



Dawn M. Beckgerd

November 9, 1968 - April 21, 2020

Dawn Michelle Beckgerd, 51, of Evansville, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at her Evansville home, surrounded by family. As if Heaven wasn't bright enough already, her entrance surely made it sparkle even more! That's not a surprise given that her spirit lit up every room she entered here on earth.

As a Premier Designs Jewelry associate, Dawn never went anywhere without wearing a stunning display of jewelry. At her chemo treatments, she believed the better you look, the better you feel. As a faithful servant of God and an administrative assistant at Bethel Church, Dawn inspired so many people through her entire journey, many of whom she didn't even know. She shared the gospel at any opportunity she could, especially during her 3 mission trips to Myanmar and China. She never once lost faith or hope during her entire fight through cancer in 1982...or 2010...or anytime during the last four years!

In addition to selling jewelry and serving God, Dawn loved spending time watching Downton Abbey, HGTV, the Hallmark Channel (especially Christmas movies) and cheering for the St. Louis Cardinals and the Chicago Bears. She was a graduate of Quincy Senior High School and John Wood Community College in Quincy, IL, and also attended the University of Southern Indiana.

Surviving are her mother, Sandy Claus of Liberty, IL; sister, Andrea (Shane) Pollard of Newburgh; stepmother, Pat Beckgerd; stepbrothers, Todd (Karla)

Beckgerd and John (Dana) Pate; stepsisters, Jenny (Alex) Weilbrenner and Jody (Jim) Danhauer, a niece, Caroline Dawn Pollard and nephew, Hunter West.

She was preceded in death by her father, Paul Beckgerd in February of this year, her step father, Lyndle E. Claus and a stepbrother, Jeffery Claus.

Visitation and funeral services for Dawn in Evansville will be private. Burial will take place in Burton Cemetery near Quincy, IL. Pierre Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Anthony Stephens and the entire staff of OHA for their kind and compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Evansville Christian Life Center, Vanderburgh County Humane Society or to Chemo Buddies. Evansville Christian Life Center - <https://restoringpeople.com/>
Vanderburgh County Humane Society - <https://www.vhslifesaver.org/>
Chemo Buddies - <https://www.chemobuddies.org/>

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Burton Cemetery

Quincy, IL

Previous Events

Private funeral services

APR **25** (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
12300 South 50 West
Haubstadt, IN 47639

Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dawn M. Beckgerd*



Pierre Funeral Home - April 24, 2020 at 11:19 AM

RS

Wonderful tribute to DAWN!

Randall A Scott - April 24, 2020 at 05:47 PM



“ *Dawn M. Beckgerd*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM

SE

“ *A true angel here on earth. I will miss you my sweet friend*



Stacey Easley - April 25, 2020 at 11:41 PM

MW

“ Dawn was an inspiration to us all. So gentle and sweet, tough but loving. Her toughness was in how she dealt with everything thrown at her. The end product was a person to be admired. As a jewelry sister, she was always welcoming to new people...often taking them under her wing and spreading the love of God. I truly don't remember a time when Dawn wasn't smiling, especially when she was around a group of people. She never focused on herself unless it was to tell everyone she met that God is Good! Our Jesus still has his arms around her, but now she's pain free! Sending love to Dawn's family!

Marcia Ward - April 25, 2020 at 02:17 PM

RW

“ Dawn was one of my favorite people at work and at church. She was a true inspiration when she was on stage singing and praising God. She was so kind. I will always remember how sweet she was.

Renita Westerfield - April 25, 2020 at 12:03 PM

RS

“ My most vivid memories of Dawn were of her singing with our worship team at Bethel for a short time. When she would sing and praise God, it seemed as though she was looking through the "spiritual veil" and looking straight into Heaven and into the very eyes of Jesus. What a true spirit of praise and worship she was. I'll miss her sweet spirit!

Randall A Scott - April 24, 2020 at 06:00 PM



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Pierre Funeral Home - April 24, 2020 at 02:05 PM

MC

“ Dawn was a wonderful Christian mentor to me as well as everyone in our small group. I looked up to her and admired her so much. No matter what, she always had the biggest smile and was always there for each of us. I'm going to miss her so much! My prayers are with her family and all who love her.

Melissa Conaway - April 24, 2020 at 01:43 PM



Thank you, Melissa!!!

Andrea Pollard - April 24, 2020 at 03:41 PM

GG

“ I am so saddened to hear of Dawn's passing..I admired her spirit and positive attitude. I always watched her video's on Facebook. My sincere sympathy to friends and family

Gloria Gunn - April 24, 2020 at 11:35 AM



Andrea Pollard

Thank you, Gloria!

Andrea Pollard - April 24, 2020 at 12:37 PM



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Pierre Funeral Home - April 24, 2020 at 11:13 AM



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Pierre Funeral Home - April 24, 2020 at 09:08 AM

KW

“ Dawn and I grew up together more as sisters than cousins. She had always been the spirit of light in our lives and will forever shine. Sometimes when we were together we would break out and sing Oh Happy Day. I remember camping trips to Bull Shoals every summer, spending a weekend night at her house when we were young, and going out to visit the blue Silos was a treat. Dawn was always Happy Wiity and Beautiful inside and out. Grandma Beckgerd famous saying If you would only got to church and we did. We talked many times of how God put her on earth to use her to minister and share his word. She inspired me and my faith is so much stronger today because of her. Her spirit will live on in all the lives she touched. Dawn I see you now young and healthy and reunited with family. Heavens Choir is blessed to have you. I know someday I will hear you singing to me and bring a smile to my face. I miss you so much. I love you Punky Pete.

Kaye Lovelace Winchell - April 24, 2020 at 06:50 AM



Andrea Pollard

I love this!!!

Andrea Pollard - April 24, 2020 at 12:38 PM

JW

“ I worked with Dawn at ETFCU and will always remember her beautiful smile and devotion to her faith. She was such an inspiration of strength and positivity. Her legacy will not soon be forgotten. Heaven gained a true angel.

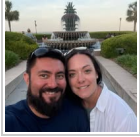
Jennifer Wathen - April 24, 2020 at 12:14 AM



Andrea Pollard

Thank you, Jennifer!

Andrea Pollard - April 24, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ Dawn will forever been my Sis and the only person I'll think of when eating Cowboy pizza from Papa Murphys. She was my light while living in Evansville going to USI, my sense of calm when stressed and one of my favorite weekend buddies! I'd bring my basket of laundry over to her apartment, we'd grab some Papa Murphys pizza and dig in while watching a movie (Pride and Prejudice was watched so many times)! Days spent in the pool and many drives together whether it was over to Andrea's for one of her epic dinners or to MO/IL to visit family; Dawn was always sharing the Gospel with me and encouraging me not just then but through every new adventure in life. She was always speaking Truth no matter what life circumstance she was going through. I could go on and on but two things will never leave my memories of Dawn, Disciple and Cowboy pizza! No more pain Sis and I only imagine your voice singing the LOUDEST right now. Love you Sis!
-Bec

Becca Goellner - April 23, 2020 at 11:42 PM



Thank you, Becca!!! Wish you were here!!!

Andrea Pollard - April 24, 2020 at 12:43 PM

CH

“ I worked with Dawn at ETFCU for many years and enjoyed her humor and positive outlook on life. I retired a month ago but kept up with her on Facebook. Her Christian faith was so strong and she was a great witness for Christ..I can just imagine Jesus welcoming her into heaven with open arms. She will be greatly missed.

Cathy Hughes - April 23, 2020 at 11:38 PM



Thank you, Cathy!

Andrea Pollard - April 24, 2020 at 12:43 PM



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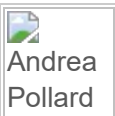
Becca Goellner - April 23, 2020 at 11:32 PM



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Caroline Pollard - April 23, 2020 at 11:29 PM

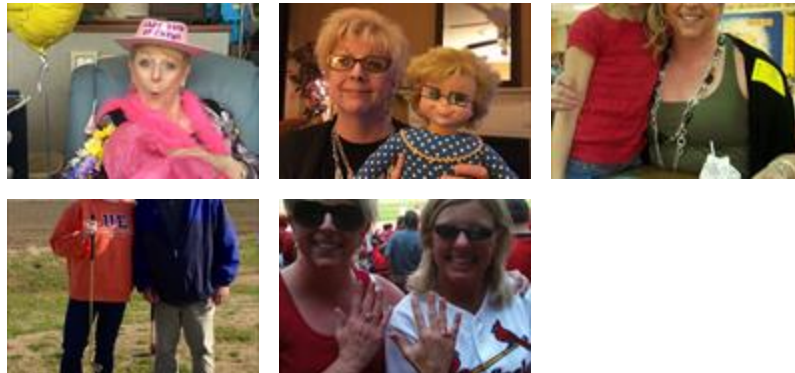


Love these pictures, Caroline!!!

Andrea Pollard - April 24, 2020 at 12:43 PM

Andrea Pollard

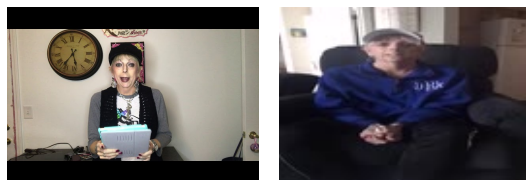
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Andrea Pollard - April 23, 2020 at 10:23 PM

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Andrea Pollard - April 23, 2020 at 10:22 PM

NG

“ Dawn has forever been my cousin, my buddy, my camping partner, my favorite guest at Maidrite, my Downton Abby sister, my favorite jewelry lady, my fellow disciple of Christ, and one of my best friends. I have so many great memories of our life together and yes Andrea I still have the slides from our camping trips. Dawn has been such a large part of my family that it is so hard to say goodbye but I know with all my heart that Dawn is singing in heavens choir now and rejoicing with her Dad, Aunt Maureen and Uncle Lloyd. I love you Dawn!
Nan

Nancy Goellner - April 23, 2020 at 10:14 PM



Andrea Pollard

Yes she is!!!

Andrea Pollard - April 23, 2020 at 10:19 PM

TD

“ *My cousin's house burned down in November and I posted on fb and Dawn graciously donated some very nice clothes and jewelry to my cousin. I had not seen Dawn for years and so glad I got to before she went to be with the Lord. She was an amazing woman.*

Twiletta Duncan - April 23, 2020 at 09:49 PM



Andrea Pollard

Twiletta, thank you so much for posting this!

Andrea Pollard - April 23, 2020 at 09:56 PM

DB

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Dawn's passing but glad she is at peace. I babysat Dawn and Andrea when they were toddlers in Quincy then passed that baton on to my sister Donna. I only remember her as a bright and energetic child. My favorite memory is eating popcorn and watching TV, I kept getting really soggy pieces and then noticed that the girls were licking off the salt and dumping them back in the bowl. I, of course, was grossed out at the time but have laughed about it many times over the years. There was never a dull moment. God bless family and always remember the happy times. Debbie (Cramsey) Beckwith.*

Debbie Beckwith - April 23, 2020 at 06:33 PM



Andrea Pollard

Oh my gosh, Debbie! I LOVE this story. Thank you so much for sharing it. Man, what was up with the salt?

Andrea Pollard - April 23, 2020 at 07:47 PM

BS

“ *What a champion. Even in her cancer journey she was always a cheerleader and the most positive personality in the room. Her passion to serve and bless those that knew her will be missed. Thanks Dawn for your smiles and encouragement. You'll make heaven a little brighter. Bob Seymore*

Bob Seymore - April 23, 2020 at 05:35 PM



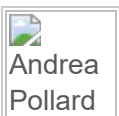
Thank you, Bob, for these wonderful words!

Andrea Pollard - April 23, 2020 at 09:57 PM

MP

“ *I worked with Dawn for several years at Evansville Teachers FCU. She was an excellent employee and always positive in every respect. They were good days. Later after my wife and I retired from ETFCU, we would remain friends with Dawn and follow her gallant efforts and devotion to God. Amy and I are so sorry to learn of her passing and wish to express our sincere sympathy to her family and friends. Rest in peace sweet lady and God bless.*

Michael H Phipps - April 23, 2020 at 04:09 PM



Thank you Mike & Amy! Dawn loved her time at ETFCU and the friendships she had there. We're so glad you were able to stay in touch with her after your retirement!

Andrea Pollard - April 23, 2020 at 09:58 PM

TS

“ *Dawn was the most pleasant person I have known. Always a smile no matter what.*

terri schaefer - April 23, 2020 at 03:41 PM



Thank you, Terri!

Andrea Pollard - April 23, 2020 at 09:58 PM



So sad and sorry to hear of Dawn's passing. I babysat for Andrea and Dawn when they were just sweet little girls, always happy and smiling. Have many memories of playing toys in the basement, where I also learned how to sew. At times I felt like they were my little sisters and secretly pretended that I was a mom. What a wonder person she grew up to be, so sorry for you and your families. Sorry that I've missed out on staying in touch. Life is so precious and short. She was an Angel on this Earth and we will all see her again in Heaven.

Donna Cramsey Lowary

Donna Cramsey Lowary - April 24, 2020 at 06:02 PM



Oh, Donna. I just now saw this. Thank you for posting it. Dawn is definitely in Heaven singing her heart out and eating tons of macaroni and cheese, because in Heaven, the calories don't count!!!

Andrea Pollard - April 30, 2020 at 02:30 PM