



## Mary Dawn Drake

May 8, 1985 - December 24, 2022

“Some souls are too beautiful for this world and so they leave.”

Our sweet and silly Mary Dawn suddenly and unexpectedly passed away at the young age of 37 on Christmas Eve December 24th, 2022 at St. Luke's East Hospital in Lee's Summit, MO where she resided. Mary Dawn was born on May 8th, 1985 at Citizen's Memorial Hospital in Bolivar, MO. She is predeceased by her father Ronald Drake who passed on August 24th, 1994. She leaves behind a 17-year-old son, Aidan Benavidez who currently attends Lees Summit North high school and will graduate in May 2023. She is survived by her mother Jeanne Drake, two sisters Bethany McGuire and Delissa Drake, two brothers Bryan Griffin and Nathan Drake and a large extended family.

Mary Dawn graduated from Fair Play High School in 2003 where she attended K-12. She played softball where her nickname was “Scooter” because she was so fast around the bases. Her favorite sport was basketball where she played point guard. She ran cross country and was a cheerleader where she was known to do back handsprings all the way down the court. She leaves behind so many lifelong elementary and high school friends.

After high school Mary Dawn gave birth to her son, Aidan and started working as a Pharmacy Technician in Kansas City, MO. While working full time and as a single mother, she graduated from Anthem University in Kansas City, MO with a Surgical Technician degree. She continued working as a Pharmacy Tech and most recently worked at the Corner Café in Riverside, MO for 5

years and the Cracker Barrel in Independence, MO the past year. She was very well known and loved by all her co-workers and regular customers. Mary Dawn loved to spend time with her son, play slow pitch softball with her friends and travel whenever she could. She loved to sing, watch movies and workout. She had a special knack for making friends wherever she went. She had exceptional empathy for everyone and would do anything to help her family and friends. She loved to laugh and enjoy life and showed that to everyone she met. She was extremely tenacious and hardworking. She was known for her ability to bounce back from adversity and come out stronger. She will be remembered by everyone for her love of life and her son. Mary Dawn will be buried at Shady Grove Cemetery in Fair Play, MO next to her dad. Her pallbearers will be her son Aidan Benavidez, brother Bryan Griffin, nephews Luke and Ethan McGuire and cousins Darrin Ankrom, Bradley Nelson, Trevor Ankrom, Logan Ankrom and Ryan Ankrom. "Live fast, love hard, die young and leave a beautiful memory." Faron Young.

Services for May Dawn Drake will be held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, December 31, 2022. Visitation will be held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday until the time of service. Memorial donations may be made to the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Shady Grove Cemetery

Shady Grove Rd.  
Fair Play, MO 65649

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
407 E. Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
(417) 326-5233  
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Dawn Drake*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Mary Dawn Drake*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *I can still feel her warm and caring hugs on those mornings when we both needed one before we started our work day. We always planned to run off together on a Monday and go spend time with her momma and my sister Rayetta . I sure wish we had made that trip. I loved my friend Mary Dawn and she will be forever missed. So many prayers we said together for our families. My friends at bible study and I will online to include Aiden in our prayers and I know she will be looking out for him and speaking with Jesus for him to be safe . She was a true friend and I can't wait to get my hug again someday. God's peace to the family and all of her friends.*

**Deborah Noble** - December 30, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ *The Wernels: Nick, Jean, Amy & Ben purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Dawn Drake.*



**The Wernels: Nick, Jean, Amy & Ben** - December 29, 2022 at 12:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mary Dawn Drake.



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December 29, 2022 at 12:19 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mary Dawn Drake.



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December 29, 2022 at 10:49 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mary Dawn Drake.



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December 28, 2022 at 05:58 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mary Dawn Drake.



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December 28, 2022 at 05:33 PM

GK

“ So sorry to hear about Mary Dawn. Our Thoughts & Prayers are with your Family. Dan & Gloria Kennedy & Family

Gloria Kennedy - December 28, 2022 at 04:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Dawn Drake.



December 28, 2022 at 01:59 PM

PM

“ I miss you my friend. I'm sad know that our conversations last week were our last. I'll never see that smile or hear your voice on Earth again. I do take comfort I'm replaying our final words before ending the call....love you Phil....love you too MD. Rest well my dear friend. I know I'll see you on the other side.

Phillip McMullen - December 28, 2022 at 01:38 PM

JF

“ She always had a smile for me. May she find peace.

Janice Fortney - December 28, 2022 at 05:42 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mary Dawn Drake.



December 28, 2022 at 01:16 AM

PF

“ Phillip McMullen & family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mary Dawn Drake.



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**Phillip McMullen & family** - December 27, 2022 at 06:12 PM

JT

“ We are very sorry for your loss = Every evening on the bus we would turn onto 123 and I would say Delisa and Mary Dawn loudly to be sure they were on the bus.

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**James and Kaye Thomas** - December 27, 2022 at 05:17 PM