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A million beautiful words won't be enough to describe the woman Dawn was. Here is the best I can do: on a rainy, Oregon Wednesday: April 26, 1972, Dawn gently and quietly came into this world to a proud mama and a dad that secretly wanted a boy. She quickly became daddy's little girl with her perfectly placed dimples and baby fawn eyes. Dawn's early childhood years were spent in and around the Portland area where she attended Concord Elementary School. Even as a small girl, Dawn's gentle spirit shined: always the first to help any one in need, always a friend to the friendless, and always a cheerleader for the underdog.

Dawn's favorite times were weekend camping trips (her fish cleaning skills were impressive) and at night, keeping an eye out for Bigfoot or his son Stubtoe, it was a job Dawn took seriously. When Dawn was 10, mom decided it was time for a change. We packed up and moved to South Dakota, mom's birthplace, where giant family of aunties and cousins were all there waiting for us. That following year, our family grew again, when our mom married Harvey Schaible and with him came two sons: Revi and Brett.

Dawn flowed right into country life. Thanks to extended family, much time was spent on a real farm complete with cows, goats, a stinky donkey, one buffalo, and even an artic fox. Dawn never missed a mudpuddle or an adventure. Thank you, Schantz and Diane.

During this time, Dawn attended school in Leola, South Dakota. There Dawn was confirmed into the St Paul's Lutheran church. Dawn came to Wenatchee and started high school at Wenatchee Valley High (WVH). There she met her life-long bestie and former partner in crime: Julie Smith. Dawn graduated Class of 1990 and Wenatchee Valley College came next where she got her degree. From there, her career in the apple industry began. Starting with Bardin Farms, where she perfected her skills and worked with people she loved. Thank you, Jan and Darrell Collins.

Her current position was "World's Best Shipping Lady" at Columbia Fruit, where she loved her work family. Rob, Martine, Joey - she loved y'all.

Dawn had the spirit of a Serengeti lioness, she held a quiet deep faith, and she was The Amazing Auntie Dawn. A roll never greater than a mother came to Dawn when Lila Kimberly Sanchez gently came into this world 15 years ago. From that day on, every breathe Dawn took was for precious made with love, Lila.

On August 31, 2020, a rupture of the heart took Dawn from us at 48 years young. Our sister walked out life's door, jumped into her magic red hotrod, revved the engine, turned the tunes up and brought the top down. Now she's riding that highway in the sky.

Dawn would want this said: "Be kind, it's Free. There is Beauty Everywhere. Life is Short. Thank a Veteran."

Dawn is survived by daughter: Lila. Lila's dad: Chilo Sanchez, sister: Kim Reeves, half-brother Mark, step-dad: Harvey, and step-brothers: Revi and Brett. Three nieces and three nephews, and two great-nieces. Dawn's mother Donna Schaible passed just three months ago, and her father in April 2005.

Dawn's cremains will be placed with her mother's in the Leola City Cemetery in Leola, South Dakota, September 19, 2020 at 2:30pm. From there we will caravan to City Lights in Aberdeen, South Dakota and celebrate a short life well lived.

Memorials can be sent to Heritage Memorial Chapel in East Wenatchee at 19 Rock Island Rd, East Wenatchee, WA 98802. Floral memorials for Dawn's Celebration of Life can be made to Kessler's Floral, Aberdeen, South Dakota at 615 6th Ave SE, Aberdeen, SD 57401. <https://www.kesslersgrocery.com/departments/floral>

The family invites you to share a memory on Dawn's Tribute Page at [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com) where a photo video tribute is also available to view.

Just remember: we have the moon and stars to share.

# Tribute Wall

DK

“ Memories, oh there are so many over 35 years of them. Learning your colors and numbers games we played, riding bikes, getting our manicures, school clothes shopping, your first job interview and being hired by Article Circle, high school graduation, attending Wenatchee Valley College together, your wedding at our house, the birth of your baby Lila and last but not least our "I Love You" exchange a short time ago at the coffee shop. You grew up to be a wonderful lady and have raised such a precious daughter. I love you so much Dawn Maria and I miss you greatly.  
Deon

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**Deon Kraft** - October 26, 2020 at 11:01 AM

ME

“ My best memory of Dawn is when she drove Schanz and I out to the farm for my first visit there. I has just starting seeing Schanz. I do believe she is the one that got us together. I think She just knew we would hit it off. She will be missed by many.  
Love Maria

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**Maria Evans** - September 13, 2020 at 05:59 PM

CJ

“ Dawn I love you so much and I miss you something fierce! You were my best friend, my longest friend and we shared so much in life with each other. I am thankful to God we met when we did and thankful for the time we did have, I will spend as much time with Lila as I can and make sure she is never forgotten. I will see you one day again in Heaven, go be at peace with your Mom and Dad and rest in the arms of the Angels.

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**Candi Johnson** - September 03, 2020 at 03:16 PM