



## Ms. Dawn Marie Shortell

August 28, 2010

Peacefully at St. Michael's Hospital on Saturday August 28, 2010. Beloved daughter of the late Monica and Earl Shortell. Dawn leaves behind her sister Beth ( John), partner Charles Taylor, aunt Delhia, and good friends Sean, Glen, Antoine and Shauna. Dawn was an intelligent, generous and compassionate person well known for her distinctive laugh. She was an excellent gourmet cook and loved camping, swimming and travelling. As well, she avidly appreciated music, art, theatre, literature and dance. She will be missed by all who knew her. Donations in her memory can be made to St. Michael's Hospital.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ When in her part of town I wondered if I just might bump into her. Unfortunately that didn't happen. To learn so many years later why that was never to be is absolutely shocking and very painful. Dawn had a special light and grace about her. I have precious memories of her house roaring with laughter as she welcomed a wide array of people to enjoy the atmosphere she created. I was inspired by her quirky backyard with bowling balls and other unexpected things that widened my view of what a garden could be. Always inclusive, welcoming and unique she enriched the lives of those who knew her. If there is a better place she is there now. My sincere condolences to her family and all those who are missing her as she left you all far too soon.

*Rob Whiteside*

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**Robert Whiteside** - July 08, 2021 at 08:00 PM

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“ John Anthony sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Dawn Marie Shortell



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**john anthony** - August 28, 2019 at 11:52 AM

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**John Anthony** - August 24, 2018 at 09:51 AM

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“ *Johnanthony sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Dawn Marie Shortell*



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**johnanthony** - July 26, 2018 at 11:00 AM

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“ *John Anthony sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Dawn Marie Shortell*



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**John Anthony** - June 12, 2015 at 09:41 AM

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“ *John Anthony sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Dawn Marie Shortell*



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**John Anthony** - May 16, 2014 at 03:11 PM

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“ *John Anthony sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Dawn Marie Shortell*



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**john anthony** - April 26, 2013 at 02:08 PM

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“ John Anthony lit a candle in memory of Ms. Dawn Marie Shortell



John Anthony - March 27, 2012 at 09:23 AM

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“ Although hadn't talked in years, will always remember Dawn's grace and personality. Her legacy has always made me a better person and will always continue to do so. My condolences to her family and friends. Her infectious laugh and smile (penchant for Skor chocolate bars) human touch and tenderness transfers over any/all barriers of time and place. God's graces Dawn— forever

John Anthony - March 29, 2011 at 08:37 AM

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Hello John:

My name is Charles Taylor. I was Dawn Shortell's boyfriend. My friend Glen Geurin said you had contacted him about Dawn's passing. She was a great friend and I deeply miss her. If you like you can contact me at 416-654-0467; as well, I can get some photos of her printed for you.

Charles Taylor - April 16, 2011 at 12:42 PM



“ I met Dawn through my friend Charles Taylor. I always found her to be kind, outgoing and energetic. Probably the best thing I can remember about her, and there are many, is how happy she made him. You could hear it in Charles' voice when he spoke of her, and see it in his eyes when he looked at her. My thoughts, and those of my wife Jane, and our daughters, are with Charles, and Dawn's family at this time.##imported-begin##James Wardell##imported-end##

September 06, 2010 at 11:03 AM



“ I met Dawn many years ago when she began dating Charles .  
Immediately I was drawn to her energy, her earthy voice, and  
wonderful laugh.  
I have shared times with her at the cottage, various parties and  
have had the pleasure of being entertained in her gorgeous Victorian  
Home in Toronto.  
I really admired her taste , her warm heart and friendly spirit.  
It was with great shock that I found out from Charles about her  
passing and although I have not spent a lot of time with her in  
recent years she will always be fondly remembered. She was a  
lovely lady and will be missed.##imported-begin##Anna  
Krasa##imported-end##

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September 06, 2010 at 09:31 AM



“ A beautiful person inside and out and ever so generous. She will be  
missed by a lot of people.##imported-begin##Glen  
Guerin##imported-end##

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September 04, 2010 at 02:35 PM



“ I first met Dawn at a craft festival in Toronto in December, 1996. The first thing that struck me were her magnificent blue eyes and thick, curly blonde hair. We exchanged phone numbers and she phoned me the next week. From then on, we were inseparable for almost 14 years. In that period, we had many wonderful times together. Very often we would have trips away, and every time it was like we were on another honey moon. It was I who turned her onto camping, and very soon it became one of her favourite things in life. And it was she who taught me how to swim. She was very proud of her home and loved entertaining and making elaborate meals for her friends. As well, she loved culture: art, music, dance, literature. Music, especially, was her passion. She loved soulful songwriters such as Neil Young, Lyle Lovett, Bruce Cockburn and Emmy Lou Harris. Dawn was a very generous, compassionate person who was very sensitive. She had a distinctive laugh that was her trademark. I am very sad that she is no longer with us. Of the many photos I took of her over the years, I have one that, to me, is the quintessential image: her swimming in a lake; curly blonde hair poking just above the water, and a big smile on her face. Whenever she was swimming, she was the happiest of all.##imported-begin##Charles Taylor##imported-end##

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September 04, 2010 at 11:09 AM



“ I was shocked and saddened when Sean called me on Monday. Dawn was far too young to have her life end. Although we hadn't seen or spoken to each other for a long time, I never stopped thinking of Dawn and remembering the good times we enjoyed during our friendship. Her laugh resonates in my memory to this day. She was a truly unique individual, with an ever-curious intellect and quick sense of humour....a true loss to those who loved her. My condolences to her family and friends.##imported-begin##Elinor Venuti##imported-end##

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September 01, 2010 at 10:35 AM