



# Dawn Marie Mowen

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**D**awn Marie Mowen, 66, of Decatur, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, due to Covid-19.

Dawn was born August 10, 1953, in Decatur, to Donald Curtis and Estella Marie (Bilyeu) Sterling. She married Michael Mowen on March 3, 1973 in Decatur, IL.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Michael; her son, Brian Mowen; three sisters, Tari Peterson, Jody (Jerry) Cox and Lori (Dean) George; several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Dawn devoted her life to her husband, son and family. She had a gift of compassion and enjoyed helping others. She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Funeral services to celebrate the life of Dawn will be private with burial at Graceland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Cancer Research Foundation 3354 N Paulina St., Suite 208, Chicago, IL 60657.

The family of Dawn Mowen is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).

Webcast will be available at <http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/login/event#28233/>  
Password:Mowen



## Events

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### Cemetery Details

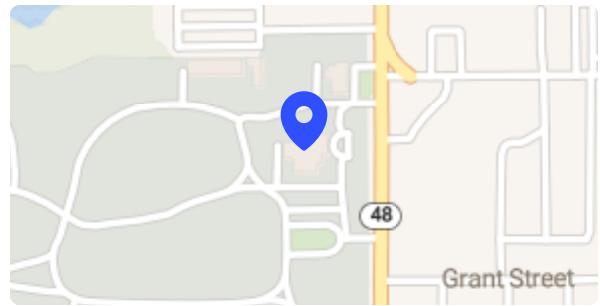


**Graceland Cemetery**

2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526



**(217) 615-0724**





## Tribute Wall

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DC

**Debbie Clark** posted:

Tony and I were very saddened to hear of Dawn's passing. We just now heard about it. It wasn't so long ago that we ran into her when we were shopping and had a nice conversation with her. Our condolences to all of the family.

May 10 at 3:49 PM

KS

**Keith Stewart** posted:

I just found out about this tragedy! I am so sorry for this loss! Dawn was a very quiet but gentle soul who was kind to everyone! I will miss seeing her smile! My heart goes out to Mike and their son. God bless the family.

May 6 at 2:08 PM

VB

**Vickie Marshall/Blessin** lit a candle in honor of Dawn.

I knew Dawn in grade school and High school, same class. Beautiful person, inside and out! Very kind person. Sweet classmate. I think her mom was in Eagle Ridge in Decatur, as my mom and dad were.

April 29 at 12:25 PM



MF

**Marikay Fikan** lit a candle in honor of Dawn.

The service this morning was very nice and paid tribute to a lovely, caring human being, a beautiful woman inside and out. My sincere and heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mike and Brian, Tari, Jody, and Lorie. I have so many fond memories of the girls when they were younger. I remember Dawn as a baby and how she liked for you to hold her hands, she'd stand on your lap and jump up and down. That energy was always there, even in adulthood. She would always call me when she had a question about the Bilyeu family or family information. I always enjoyed talking with her. The last time was shortly after Aunt Stella passed away. She will always be remembered fondly and greatly missed by all. May God's loving arms enfold her family and bring peace and comfort knowing she is with Him and her needs have been met. She is at peace. It's our needs that are so painful. May strength come from the Lord to endure. May God be with you.

April 29 at 11:33 AM





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TF

**The O'Dell Family** posted:

We are so very sorry for your loss. May God Bless you and keep you as you navigate through this time. Your family is in our prayers. The O'Dell Family

April 29 at 6:32 AM

KA

**Kathleen Arnold** posted:

I was privileged to work side-by-side with Dawn at Tate and Lyle in the export department for two years. She was truly a mentor to me and a friend. She was a proud wife and mother and spoke often of Mike and Brian. She was a dedicated worker and a very kind and gentle soul. I am so sorry for your loss. Her light has left this world too soon. She will be missed by many. Sending my prayers to her entire family. Kathy Arnold

April 28 at 7:00 PM

JA

**Joe Allen** posted:

I've known her and Mike since high school and she was a wonderful lady. Joe Allen

April 28 at 12:20 PM

SS

**Steven Smith Jr** posted:

Dawn was a very sweet and caring young lady in high school. Reserve, however, a very friendly person. She will be missed.

April 26 at 2:56 PM



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MP

**Marilyn Prasun** lit a candle in honor of Dawn.

Our hearts go out to you Mike and Brian. We can not begin to imagine the loss you are feeling. As I was reflecting on Dawn I remembered her great smile and kind demeanor. I also thought of the many weekends that we spent together at the boat dock in the past. All the laughs, crazy stunts, and the late nights with the boats tied up in the dam basin listening to music and talking. I hope some of the special memories help to give you strength in the upcoming days. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers and we are here and just a phone call away. Monte & Marilyn Prasun



April 26 at 9:41 AM

PB

**Patty Barding** April 27 at 1:39 PM

Michael, Brian, and family please accept our sympathy and love. Dawn will be sooo missed!! 😊 She always would stop and talk when out and about. Great cousin!!! Seeing her and Michael at Steak and Shake on Sundays was such a treat for could catch up. Our thoughts and God's peace are with you during your grief!! Love, Patty Barding (Bilyeu).

MP

**Marilyn Prasun** lit a candle in honor of Dawn.

April 26 at 9:27 AM



LB

**Leonard Bobbitt** posted:

I was a classmate of Dawn's and this news is so sad. She was a fantastic person.

April 25 at 4:15 PM

IM

**Ilah Matheny** posted:

Last time I had seen Dawn she was still in high school you could not look at her without being intimidate by her beauty. Once you start talking to her it became evident she was just as beautiful inside. Funny quick to smile and cared about those arond her. I am so sorry for the family. My prayers are with you. Ilah Matheny Beeson

April 25 at 2:38 PM



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**Julie Preston** lit a candle in honor of Dawn.

I will always remember Dawn with great fondness. She was there every time I had the chance to visit her mother, Estella. Her compassion and empathy was evident in every visit. I am so sorry for her beloved family. She will be dearly missed!



April 25 at 5:41 AM



**Rachel Cook** posted:

So sorry Mike to hear about Dawn. Prayers to you and your family. I will miss chatting with her on FB. Loved talking to her about new recipes to cook for our husbands. Ed and Rachel Cook

April 24 at 6:53 PM



**Angie French** posted:

so sorry for your loss of a wonderful woman. i will miss talking to her.

April 24 at 2:22 PM



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DH

**Dennis & Kay Harris** posted:

Mike , very sorry about Dawn's passing, kay and I send our deepest condolences

April 24 at 11:00 AM

CW

**Charles Wilhelm** June 3 at 2:35 PM

So very shocked to hear of Dawn 's passing. We. worked together in the International Department at Staley in the 1980's. She answered my phone which kept her very busy at times. She was more than a co-worker. She and her dad and Brian visit our summer place in Lovington fishing and enjoying the outing. I made different things for her on my scroll saw after I retired and she was always so grateful. She was always so friendly and professional. I enjoyed visiting with her and her family at Golden Glaze Donuts after I retired. It's hard to believe she's gone. I heard of her death the day she died and had a hard time believing it. My condolences to Mike, Brian, and her sisters especially Tari who I knew at Staleys. Sorry I'm so late posting this but I didn't know her obituary was on Google until recently.Charles Wilhelm

GA

**Gayle Albert** April 27 at 4:45 AM

So sorry to hear of Dawn's passing - I met with her at Staley's, when she was the customer service rep for my mother in law - Peggy Albert. She was a wonderful employee, and took great care in looking after Peggy, and the customers. I am glad that she was able to retire early, and enjoy some time with family and friends. God guard and protect your family during this time of sorrow.Gayle Albert

DC

**Dee Coventry** April 26 at 5:57 AM

So sorry for your loss. Prayers to you and your family. We will miss her smiling face and her compassion for others. Don and Dee Coventry

JR

**Jane Ryan** April 25 at 8:17 AM

I'm am so sorry. Prayers for you and your family! She was a wonderful lady.Jane Ryan

JK

**Joni Mckinney Knierim** April 24 at 2:15 PM

So sorry for your loss! We met Dawn when she was at Fairhaven's visiting her mom and we were visiting our mom! She was a lovely, compassionate, and thoughtful person! Prayers to all your family!Bob & Joni Knierim



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dawn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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