



Dawn Mathena (nee Duha)

September 24, 1954 - February 15, 2018

Age 63, of Custer Park, IL passed away Thursday, February 15, 2018 at her home with her family by her side. Born September 24, 1954 in Joliet, IL to the late Frank and Gladys (nee Voight) Duha.. She married Dennis Mathena on February 8, 1975 in New Lenox, IL and they made their home on their farm in Custer Park, IL. An avid horsewoman, she breed, trained and showed American Quarter horses for over 50 years and was especially fond of her horse Priskey. She was the 1997 Exhibitor of the Year at the Grundy County Fair as well as a lifetime member of AQHA. She also enjoyed horseshows, trail riding and classic car shows with her 1966 Pontiac Lemans. And don't forget all of her loving pets, especially her cat Whitey. For 30 years she was employed by Exxonmobile. Dawn was a 40 year Multiple Sclerosis survivor and finally succumbed to cancer.

Surviving are her husband of 43 years, Dennis Mathena; sons, Damien Mathena and Dustin

Mathena; sister, Diana (nee Duha) Williams and loving partner Jack Ruiter ; father in law, Russel Mathena; sister in law, Luann Mathena; grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Proceeded in death by her parents; and infant daughter, Diane Mathena.

Cremation rights have been accorded. A Celebration of Dawn's Life will be held at a later date and her cremains will be scattered from Priskey her horse back, at their family farm. Memorial donations in her name may be directed to the Multiple Sclerosis Society or Joliet Area Hospice. For more information find us on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes and Crematory.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *My condolences to the Mathena family. I worked with Dawn at ExxonMobil and enjoyed her sense of humor and true heart. She was as good as they come.*



Meg Kelly Meyer - February 24, 2018 at 10:17 AM

MB

“ *Mary Bell lit a candle in memory of Dawn Mathena (nee Duha)*



Mary Bell - February 24, 2018 at 08:31 AM

JC

“ *Dennis and family, we're sorry to hear of the loss of your wife and mother. Our thoughts are with you at this time of sorrow.*

John and Susan Chase and family

John Chase - February 20, 2018 at 07:54 PM

LD

“ *Lori Dede lit a candle in memory of Dawn Mathena (nee Duha)*



Lori Dede - February 20, 2018 at 09:44 AM

PR

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Dawn. I enjoyed working with Dawn when she was in the Accounting Dept of ExxonMobil. My sincere condolences to her family.

Pam Rusk - February 20, 2018 at 12:54 AM

CD

“ To the Family and Friends of Dawn: I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Dawn. What a free spirited woman with a zest for life. I remember when I spoke with Dawn she made me feel so alive. She had a way of being so positive in spite of her illness. May you hold onto all the fond and loving memories of Dawn. Every time you look at her pets you will be reminded of Dawn and her love for life, family, friends and her beloved pets...

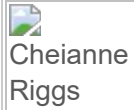
*Blessings of remembrances, Chaplain Carole R. DiZeo
Director of Spiritual Care at Presence Heritage Village
in Kankakee, IL*

Carole R. DiZeo - February 19, 2018 at 01:39 PM

DK

“ I worked with Dawn at ExxonMobil. She was always helpful in our OSteam efforts and so pleasant to be around. We loved our jobs, and shared a lot of laughter. She & I talked on the phone and corresponded occasionally after our retirements. This Christmas I did not hear from her and wondered. So sorry for the family. Just think how much harder everything was for Dawn who had the burden of MS, but she never let it stop her.
Diane Kelly

Diane Kelly - February 18, 2018 at 02:56 PM



“ *Cheianne Riggs lit a candle in memory of Dawn Mathena (nee Duha)*



Cheianne Riggs - February 17, 2018 at 01:20 PM



“ *many thoughts and prayers .. R.I.P. Dawn*



Kim Cole - February 17, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ *Jim And Peggy Cole lit a candle in memory of Dawn Mathena (nee Duha)*



Jim and Peggy Cole - February 16, 2018 at 04:34 PM

CC

Dennis and family, I'm very sorry for your loss.

christine clark-haren - February 16, 2018 at 06:27 PM

WB

So sorry for your loss. Our sympathy is with the family.

Wayne and Kathy Berger - February 18, 2018 at 09:18 AM

JK

I am so sorry for your loss


jan keith - February 18, 2018 at 09:40 AM

DC

Dennis and sons, family, I remember Dawn always with a smile on her face. She will be missed by many.

Dave Cryer Pahrump, Nevada

Dave Cryer - February 18, 2018 at 06:36 PM

 Phyllis Voight

Dennis and family -- I am so sorry to hear about Dawn. She was so strong and so full of life. She made a huge impact on everyone she met. She will be missed.

Phyllis Voight

Phyllis Voight - February 19, 2018 at 07:38 PM

VB

Dennis and boys, I am so sorry for your loss. I was a neighbor of Dawn on Cedar I was best friends with Dawn's cousin Marie. She was a nice person and I am so sad to see she has passed. You will all be in my prayers.

Valerie Bunch - February 20, 2018 at 08:47 PM

RS

Dennis, boys and family, so very sorry to hear about Dawn. She was a remarkable person who will be missed by a great many people. You and your family are in our prayers. Dale and Rae Lynn Santerelli

Rae Santerelli - February 22, 2018 at 11:43 PM