

Dawn Marie (Ziesemer) Johnson was born on July 9, 1960, in Alexandria, Minnesota to Donald and Karen (Thorson) Ziesemer. She was baptized Zion Lutheran Church and confirmed at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Garfield. Dawn graduated from Jefferson High School in Alexandria in 1978.

Dawn married James Johnson on March 22, 1979, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Alexandria. The couple lived in Garfield, MN and were blessed with two children, Cory and Jessica. She later attended Alexandria Technical College for nursing. Dawn worked as a nurse at Knute Nelson in Alexandria and worked at several special needs facilities. She had a such a special gift in caring for the mentally and physically challenged. She had the kindest and warmest heart. Dawn helped care for so many and was willing to give anything she could for those in need.

Dawn had a passion for animals, especially horses. She enjoyed riding her Harley Davidson, sunsets on the beaches of Florida and wearing jewelry. Most of all, Dawn loved being with her family and friends.

Dawn passed on Sunday, February 27, 2022, at her home in Evansville after a long battle with cancer at the age of 61. She is survived by her father, Donald Ziesemer; sister, Leslie Ziesemer; children, Cory Ziesemer and Jessica (Dustin) Anderson of Moorhead; grandchildren, Haley Ziesemer, Brooke, Dawson and Kal Anderson; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Dawn is preceded in death by her mother, Karen; and brothers, Troy Ziesemer and Tom Williamson.

In Loving Memory



Dawn M. Johnson *1960 ~ 2022*

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day,

To laugh, to love, to work, to play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way,

I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My Life's been full, I savoured much,

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free.

In Memory of

Dawn M. Johnson

July 9, 1960 † February 27, 2022

Funeral Service

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Garfield, Minnesota

Monday, March 7, 2022

1:00 PM

Officiant

Reverend David Gran

Organist

Margaret Kalina

Casket Bearers

Cory Ziesemer

Jessica Anderson

Dustin Anderson

Brooke Anderson

Dawson Anderson

Kal Anderson

Barb Luedke

Interment

St. Luke's Lutheran Cemetery

Garfield, Minnesota