



Dawn DeGraw Jackson

February 21, 1972 - March 17, 2016

Dawn DeGraw Jackson passed away, peacefully in her home on Thursday March 17, 2016. She was born on February 21, 1972 in Murray, Utah to loving parents Lloyd T. DeGraw and Merla C. DeGraw. Dawn grew up in Sandy, Utah. She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She graduated from West Jordan High School in May of 1990. She married William K. Farris on February 1, 1993. They had a daughter, Amanda A. Farris, and a son, Matthew K. Farris. Approximately 1 ½ years later they divorced. She worked at the Deseret Industries where she met Alan R. Jackson and they later married on June 26, 2010.

Dawn was given great care through Primary Children's Hospital for more than 2 decades. She and her family were blessed by the many donations received thru the March of Dimes, "Pennies by the inch", and Easter Seals. These donations allowed for many numerous surgeries and care that were necessary for her well-being.

One of her favorite activities was camping with family. As a child, she looked forward to summer camp at Camp Kostopulos. Her favorite color has always been purple. To mention a couple of highlights in her teenage years: She and her sister experienced the adventure of river rafting with "Splore" (a recreational group for people with disabilities) on the Green River in Moab. She really enjoyed Senior Prom with her older brother Doug. Later on, she had a great time going to the movies with her younger brother, Paul. Other pastimes she enjoyed included poems, playing cards and board games, collecting movies and music. Disney movies were a favorite because she loved happy endings. Michael Landon was a person that she looked up to for his work in bringing great family entertainment into homes. Her favorite tv series were "Little House on the Prairie" and "Highway to Heaven". Music also played a big part in her life and she was interested in a broad variety.

Dawn loved her children very much. Dawn had a great love of animals especially her dogs Tausha and Lady, and her cat Sebastian.

She taught Primary and Sharing Time for her church and her last calling in her ward was compassionate service assistant. Acts of service brought her joy and fulfillment. Her children still remember making and running treats to neighbors.

She enjoyed meeting new people and sharing stories. She will be missed.

Survived by her husband, Alan R. Jackson; daughter, Amanda A. Farris; son, Matthew K. Farris; mother, Merla C. DeGraw; her siblings, Dorene D. Turner, Doug L. DeGraw, J. Paul DeGraw, 5 nieces, and 7 nephews. Preceded by her father, Lloyd T. DeGraw; and her younger brother Byron DeGraw.

A Celebration of Life funeral service will be held Tuesday, March 22nd at 11:00 am at the Crescent 28th Ward, 11626 S. 300 E., Draper.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, donations to help pay for funeral costs would be greatly appreciated.

Events

MAR **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Crescent 28th Ward

11626 S. 300 E., Draper, UT, US

Comments



“ Wish I could have caught up to her in our adult years. We went to "Camp K" a couple times together, along with her friend "Chrissy". Mostly fond memories of that time in my life. Wish we would have stayed in touch.

Dalen Jurgens - April 10 at 12:24 AM



“ Dawn and I go way back. I have lots of fond memories. We met at Primary Children's Hospital during physical therapy. We had the same disability. I was about 4 years old and Dawn was about about 3. My mom would often drive both of us to therapy. The drive alone, to and from was so much fun. The streets back then had lots of hills and dips which made it seem like a ride at lagoon. After therapy my mom would often treat us to a chocolate milk from the vending machine.

I remember lots of sleepovers at each others house.

There was a funny incident in middle school involving me, Dawn, Tracey (a deaf and dumb girl),, and a boy (can't remember his name) I don't like the term "dumb" but that was the term back then. Anyway while at school one day Tracey was pushing the boy in his manual wheelchair up a ramp in the school and Dawn and I were rolling alongside them in our manual wheelchairs. All of a sudden when we had almost reached the top of the ramp, his wheelchair started to turn heading back down the ramp and Tracey, who had a hard time walking, let go so she could keep her balance. We'll this boy had very no use of his arm so I turned around and chased after him. After a few heart racing seconds I was able to push ahead of him, grabbing hold of a handle bar and ramming my chair against his and both of us slamming into the wall. Luckily no one was hurt. The boy started to laugh and I could hear Dawn at the top of the ramp laughing too.

Dawn and I had a way of making each other laugh if we were having a tough day. We would tell jokes, talk in funny voices and accents, or recall something funny that happened in the past.

After highschool, Dawn didn't have a vehicle so she would call and ask me to take her on a few errands. We would have lots of girly chats on those excursions.

I remember also picking up Matthew and Amanda from elementary school most days on my way to work. I loved that! I didnt mind doing that at all. It gave me a good chance to get to know them, interact with them, and be a support to them. I love you Matthew and Amanda.

In the last 5 or so years Dawn and I have not had as close of a friendship with my busy life getting in the way, but I still always considered her a good friend. I will miss her a lot. I was shocked to head of her passing. I am somewhat jealous of her now because she is in heaven walking, running, jumping, etc and I am still confined to my wheelchair.

Memories from Nancy Lloyd



“ I would always push her around in her wheel chair in church and we would joke and laugh all the way. She had such a beautiful heart... Stacey Williams

Stacey Williams - March 20, 2016 at 07:03 PM