrom

July 29, 1952 - July 14, 2023

We are very saddened by the passing of our sister Galynn (Jazreel - The Warrior Queen) Dawn Nordstrom. Some would certainly think she merely decided to take her amazing editing and writing skills, quite wit and excellent taste to another level, plane or dimension where others can appreciate it as well. She is greatly missed and truly was one of a kind.

If you can please come to celebrate Galynn's time with us and share stories on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 from 4pm-7pm at the Washburn-McReavy Glen Haven Chapel on 5125 W Broadway, Crystal, MN. No gifts or memorials, just come and share a story or experience you had among family and friends.

Galynn was born July 29, 1952 to Pearl Arlene (Brastad) Nordstrom and Howard Leo Nordstrom. As the song goes, she came to the world in the usual way, but that's only where the story begins. Galynn started out in St. Paul (going to the St. Clair Broiler with her Dad for hand-mixed malts) and then moved to the up and coming north metro suburb of Blaine. She graduated from Spring Lake Park High School and attended the University of Minnesota (first in Morris and then in the metro). She got her degree in 1976 in Journalism and in 1979, her big break into trade publishing started with a job in the circulation department at Lakewood Publications - at that point, housed above the Burger King and Teeners Theatrical Department Store on Hennepin Ave.

In her own words (because one of the things Galynn would say was if in doubt, plagiarize): she was, "A trade magazine editor with far, far too many years of experience in organizing, planning, writing, editing and proofreading magazines, directories and ancillary publications." In all, she worked for Lakewood (aka Pondbark), Adams Trade Press (don't ask what we called that), and the Industrial Fabrics Association International (IFAI, aka the International House of Fabric) as well as the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Read a description she wrote about a favorite colleague at IFAI as, "A hard worker and conscientious colleague, but always with time for a chat and a laugh...." Again, her words, but they apply to her equally well. Adding to that list: time to breakfast (with multiple sides), time to lunch, time to take in a craft fair or wander Art-A-Whirl, time to read, time to enjoy a nice Merlot ... or an Irish Mist Or a single malt scotch ... But if you weren't watching your emails, she did not have time to wait. And honestly, those emails ... those emails should be published somewhere. "The Lizard Impression Emergence (LIE)," "the mysterious case of the missing Scream," progressive novels with each person being emailed the story to that point and tackling the next chapter to move the story forward or maybe just sideways...

She was quick with wit, definite with her opinions and confident in her choices - from a Tudor-style house next to Theodore Wirth Park to the NACOTY (the North American Car of the Year, don't you know?). She was also quick to lend an ear, a hand, a voice when she thought it was needed to anyone she counted as friends and family. She believed in birthday cards, even keeping a list and a stash of unique ones from gift shops, craft shows and small businesses she found along the way; book clubs and library cards; and that you could never own too much jewelry ... it doesn't take up that much space, after all! It wouldn't be fitting to leave out some of her other favorite/least

favorite things as well:

From one of her much quoted favorite books, *Red Sky at Morning* by Richard Bradford: "Four and four is eight," John said. "Four and four is eight.

Arithmetic hunner' per cent." He stuck his tongue out at the doctor and departed." To which I'd add About four - the answer to any question you didn't really have an answer to, although it was most applicable in response to "How many products do you have left to write up?"

Also from *Red Sky at Morning*: "Well, someday I'm going to get in with that wild artistic group. the only thing that makes this town different. The wild artistic group; as you put it, has an average age of fifty-seven, and most of us have heart disease and bladder trouble..."

(Aside: Galynn, we all hope to see you there if we ever get to join the wild artistic group) "Not quite the self-replicating nanobots that threaten humanity on StarGate...." Galynn Nordstrom in reference to nano-synthetic fabrics.

Galynn is survived by her brothers, Ken, Kurt, Kyle; and her sister, Pamlyn, who all miss her greatly. She was always ready to help and looked forward to family and friends outings with great food, wine and conversation always with an amazing wit and creativity. She loved to travel and support and explore local art and shops. We look forward to her editorial on the higher plane she is now on.

Good/Bad list:

Good: Mystery Novels and Science Fiction (especially from Uncle Hugo's/Uncle Edgar's).

Bad: people who referred to it as Sci Fi, not SF.

Also bad: whoever burned down Uncle Hugo's/Uncle Edgar's

Good: Malmborg's garden center in the spring.

Bad: CAM's short cuts to Malmborg's from breakfasts at Carol's restaurant ...

do U-turns really count as short cuts?

Good: San Francisco and its weather

Bad: Minneapolis alley snowplowing

Also bad: Minneapolis heat and humidity

Good: Cute little blond cousins (really, cousins in general ... and their husbands)

Bad: Patriarchy

Also bad: most Republicans. (maybe all of them)

Good: Road trips to the North Shore in the spring or fall

Bad: Rainstorms on the way back from the North Shore

Good: TPT Mysteries on TV

Bad: The overabundance of sports on TV

Good: Plain Old Fashioned doughnuts.

Bad: Mushrooms.

Good: Sparkly, large jewelry

Bad: Losing Earrings

Good: Her tarantula in plexiglass paperweight from Pamlyn

Bad: Squirrels. Yes, squirrels.

Regrets We have a few ... That despite all our discussion of it, none of her friends got to go with her to the Headlands House in Mendocino ... girls can

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **12.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Tribute Wall

CM

“ I knew her as Nord. She was one of my best friends during freshman year at the U of M, Morris. I can still picture her in Spooner Hall reading while eating Lays Potato Chips with sour cream. Our favorite quote from Red Sky at Morning “Good question. Shows an alert mind, a mind that doesn’t accept the obvious.” We used this one frequently. I miss her. Candice Morris

Candice Morris - October 05, 2023 at 03:47 PM

JP

“ Galynn and I worked on the Review at IFAI together. I had plenty of journalism experience, but not on a magazine - certainly not one like the Review. Thanks to her, I learned how it's done, and how it's done right. She won a ton of awards with that magazine, and certainly deserved all of them and more. More than that, she could be really funny. I wish she'd written a book laced with her one-of-a-kind sense of humor. What a personality! I'm so sorry to hear of her passing and I offer my deepest sympathy to her family and her many friends. - Janet Preus

Janet Preus - September 11, 2023 at 10:44 AM

MC

“ I worked with Galynn at IFAI and she was witty and funny and always fun to talk to. I enjoyed our time together. Add to the list of things Galynn thought was bad: raisins. She once called them “The woodtick of the dried fruit world.” She was indeed one-of-a-kind and will be greatly missed.

Michelle Cook - September 10, 2023 at 07:36 PM

RP

Galynn--what an editor, what a wit! I will miss her.

Rebecca Post - September 12, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Galynn Dawn Nordstrom.*



September 10, 2023 at 05:08 PM