



Dawn Patricia Shaw

September 6, 1938 - January 28, 2020

Dawn P. Shaw, 81, died Tuesday, January 28, 2020, in Grand Blanc, Michigan, from natural causes. She passed peacefully, surrounded by her children.

She leaves her brother Joseph Overbye and wife Gail; daughter Lonnie and husband Stephen; son Norman and fiancé Tina; daughter Elizabeth Hill and husband Todd; grandchild, Kevin; grandchild, Samantha and husband Erik, and great-grandchildren Jackson and Matthew.

She was preceded in death by her ex-husband Ernest; sister Myrna Krtinich; and parents Myrtle and Norman.

Born in northern Minnesota, Dawn was a shy yet take-charge girl who directed plays in her backyard. Dawn joined the U.S. Army after high school. While stationed in Texas, she took courses in film projection and theater. In Germany, she earned a classified position, an important role usually offered only to men. She dealt with NATO Top Secret correspondence during the Cold War. She excelled at her work. Socially, her female peers looked to her for makeup tips in the style of the Hollywood starlets of the day.

After marrying, she left the military to raise her family. She thrived as a mother, a job she loved and was perfectly suited for.

Dawn had a knack with animals. She rescued the unloved. Too many to name, but so many to greet her in her passing.

She retired in 2002 after working for the State of Michigan for twenty-five years; first, with the Unemployment Insurance Agency, then doing social work

in Detroit.

Her family will gather privately to celebrate a woman who gave everything for her family. Dawn was brave, proud, and hardworking, a woman who lived her life on her own terms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made on her behalf to PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals).

“Smile often. Speak gently. Be kind.”—Edgar Cayce

“Make the world a better place because you have lived in it.”—Edgar Cayce

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