



Dawn C. Salyer

August 27, 1982 - January 10, 2019

Dawn C. Salyer, 36, of Kearney, NE passed away on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at her home. Funeral services will be on Friday, January 18, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Pastor Chad Anderson will officiate and burial will be at Kearney Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the family to cover expenses and provide for the children's education. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Dawn was born on August 27, 1982 in Coolidge, AZ to Daniel R. and Debra A. (Maris) Petty. She graduated from McCook High School in 2000, McCook Community College in 2002, and UNK in 2007. She married David E. Salyer on June 1, 2002 in McCook. Dawn and David were blessed with four children: Haven, Peregrine, Evelyn, and Jocelyn. Dawn was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Kearney, where David serves as associate pastor.

Dawn was deeply loved by all who knew her. She exemplified true kindness, compassion, and charity to everyone she met. She brought a wild and reckless joy to every situation. In school years her passions were singing, beauty pageants, show choir, sports, speech, and drama. From her earliest days she was also known for her devotion to Christ. She was baptized at McCook Christian Church on August 26, 1990 and later attended McCook

Evangelical Free Church where she was active in youth group, children's ministry, choral programs and worship. It was here that a relationship extending back to kindergarten began to grow into something more. Dawn became close friends with classmate David Salyer through shared church and school activities. That friendship matured into a deeper love after High School and during their days at McCook Community College. David and Dawn were married in the summer of 2002.

They moved to Kearney to attend UNK where Dawn majored in Speech and Theater Education and performed in numerous plays. Dawn and David found a loving church family in Trinity Presbyterian Church. They graduated UNK in 2007 and moved to St. Louis, MO where David attended Covenant Theological Seminary. It was in St. Louis that Dawn gave birth to their son Haven (b. 2009). Eventually David was called to return to Trinity as an assistant pastor and in May of 2011 David and Dawn made their home in Kearney once again.

Three more children followed: daughters Evelyn (b. 2011), Jocelyn (b. 2014), and son Peregrine (b. 2016). Dawn absolutely flourished as a mother and homemaker. She joyfully and tirelessly devoted herself to the care and nurture of her children, gladly taking on the task of educating them at home. She loved learning along with her children and seeing them grow in the knowledge of Christ. She was passionate about sewing, knitting, crafting, cooking, gardening, and healthy living. She was a devoted churchwoman involved in every aspect of body-life at Trinity. She especially had a heart for serving women, particularly for encouraging new and expecting mothers.

Tragically, in August of 2018 Dawn was diagnosed with ALS and the onset was rapid. Over the course of a few months, Dawn was progressively disabled by this cruel disease. She received constant care from David, from her mother, from dear friends and family. Though she bore intense suffering she

never wavered in her faith. She trusted in King Jesus and desired that He be glorified by her life. Many can attest that He certainly was.

On Thursday, January 10, 2019 Dawn died in the arms of her beloved husband and passed into the arms of her Beloved King, where she awaits the resurrection and the restoration of all things. She leaves behind a legacy of self-giving love and a radiant witness to the glory of Christ Jesus.

Surviving relatives include her husband, David of Kearney; children, Haven, Peregrine, Evelyn and Jocelyn Salyer all of Kearney; mother, Debra Petty of McCook, NE; brothers, Douglas (Angel) Petty of Minden, NE and Dustin (Melissa) Petty of Tampa, FL; sister, Julie Marvin of Omaha, NE; many nieces, nephews, numerous other extended family and many beloved friends.

Dawn was preceded in death by her father, Daniel Petty.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Lutheran
3315 11th Avenue
Kearney, NE

Tribute Wall



“ Dawn C. Salyer

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ I was blessed to have Dawn as a student while teaching at UNK. I will always remember her for her commitment to her work on stage or off and most of all for the genuine kindness and light that flowed from her. My deepest condolences to her family.



Dan Jones - January 18, 2019 at 08:28 PM



“ Dawn was always joyful and wonderful to run into over the years after graduation. Her smile contagious. My prayers to you David. My outreach of friendship. May the Lords warmth comfort you.



Julie Katt - January 18, 2019 at 08:20 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dawn C. Salyer.



January 17, 2019 at 05:07 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Dawn C. Salyer.*



January 17, 2019 at 04:41 PM



“ *Although I didn't know Dawn closely, I was blessed to meet her and be in her tutor training class a couple summers ago. She was beautifully vibrant and joy-filled and our hearts ache and mourn for you in the loss of her on earth with you. We have been praying for you daily and we will continue to uphold your family in prayer. May the Lord hold you all and comfort as only He can.*

Stephanie Franz - January 16, 2019 at 06:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dawn C. Salyer.*



January 16, 2019 at 05:44 PM



“ *From your friends at Compass purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Dawn C. Salyer.*



From your friends at Compass - January 16, 2019 at 12:11 PM

EO

“ Our love and prayers are being poured out for you and the children, Dave. There are no words to match what you are going through right now. We weep with you, brother, and commit you and your dear family to the arms of a Savior who also weeps with you.
- Eric & Elaine Olson

Eric Olson - January 16, 2019 at 08:12 AM

EM

“ Dawn was a wonderful, beautiful person inside and out. I am grateful that I got to know her. I send my condolences to her family.

Emily McGregor - January 15, 2019 at 10:07 PM

BG

“ I remember when Deb babysat me and spent endless hours playing with Dawn. Prayers to all her family she will truly be missed. The world will not be the same but she will shine on from above.

Bianca (Binki) Gonzales - January 15, 2019 at 08:28 PM

SS

“ Dawn was such a beautiful, faithful soul who brought much joy to our family, your church and your community. She was always so welcoming and dear to me whenever I was in Kearney. She made a difference in many lives, and I am blessed to have known her. May you find comfort in your many sweet memories and in the promises of our Lord.
Sue Stenberg

Sue Stenberg - January 15, 2019 at 05:37 PM



“ *What a wonderful Christian witness Dawn was while she was with us! We give thanks for her life and trust the Lord for her future glorification at the resurrection of the dead when she will receive her fully-transfigured and glorified new body!*

Jeff Meyers - January 15, 2019 at 04:53 PM

SC

“ *Sasha Elizabeth Conrad lit a candle in memory of Dawn C. Salyer*



Sasha Elizabeth Conrad - January 15, 2019 at 04:17 PM

MI

“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of Dawn to all her family, David/Children/Deb.
Michael Hartwell
Lincoln NE*

MichaelHartwell - January 15, 2019 at 02:26 PM

KC

“ *So blessed to have known David and his parents since before he was born. And to hear and see the beautiful love between David and Dawn. The Salyer family has blessed the Cook family for over 40 years. The blessings continue to us through David, his children, and his parents. So much love to you all.*

Karen and LeRoy Cook - January 15, 2019 at 01:38 PM

LS

“ David, Karen, Lynn, other Salyer and Petty Family members:
Deep condolences and Lord's blessings at this time, from Mother (Carolyn Sytsma) and me.
--Lennis Sytsma



Lennis & Carolyn Sytsma - January 14, 2019 at 06:19 PM

CN

“ Chris & Karen Nix purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dawn C. Salyer.



Chris & Karen Nix - January 14, 2019 at 05:24 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Dawn C. Salyer.



January 14, 2019 at 11:37 AM

CA

“ Praying for all of you. It's so hard for the people this side of Heaven to imagine the rejoicing that is happening up there over the arrival of one of their finest. Hugs to you all.

Cassa - January 12, 2019 at 11:58 PM

RD

“ We are so sorry for the struggle and loss this family has and will continue to have. Dawn was such a wonderful person. You will continue to be in our prayers.

Randall and Rose Mary Datus

Rose Mary Datus - January 12, 2019 at 02:36 PM

DS

Thank you!

David Salyer - January 16, 2019 at 11:55 AM

MM

“ So sorry for your loss. Such a young life to leave so soon. May God hold you in the palm of His hand. *Marlene Meitl*



marlene meitl - January 11, 2019 at 03:30 PM