



Dawn Lee LaMartina

January 13, 1950 - June 4, 2014

Dawn L. LaMartina

RACINE-Dawn Lee (nee: Larson) LaMartina, 64, passed away at Hospice Alliance's Hospice House in Racine on June 4th, 2014.

Dawn was born in Omaha, Nebraska on January 13, 1950 to Kenneth E. and Gladys E. (nee: Cutler) Larson. On September 7th, 1974, she was united in marriage to Michael A. LaMartina of Racine.

Dawn graduated from J. I. Case High School in 1968 and attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She worked at St. Mary's Hospital (now Wheaton All Saints – St. Mary's) from the time she was 17 until her retirement in 2011 as a candy striper, a nursing assistant and for most of her career as a Health Unit Clerk; most recently in the Emergency Department. In her years at St. Mary's/Wheaton, Dawn had the pleasure of forming many friendships. These friends should know that they were very important to her; even after she was forced to stop working by a stroke.

Dawn is survived by her husband Michael of Racine; daughters Sarah and Marin of Middleton, WI; mother and brother, Ken, of Hot Springs Village, AR; sister, Nancy (Tim) of Glenwood Springs, CO; grandchildren, Siena and Rowan of Middleton, WI; sister-in-law, Peg LaMartina and many nieces and nephews as well as many sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her father and her parents-in-law as well as a brother-in-law, Rick LaMartina.

Dawn's family's heartfelt gratitude goes out to the many special people who

helped her throughout her last few weeks; including doctors, nurses and nursing assistants. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages that donations be sent to the non-profit Hospice Alliance at www.hospicealliance.org. As per Dawn's wishes, she will be cremated. A celebration of her life will be held at a future date TBA.

Please feel free to share stories and photos with the family at <http://www.sturinofuneralhome.com/obituaries/>.

Tribute Wall

SM

“ *My condolences to the family from the Meeks family!*

sherine meeks - June 22, 2014 at 06:43 PM

DD

“ *I am shocked at Dawn's passing and send out deep sympathies to Michael, Sarah and Marin. I met Dawn in our high school years and formed an active friendship that lasted through college. Of course, once I moved away, we didn't keep up with each other.*

She was a true friend and will be missed.

Dennis Davies - June 12, 2014 at 10:14 AM

BG

I, too, am shocked at hearing of this news. I was in Racine for Father's Day and came across the news of Dawn's passing. I met Dawn through friends of Dennis Davies in the early 70's. My sympathies to family and friends of Dawn. I remember Dawn as being very outgoing, upbeat and kind to all.

Barbara Broshat Gerlach -- Madison, Wisconsin

Barbara Gerlach - June 15, 2014 at 10:58 PM

CJ

“ *The Jarvela Family sends our deepest sympathies to Dawn's family, Gladys, Ken and Nancy. You are in our thoughts and prayers and we are holding you close to our hearts. Love, The Jarvela Family; Ruth Jarvela, Colleen Sorenson, Collette Jarvela-Kuhnen and Cindy Jarvela*

Cynthia Jarvela - June 11, 2014 at 04:26 PM

SM

“ Dawn was a very special person to her family and many others as well. She raised beautiful daughters; one (Marin) who was like a daughter to me, was very special too. I remember Marin telling me how beautiful her Mom was to her...How right she was!! Not only was she beautiful, but very intelligent and ingenious too!! She always had an answer for almost any question you had.. She will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers to out to the family of Mike, Sarah, and Marin.

Sue and Frank Mitchell

Sue Mitchell - June 08, 2014 at 09:45 PM

DP

“ Mike, Sarah and Marin and Family, my thoughts and prayers go out to you. Dawn and I worked together in the Emergency Department at St. Mary's going back to 1988. She was always fun to work with, a great resource and most importantly one of my pals. I do remember she always smiled when she talked about you guys. I have a lot of fond memories of Dawn that bring a smile to my face. I am very lucky to be able to call her a friend and coworker. I will always remember her as a very special person.

Dave Piccolo

Dave Piccolo - June 08, 2014 at 07:22 PM

TV

“ I met Dawn 25 years ago, Fall 1989 at St. Mary's. I was 19 and pretty immature but she treated me like a daughter and friend. I have not seen or spoken to her in a long time, but I thought of her often and feel like a piece of me has been removed. I can only imagine the hole left in your family by such an amazing woman. May God give you strength and eventually peace to overcome her passing. Prayers to you Mike, Sarah, Marin and family.

Traci Johnson Vizer - June 07, 2014 at 07:25 PM