



Dawn M. Welch

August 5, 1942 - March 3, 2019

Dawn Welch, age 76, of Portage, passed away unexpectedly on March 3, 2019, while on her annual, end of the season, PSS ski trip in Petoskey, MI. Dawn's heart unexplainably stopped while on the way back to the hotel after the first day of the trip. The first responders and the doctors successfully brought her back twice, but ultimately, she was ready to go be with Jesus. She was surrounded by so much love during her final moments, her children, grandchildren, nieces, all holding her hands while her soul sailed away, and a ski hill full of friends nearby, keeping her legacy going. She went peacefully, with a beautiful view of Petoskey Bay, and a stunning evening sunset. "Red sun at night, sailor's delight," as Dawn would say. An avid sailor, downhill skier, world traveler, dedicated healer, mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend. She was preceded in death by her parents, Adrian Charles and Helen Belle Welch (Crosbie); and her sister, Sandra Jean Wetherbee (Welch). She is survived by her two daughters, Emily Min Welch-Boyd (Michael Boyd), and Kaitlin J. Welch (Jake Haertel); her beloved grandchildren, David, Tierra, Simone, Megan, Shawn, Emma, Amilya and Karen; three nieces, Debra (John), Barb, and Linda (Larry); her godchildren, Andrea, Matt and Alyssa; eight great nieces and nephews; four great-great nieces and nephews; cousins; friends; and her two very loved, very loyal pups, Hannah and Lydia. She has been brought from Petoskey, MI back to her hometown, Gobles, MI, to be laid to rest. The family will meet friends on Monday, March 11th from 2 PM until time of funeral service at 4 PM at the Gobles Chapel, D. L. Miller

Funeral Home. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Dawn's beloved Program for Special Skiers, (P.S.S.,) thus ensuring the continuance of the program she founded and dedicated so much of her life to. Please mail checks to: Program for Special Skiers; 227 Union Street; Grand Ledge, MI 48837. Arrangements entrusted to D.L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Robinson Cemetery

34000 20th Avenue
Gobles, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gobles Chapel
208 West Main Street
Gobles, MI

Service

MAR 11. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MH

“ Dawn has been a good friend for the past 36 years. I first met Dawn when she joined the adoption group shortly after my daughter arrived. Then Emily arrived. After my second daughter arrived, Katie arrived. We shared many memories with Dawn. She was always ready for another adventure, such as camping, antiquing, craft shows, Turkeyville, the crane festival, Vera Bradley, lunch in Battle Creek, and more. Dawn was always ready to help everyone. She was a wonderful friend and she will be missed.



Mary Ann Halbeisen - March 12, 2019 at 01:26 PM

TS

“ Dawn was an amazing part of my life that I never planned on. After having a stroke as a little kid, Dawn became my physical therapist. Not only did she help me with walking and running again, she was entirely responsible for encouraging me to learn to ski, which was something that seemed impossible at the time. A little later on, she helped me with the process of getting into occupational therapy school. Now I'm a pediatric occupational therapist and have climbed and skied mountains. My life is infinitely better because of knowing Dawn. - Tara

Tara Swodzinski - March 11, 2019 at 07:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dawn M. Welch.*



March 11, 2019 at 11:10 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dawn M. Welch.*



March 08, 2019 at 01:51 PM



“ *Ben Doornbos, GM & the Crew of Nub's Nob Ski Area purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dawn M. Welch.*



Ben Doornbos, GM & the Crew of Nub's Nob Ski Area -
March 08, 2019 at 01:14 PM

KM

“ I really did not know Dawn very well. My mother and her Aunt Milly were good friends, they put us in touch with each other. Dawn had adopted her two girls, and I was just realizing I wanted to adopt but had no idea how to go about it. Dawn spent so much time on the phone with me and put me in touch with a group that helped single people adopt. She invited me to a meeting, I found the agency I used to adopt my two daughters at that meeting. She was so encouraging, and kept telling me it was possible. I will always be greatfull to her for her help. Karen Moerman

Karen Moerman - March 08, 2019 at 11:30 AM

JC

“ Jeffrey, Lynn & Samantha Cripe purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dawn M. Welch.



Jeffrey, Lynn & Samantha Cripe - March 07, 2019 at 10:59 AM

SW

“ RIP Dawn even those we only talked once in awhile for the last few years. You were a were an old friend . We spent a lot of time together when were growing up . Your one of the old gang. That shaped the people we have become. thanks for sharing the ride of life. So many memoirs to think on. You raised some great daughters and lovely grandchildren. She was so proud of you all. Many good memoirs for all of you she will live on in every one who knew her hearts.

Shirley Brown and Flossie Wesler - March 06, 2019 at 09:37 PM



“ *My heart is so heavy to lose my best friend. Dawn & I shared countless hours at the phone late at night, sometimes one or the other would fall asleep on the phone. HA. We had so many wonderful trips together and we were planning our next after this season was over. I love you Dawn, and going to miss you so much, words cannot express how I feel. RIP Dawn, and dont for get to ski the cloud hills.....Dianna liams*

Dianna liams - March 06, 2019 at 09:31 AM