



**Molly with Eunice and Arturo Maldonado
developmental home caretakers**

Molly Lawson's graveside committal August 24, 2024



1966 ——— Molly ——— 2024

November 29, 1966—August 4, 2024

Molly was born in 1966 in Salt Lake City, Utah. She moved back and forth across the country with her family during Michael's postgraduate medical training and his induction into the US Army. Her travels included Vermont, Texas, Washington and California and eventually to Phoenix, Arizona in 1974 upon Michael's discharge from the army. Molly attended public schools ultimately graduating from North High School. She lived in a number of group homes in Phoenix and worked in day care centers. She later moved into a developmental home in Phoenix with caretakers Eunice and Arturo Maldonado, who had known and loved her from their group home work. They later moved with Molly to Chino Valley, Arizona where she spent many happy and productive years. Molly was diagnosed with Alzheimer's dementia in 2020 and in September 2021 returned to live and be cared for by her mom and dad at our Phoenix home for an additional two years. We moved her to a nursing supported group home in August of 2023, which was close enough for us to conveniently and frequently visit. When her dementia progressed she entered hospice Care.

Molly Lawson, 57, daughter of Dr. Michael and Doris Lawson, passed away at Hospice of the Valley's Ryan House in Phoenix, Arizona on August 4, 2024.

I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

John 11:25,26.

Our lovely daughter Molly passed away Sunday morning August 4, 2024 with Michael and Doris Lawson, her parents, and Andrew and Margaret, her brother and sister, joining her at the Ryan House, a lovely Phoenix home where she spent her last few days.

We welcome her family and friends who have gathered today at the Richfield City Cemetery to share treasured memories of Molly.

Sharing of memories of Molly

Oh Lord, support us all the day long until the shadows lengthen and evening comes and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from evil,
for Yours is the kingdom and power and the glory forever. Amen

May the peace God, which passes all understanding, keeps your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of God's son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit remain with you always.

Molly Lawson

Memories of her life

The Chief of the OBGyn Service at the U of U Medical Center delivered Molly in my presence and he promptly proclaimed your daughter has Down Syndrome, see her eyes and hands. Molly breathed, cried and delivered us her beautiful soul.

Molly displayed strength of will from the time of birth
Our beautiful daughter was eager, spirited and jolly
She erupted with a deep throated laughter and mirth
Upon observing others' missteps and careless folly

Molly our young determined girl did all she was allowed
She held her own with her parents, siblings and friends
Molly loved preschool and school and was never cowed
Her means, enthusiasm and effort, justified Molly's ends

Noticing infirmities or injuries in others she asked questions
Recognizing their problems she showed genuine concern
Molly talked to vulnerable people offering her suggestions
She was socially active and loved to make friends and learn

Molly swam early in life, was skilled both above and below water
She loved playing ping pong, riding horses and throwing balls
Molly ran hard, sometimes from those who watched our daughter
Sitters and grandparents were dedicated targets, who risked falls

Molly loved to go to dances and devoured songs of many musicians
Linda Ronstadt, Kenny Rogers, Michael Jackson and Abba her pics
Molly memorized lyrics and sang along when listening to renditions
She also liked movies and musicals like Mamma Mia gave her kicks

Molly joined Detour Company theater developed for disabled actors
This performance project was created by its wonderful director, Sam
The company's cast, friends and families were all loving benefactors
A variety of Broadway musicals comprised the company's joyous jam

Molly loved to travel with caretakers Eunice and Arturo Maldanado
She kept her suitcase packed always looking for another ramble
Molly loved their family and friends whether in California or Mexico
She announced where and when they should go, never a gamble

Michael Lawson, Molly's father
Phoenix and Flagstaff Arizona
August 12, 2024