



Dawna Miller Dougherty

April 9, 1959 - November 17, 2020

Dawna Miller Dougherty, of Garland, TX, departed this earth on November 17, 2020, after a six-month battle with cancer. Born in April of 1959, to Gerald Miller and Sue Miller Davis, she spent her formative years in Rockwall and Mesquite, TX. At the age of 19, Dawna moved to New York City to follow her dreams in the arts. There she launched a successful career as a model and actress, appearing in numerous bridal magazines, print ads, and commercials. In New York, she met her husband Bill Dougherty of Brooklyn, to whom she remained married throughout her life. Dawna and Bill had a daughter Alyssa and son William, with whom they returned to settle in Texas. Once back in Dallas, Dawna rejoined the Kim Dawson Agency and later pursued a career in marketing and sales.

Dawna loved deeply and was loved by all. She was known to light up the room, could bring a smile to anyone's face, and had a true joy for life. She loved her family above all else and continued to be the perfect wife and mother. Dawna enjoyed fashion and had a knack for always finding the most beautiful jewelry and clothing. Fitness and health were always a priority of hers, and she was a frequent participant in many yoga classes and boot camps. She attended First Baptist Church of Garland and was very close with our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. Dawna will be remembered for her passion for life, and the love shared by all who knew her.

Dawna is survived by her beloved husband: Bill; children: Alyssa and William; mother: Sue; sisters Connie, Michelle, Merry and Jennifer; and brother: Gerald. She was preceded in death by her father: Gerald, and stepfather: Richard.

A celebration of Dawna's life will be held 4:00pm, Saturday, December 5, 2020, at Reflections at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Location.

The service will also be live-streamed; please go to <http://www.oneroomstreaming.com> and click on "watch your service" icon and use Event ID: resthavenrockwall and password: N HFTUV

Events

DEC **Celebration of Life** **04:00PM**

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Reflections at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rockwall Location
2500 State Highway 66 East, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087

Comments



“ 1998 NWUMC Pre-School. Just another parents show up to help day. No, God blessed me with a Christian friend, Dawna, day. The blessings grew to encompass our families. Another day, of God's choosing, will come. Until then, we will hold tight to the memories of our true and faithful friend.

DDS & P - December 23, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ Margaret Clarkson lit a candle in memory of Dawna Miller Dougherty



Margaret Clarkson - December 05, 2020 at 11:36 PM



“ Dawna and I met 25 years ago when our girls began 1st grade at Hillside Academy. As Alyssa's & Heather's friendship grew so did ours. I knew Dawna as the loving and many times overprotective mom who would do anything for her family, her kids, and their friends.

I was in charge of many projects throughout Alyssa and Heather's school years, and the one parent I could count on no matter what was Dawna! She would be there to help with a happy heart and a smile on her face.

This leads me to our Girl Scout years. I was the "Cookie Mom" in charge of the cookie sales. While we all love these cookies, selling them was not fun, especially at the booth sales where we would stand out in the cold to sell those beloved cookies. Dawna had to be the best at selling those cookies and if someone said no, she would at least get them to give us a donation. She could sell almost anything. She had a way with marketing a product into making you think you needed it, and always with that Go Get 'Em attitude and a smile on her face.

She invited Heather and I to "Market" at the Trade Center where she would work for some of the top designers modeling their clothes. I was overwhelmed at all the clothes and merchandise the first time she took me to shop. For the girls' prom, it was Dawna that had a connection to one of the merchandizers who had a large selection of prom dresses at deep discounted prices. Dawna loved finding good deals.

She loved thrift store shopping and introduced me to one of her favorite stores: Texas Thrift. We had fun finding bargains and those special finds only an expert thrift store shopper would find. She took it even further and would find name brands and fix them up or gold and silver jewelry and polish them up to sell on eBay. I always think of her when I shop at this store and will even more now.

Robert and I were always amazed at how she could memorize a very detailed technical script and recite it as she stood next to the fancy car as the model at the car show.

On a funny note, in our 40's Dawna was the one who made me realize that we both needed reading glasses. I was sewing something on the machine for one of the girls' many together projects while she was standing over me as I was trying to thread the needle. She exclaimed, "Don't you have one of those things to help thread it? How can you see what you're doing?"

Robert and I enjoyed worshiping with Bill & Dawna from the balcony of First Baptist Garland and the lunches afterward for the 5 years or so that we attended there. It was fun and memorable. Of course we always talked about our kids, especially Alyssa and Heather who were now college roommates.

We had one of those friendships that no matter the distance or the time, we had each other close to our hearts and when we would talk or get together, it was like old times and we would pick up right where we left off.

The last time I really got to talk in person to Dawna was in July. Although she was losing her hair because of the treatments, she still had an optimistic and positive attitude never losing faith. As we both stood there, 6 feet apart outside on her porch with our masks on, I laughed a little to myself because her N95 mask was on upside down.

She asked me to pray for a miracle and that is what we all did, but God needed another angel by his side and I look forward to the day that I can see her again rejoicing at Heaven's gate with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Margaret Clarkson - December 05, 2020 at 11:33 PM



“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Alyssa Dougherty - December 02, 2020 at 02:03 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bill Dougherty - November 29, 2020 at 10:27 AM



“ Bill, you and your children have our deepest condolences during this most difficult time. Dawna was a beautiful soul. We pray that God will wrap you and kids up in His blanket of comfort, peace & understanding. The Bible says we do not weep as though we have no hope. God is with you, and Dawna will be waiting for you on the other side. Know that we love you all and anything you need or anytime you need to talk, we are always available. Always in our hearts.

Elder Bernard - November 26, 2020 at 04:39 AM



“ Elder Bernard & Regina Devroe sent a virtual gift in memory of Dawna Miller Dougherty



Elder Bernard & Regina Devroe - November 26, 2020 at 04:30 AM



“ Elder Bernard & Regina Devroe lit a candle in memory of Dawna Miller Dougherty



Elder Bernard & Regina Devroe - November 26, 2020 at 04:27 AM



“ I'm one of the Brooklyn block of people whose lives changed so very much when Bill and Dawna moved back to Texas. We made such wonderful memories... summer stoop sitting, sprinklers for the kids, shooting the breeze, Christmas caroling, nighttime fun during a new snow. Meeting her mom and sisters when they came to visit was always a treat and filled with fun and laughter. And we were all better people for having Dawna in our lives. I don't think she ever realized the impact she had on us ... and will always have on us! Dawna, you always had and always will have a special place in our hearts. We will carry you in ours forever. Thank you, Bill, for loving her.

Regina Mohan - November 25, 2020 at 05:37 PM



“ I met Dawna over twenty years ago at a market in Dallas. She was a model and greeted customers there ... little did I know then we would share a lot of stories about our children, families, and our spouses over these years. She was everything her obituary claimed she was ... an effective and true follower of Jesus Christ. I looked forward to seeing her in a great reunion someday with our Jesus Christ ... I send my condolences to Bill, Alyssa, and William ... I feel like I know all of you,,, she loved you all so much. In his living hands Laurette and David Madsen , Granbury , Texas

Laurette Madsen - November 25, 2020 at 02:39 PM



“ Here are some thoughts I have about Dawna:
Dawna became involved in a Zoom Bible study through FBCG this fall, so I had the privilege of reconnecting with her. Her faith was courageous and fierce. She never became bitter or selfish but continued to care about others. She had been incredibly private about her diagnosis last spring and summer, but perhaps she was trying to shield others so they would not worry about her.
Throughout her life, she lived with such joy. She found humor in so many situations and had an endearing spark of laughter in her eyes that spread to anyone around her. Although she was beautiful and intelligent, she put others at ease with her self-effacing humility. She loved to bargain shop, especially with her daughter, Alyssa, and she enjoyed marketing old things like her high school "go-go" boots on the internet. She adored her family, and she would do anything to help them, including finding out how to access Billy's online Chalkboard announcements from his college professors. (Billy, we do know you didn't ask her to do this!) Dawna was so full of life and love, and we know she lives on in heaven unencumbered by cancer. All who knew her will miss her terribly. One of her texts to me this fall said, "God is too wise to make mistakes. Praise God.”

Laurie Scott - November 25, 2020 at 01:51 PM



“ Dawna was a brilliant, kind, and beautiful person. Dawna always had a kind word and a smile for everyone. I will always remember her laughing, joking with me, and just enjoying everything and everyone around her. May she Rest In Peace.
Daniel Dougherty

dan dougherty - November 25, 2020 at 01:33 PM