



Mrs. L. Dawn Davis

July 14, 1953 - March 4, 2017

Mrs. Dawn Davis of High River, Alberta passed away into the arms of Jesus, after a long battle with cancer; surrounded by her family at the Foothills Country Hospice in Okotoks on March 4, 2017 at the age of 63 years. Dawn is survived by her loving husband Ken; son Troy; daughter Heather (Oscar) Cruz; dog Hope; mother Mary Hawkins; sisters Terry (Rich) Parsons and Patricia Yurkoski; brother Bob Attwell; niece Melanie (Darry) and their children Jacob and Brenna Guglielmin; as well as other extended family and friends. She was predeceased by her father Harry Hawkins; and uncle Bill Attwell.

Dawn grew up in Calgary, Alberta and married her husband Ken in 1974. She was a committed, passionate teacher of special needs and elementary school students. The hours of volunteer work she did exemplified her selfless nature and love of God. Her loyalty to those she cared for knew no bounds.

We are heartbroken by the loss of this extraordinary wife, mother and friend. Her presence in our lives was such a blessing.

A celebration of Dawn's life was held on Saturday March 18, 2017 at the Full Gospel Church in High River, Alberta (1802-9 Avenue SE). To honor her vibrant spirit those attending can wear orange, her favorite color.

If desired in memory of Dawn memorial donations may be made to the Narrow

Road Home in High River (www.narrowroadhome.com) or the Foothills Country Hospice in Okotoks (www.countryhospice.org). To send condolences and view Dawn's Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeves.com . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (403.652.4242).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 18. 2:00 PM (MT)

High River Full Gospel Tabernacle

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Tribute Wall



“ I knew Mrs. Davis as a child. I learned about her family and knew her a Heather Davis and Troy Davis' mother. The two of us were introduced several times over a childhood by association of our mothers going to High School together. Heather, their first born, became, unrecounted to her at the time, became my best friend a lost soul could have ever known. Heather found me ..as lost soul in the world ...where ever I travelled, she found me and...Heather still wrote.

I will forever treasure Heather's friendship. I have memories of being in Dawn's kitchen right before I embarked on my many travels as a wayward soul....aside from anyone there... at the kitchen table...she offered her words of comfort, wisdom to stay and face my fears, and that God would be with me. I didn't believe her at the time, but only a few short years later I did. I watched Dawn curiously at that kitchen table...despite her own pain of being "locked" in a jaw of pain due to her jaw being wired shut...she still relayed clear words of wisdom and grace encouraging me to do better.

To me.. reflecting back from what I remember now... these are actions of a saint perhaps there are more than a few in the family that should be recognized!! Mr. Davis, Troy - you both were present and focused for all of your families needs. Together this family showed me a bond that not just os born, but is created.

Never have I met any one else like Dawn, and the closest person in likeness Id possibly relate to such being of grace: is her daughter Heather. Heather is one of the best people I have ever met on this earth. I am honoured to be graced to have learned to know such face of kindness, soft and kind words of wisdom. Both Dawn and Heather are apart of the music that sings the song of humanity carrying forward. Thank you ladies. Love ya forever!

Kelley Sherin - August 01, 2023 at 04:26 AM



*Not the best translation from original text - but message gets through.
Thanks Dawn. Love you Davis Fam!*

Kelley Sherin - August 01, 2023 at 04:26 AM

DG

“ *I knew Dawn when she taught at FCHS in Okotoks. She encouraged me to get my teacher assistant certification. What a wonderful person she was, so generous and giving of herself to help others. I offer my condolences to the family. Rest In Peace Dawn!* ”

Donna Glawson - March 22, 2017 at 12:03 AM

BB

“ *Dawn taught both of our sons. Spencer (now 18) and Brandon (now 15) were blessed to have her as their first grade teacher. She always celebrated their strengths and encouraged them when needed. She was a wonderful teacher and someone we considered our friend. Our entire family is saddened that she is gone, but grateful she is now with the Lord. Brandon is skating in a play-off hockey game today with two other young men that were in his first grade class- they are taping their sticks orange for the game in honour of Mrs. Davis. Please know we are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers, we are so very sorry for your loss.* ”

Trevor, Bobbi, Spencer and Brandon Beck

Bobbi Beck - March 18, 2017 at 01:57 PM

DB

“ Very sorry to hear of Dawn's passing. I knew Dawn from DMG she was always very kind and generous helping out with ideas and craft supplies for our Girl Guide group. Although she had some health issues she came across with warmth and kindness she had a big heart - I know she will be welcomed with open arms in heaven.
Debra Baker

Debra Baker - March 17, 2017 at 07:48 PM

GR

“ Last year my husband was diagnosed with lung cancer and I took a hiatus from helping with meals for The Narrow Road Home to care for him, Dawn stepped up to selflessly help out with meals even while she was in the midst of her own battle with cancer. I only had a chance to speak with her once during that time and I will always remember how joyful she was and continued to praise her Lord and Saviour, leaning on Him in faith through it all.
My condolences to her family. She was a special lady.

Gail Reiss

Gail Reiss - March 17, 2017 at 12:21 PM

BB

“ Dear Troy and Heather...sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Sincerely,
Bryan Bienert*

Bryan Bienert - March 16, 2017 at 05:04 PM

PL

“ *In Dawn we saw a love for her Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ
She demonstrated to us strength, commitment and courage
We will live life with more compassion and love
We will be more caring and understanding
Because our paths have crossed in this life
Thank You Dawn for a life well lived
Pastor Dean & Leona and the Congregation of the Full Gospel
Church*

Pastor Dean & Leona - March 16, 2017 at 03:12 PM

JH

“ *Dawn was one of the first people I met when I came to work for the
school division. Her kind and gentle nature is what I shall remember
about her. Condolences to all her family.*

Jane Husband - March 16, 2017 at 09:15 AM



“ *I met Dawn through her niece, Melanie. One memory that really
stands out is how encouraging and supportive Dawn was when
Melanie and I were both finishing our teaching degrees and
preparing for job interviews. Dawn gave us great advice, and I
sensed that she was extremely proud that Melanie was following in
her educator's footsteps. Dawn shared her teaching philosophy with
us, and it has stuck with me ever since. She said that in her eyes,
every child was gifted and every child was special. They all had
talents and they all had areas in which to grow, and they all
deserved dedicated teachers.*

We are so sorry for your family's loss.

M. Erin Warburton - March 10, 2017 at 06:26 PM

LB

“ Dear Ken and Family,
There are no words to express my sorrow for
you loss.
My heart is with you.



Linda Blowes - March 10, 2017 at 04:24 PM

DB

“ Dear Ken, Heather, Oscar and Troy,
Dawn's love for people was obvious in how she lived her life each
day. Her faith was lived out in how she loved everyone around her.
We are so sorry for you in the loss of Dawn. Praying for you and
thinking of you all at this time.
Daisy-Marie

Daisy-Marie Budd - March 10, 2017 at 12:45 PM

PG

“ Remembering Dawn as a very courageous
woman full of hope and inspiration. Her smile
was evidence of her love and relationship with
Jesus. You will be missed! One day we will
meet again, in Heaven where there is no
parting, sickness, or sadness. My love and prayers for her family at
this time.



Pam Ganske - March 09, 2017 at 02:44 PM

LR

“ Ken, Heather and Oscar and Troy,
You know how much your beautiful wife and
mother meant to us and our families.
Dawn was the Lifelong Friend (60+ years for
Linda and Dawn) that others in this world can
only hope to find. She was an absolutely wonderful person who
always responded in kindness and love to one and all.
Our families have a special bond that has extended over the last
four generations- from our parents, ourselves, our children and our
grandchildren.
Please know that we share your profound sorrow and we are here
to support you at this difficult time.
We love you all.
The REPP Family
Linda, Grant, Doug, Julie, Mike, Sherry, Parker & Oliver



Linda Repp - March 09, 2017 at 01:48 PM

MA

“ We first met you when you held our girl, Kaitlyn, as a newborn. That
was 16 years ago.....16 years in which you loved all 3 of our
kids....reminded them of how special they are....came to their school
concerts....took them to movies and shopping. You told me, Dawn,
of what a happy house is toys all over the place, unfolded
laundry on the couch and children running all over the place! Thank
you Dawn for telling me I'm doing okay as a mom! I will wait for that
day when I'll see you in heaven but until then, Ken, Troy,
Heather & Oscaryou're stuck with us! We are so blessed to be a
part of your lives. You are in our thoughts and prayers constantly
and we love you very much.
Missing you Dawn!
Maureen & Dave Miller, Robbie, Kaitlyn and Karyssa

Maureen - March 09, 2017 at 11:12 AM

Ashley
Tilleman

“ Love naturally poured out of Dawn. Her arms were always full as she loved each child that surrounded her. Many memories come to my mind of her loving the babies (and all children) of High River Baptist Church. She will be missed but the hope and love she shared with all of us will live on in each of us! Praying for you all in this time of grief.

Murray and Ashley Tilleman

Ashley Tilleman - March 09, 2017 at 10:03 AM

MP

“ My brightest memories of Dawn are always of her smile. She was always supportive of Heather and I getting up to whatever mischief that came to our heads. She prayed with us and guided us both at church and youth group and at home. She was always easy to talk with, always willing to listen, always full of great questions and advice. She brought great joy and also a sense of stability and grounding to so many lives. She will be greatly missed. Our thoughts, prayers and hugs are with you all - Heather, Oscar, Ken and Troy.

(Much love from Megan, Ian and Aurora)

Megan Postin - March 09, 2017 at 09:39 AM

AA

“ I know that Dawn was my dad's favourite niece. Her nickname was Pete. I never knew why, one day maybe it will be a happy story to share.

I will miss her optimism. I will miss her joy for life.

I trust that there is a reunion happening in heaven.

Allan Attwell - March 09, 2017 at 12:01 AM

RN

“ We're so sorry to hear of Dawn's passing! While we were in High River Baptist Church, we really enjoyed our friendship with the two of you, Ken. May God be all you need Him to be during this trying time of loss and grief. We're praying for you and your family.

Roy Nickel - March 08, 2017 at 05:07 PM

TB

“ There are many children and families who experienced Dawn's gentle touch and kindness. I'm grateful to have worked with her and learned from her. May all the wonderful memories bring you comfort in the days ahead. Dawn is a special lady who will be missed.
Tammy Beach

Tammy Beach - March 07, 2017 at 09:01 PM

KA

“ It was a pleasure and a privilege to have known and taught with Dawn, few have a bigger heart and passion for kids! She will be missed by so many!

Karen Andrews

Karen Andrews - March 07, 2017 at 07:26 PM

JC

“ We are so saddened to hear of Dawn's passing. We will miss her warm and welcoming smile everyday. Dawn was such a kind and loving soul. We will also miss seeing the beautiful garden arrangements that she worked so hard on every year. Sending love and light to the family our thoughts are with you.
Jolene and Mike Carlson



Jolene Mike Carlson - March 07, 2017 at 07:09 PM

BS

“ *My sincerest condolences to both the Davis and Hawkins families.*

What I will remember about Dawn is the way she really looked at you when she spoke to you, her eyes turned up as she smiled that warm inclusive smile. Always so kind and caring, with a beautiful heart and soul.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

With love,

Brenda Strandlund



Brenda Strandlund - March 06, 2017 at 10:05 PM

KW

So sorry to hear of Dawn's passing. She was a strong and beautiful lady. I will always remember her for her smile and enthusiastic help when Troy was in my grade 4 class. She was a supportive parent, a conscientious colleague and a caring friend.

Kathy Weinacker - March 07, 2017 at 06:26 PM

LC

I fondly remember Dawn planning special days for her school children. She always looked to find a way to make learning special for her students. There were meals, costumes, grandparents, parents, special days and many memories for everyone involved. And everyone was welcome; and the laughter filled the air. Her energy and love for children and family will be missed.

Lynne cunningham - March 07, 2017 at 11:05 PM

CG

*Heaven has received a very Special Angel.
my condolences to Heather and Oscar, Ken and Troy.
There isn't enough room in this comment area to express my joy of knowing Dawn and her family. Only when you got to know Dawn would she trust you with speaking about her Health, she always arrived with a grin from ear to ear, no matter how difficult or painful her situation. Always lovingly sharing stories. Family was her Love. She always had a solution to a problem, like Heather and Oscar's Wedding in a snowstorm changing Venues!! Love hearing how much she Loved Ken, Heather, Oscar and Troy!! I will miss our time together!! We had a lot of fun changing hairstyles through the years from long to short, a few hilites!!
From your Hairstylist and Friend!! You should try some streaks in Orange or Teal, your favorite colours
Cheryl Goldthorpe*

Cheryl Goldthorpe - March 09, 2017 at 02:56 PM

HG

*Sincere condolences to your families on the passing of Dawn
Heather Goode*

Heather Goode - March 09, 2017 at 09:22 PM

DG

My favorite memory of Dawn is her laughter; she saw humor in many situations and this was so refreshing to see. When Dawn left our team at Gibson we missed her and spoke of her so often. Dawn was very kind and I remember how when I had a surgery she arrived at my house with a humongous basket of food and other treats. My sympathy to all of you.

Donna Gordon

Donna Gordon - March 10, 2017 at 06:55 PM

DG

*Such a thoughtful and caring lady she will be missed.
Thinking about your loss at this time .
Diane Gilzean*

diane gilzean - March 14, 2017 at 03:06 PM

DS

*Ken, Heather & Troy,
My deepest condolences to you during this difficult time. My thoughts
are with you all.
Darren Sharp*

Darren Sharp - March 15, 2017 at 09:28 AM

SF

*What wonderful memories we have of this astonishing lady. She ha left
a legacy of hope and caring. My condolences on the passing of this
wonderful lady.
Scott Forbes*

Scott Forbes - March 16, 2017 at 01:15 PM

HF

*We are so very sorry for your loss.
Mrs. Davis taught our son, Haley, Grade one. She made learning fun
and challenging! She always welcomed parents and siblings in her
classroom and on field trips. It was a pleasure to help in her classroom.
Words can't express how much she gave of herself..I remember one
day at recess, she had a spare 10 minutes, so she pulled out a toolbox
full of supplies and decorated the most beautiful birthday cake for one
of the staff members!
Her love of learning will live on in the students whose lives she
touched; she is sadly missed.
Mark and Helen Fiedler and Family*

Helen Fiedler - March 18, 2017 at 07:19 PM