



## Dawn Denise Stepien

July 29, 1952 - March 21, 2026

RACINE - Dawn Denise (Massruha) Stepien, 73, passed away at Parkview Gardens on Saturday, March 21, 2026. She is no longer forgetful and confused.

She was born in Racine on July 29, 1952 to the late Nicholas and Betty Jean (nee: Laughlin) Massruha. Graduated from J.I. Case High School in 1971 and attended UW-Parkside. Dawn was united in marriage to Robert T. Stepien on October 10, 1976 in Clearwater, Florida. Dawn was employed for fourteen years at Kurten Medical Group as a medical assistant. She left her employment to become a homemaker. As her children reached middle school age, she returned to work at the Radisson Hotel working in sales. She retired in 2012. Dawn enjoyed family vacations in Door County and later, would make trips back to Door County. She was able to achieve her dream of traveling throughout France and did so with her two daughters for about three weeks. In winter, Dawn would seek warmth and sunshine in either Florida, Arizona, or California. She was an avid walker and would often walk to see the Lighthouse.

Surviving is her husband, Robert Stepien; daughters Taylor (Andrew) Stepien-Berry and Emily Stepien; sister Lisa (Dennis) Furnell; grandchildren Arden and Birnam; in-laws Jane Massruha, Randy and Margaret Fechner, Gregory and Elizabeth Humphrey; and a number of cousins, nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Besides her parents, Dawn was preceded in death by her sisters, Dixie

Gilbert, Debra Bradley and brother, Randy Massruha.

Memorial service will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home  
3014 Northwestern Avenue  
Racine, WI 53404  
(262) 632-4479  
[info@sturinofuneralhome.com](mailto:info@sturinofuneralhome.com)

## Memorial Service

APR 9. 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dawn Denise Stepien*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - March 27 at 03:55 PM

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*So saddened to hear this news. I have such fond memories of Dawn and family and the house on Melvin Ave. Sending love and light to Bob, Taylor, Emily and family ❤️❤️ My deepest condolences.*

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**Anne Daleski** - April 01 at 12:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dawn Denise Stepien.*



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April 08 at 02:54 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dawn Denise Stepien.*

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dawn Denise Stepien.

April 04 at 08:52 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Dawn Denise Stepien.



April 04 at 08:52 AM



“ So sorry to see this. Thinking of you, Bob, and family.

Lynn Daleski - March 29 at 12:50 PM



“ Sincere condolences to Bob and the girls for their loss.

Dennis & Marilyn McGoldrick

Dennis McGoldrick - March 29 at 09:55 AM



“ Our heartfelt sympathy to Bob and family. Dawn always greeted us with a smile and friendly hello! Ralph & Diane Nicotera, Fort Mill, SC.

Ralph & Diane Nicotera - March 27 at 08:31 PM



“ 93 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - March 27 at 03:50 PM

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*Thinking of all you at this difficult time.*

*Fondly,*

*Lynn Daleski  
Dunedin, FL*

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**Lynn Daleski** - March 29 at 10:11 AM