



## Dawn Marie Thomas

May 26, 2024

DAWN MARIE (PRENTICE) THOMAS, M.ED.

1940-2024

Those we have loved are forever with us.

It is with gratitude for a life well lived that her family announce the passing of Dawn Marie Thomas.

Devoted granddaughter of George and Emma Lambe. Cherished daughter of Grant and Lorna Prentice. Fond sibling of Leslie Ann James. Beloved wife of John Elmore Croxall. Adoring Nana and mother to Sacha, David (Tatiana) and Leslie. Remembered by the Croxall children Janine, Shelley, Sarah and Julia.

An active, creative, independent woman; family first but also a dedicated teacher, friend, sorority sister, volunteer, nature lover, supporter of the arts, especially music, singing and dancing. Traveller, gardener, downhill skier, horseback rider, tennis, and golf enthusiast. Never without wonder. Always inquisitive. Never stopped asking questions. A staunch believer in lifelong learning. Dawn preferred to focus on the good in people and on the positive in situations.

We will miss her zest for life, abundant inner strength, unconditional support, and genuine interest in our wellbeing. As our family grieves, our tears flow in sadness, but also in immense gratitude for her remarkable legacy of kindness, honesty, hard work, and curiosity. Because of how she cared for us, we will treasure each and every beautiful memory.

In our hearts forever. Missing you every day Nana, Mom, Dawn.

# Tribute Wall

LA

“ Dawn was a community oriented and loving person who had habits that showed this deep value in her life. She always thought of others and would let them know with her beautiful cards and writings. My mom had a surgery days after Dawn's passing and she received a get well card from Dawn, who sent it right before she passed. Ever organized in letting people know she was thinking of them, she lived this into her last days.

*Thinking of you all and sending such love your way.*

*Larissa, Matt, Isaac and Leila*

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**Larissa** - July 01, 2024 at 08:02 AM

DM

“ Sending love and deepest sympathy to the Thomas and Croxall families. Dawn and I shared many years of teaching experiences at Wm. Armstrong P.S. --- I learned so much from her --- and we had so much fun teaching Grade 4s in the Pod! She will be deeply missed, but she lives on in my heart always.

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**Dianne More** - June 10, 2024 at 10:36 PM

AG

“ We send you our deepest condolences during this very difficult time. Our thoughts are with everyone in the family. Dawn was a wonderful mother and grandmother and we are so grateful that we've had the opportunity to have known her. Sending you our deepest sympathies.

*Love the Girdler family*

*(Adriana, Mike, Aiden and Brenden)*

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**Adriana Girdler** - June 02, 2024 at 09:31 AM

IW

“ Although I only met Dawn on a few special occasions, we became spiritual friends because we both love Leslie. Over the past few years, we even emailed each other; always mutually supportive. I was never sure what Dawn saw in me, but she felt strongly that I should be there for her daughter when that day of need came. I am honoured as a friend to Leslie and the family. My deepest condolences to Dawn’s loving and devoted life’s partner... John, you were her angel in her most fragile time; to my dear friend Leslie, and to David, Tatiana and Dawn’s precious grandson Sacha. May your hearts be warmed by the wonderful memories of your mother and grandmother. You were and are blessed with a very special love. I’m here for any one of you, should you need an ear, a shoulder or simply someone to catch your tears or the need to share the stories. With love.

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**Irene Willis** - June 01, 2024 at 11:48 PM

LB

“ I’ve known Dawn pretty much my entire life as I’d become best friends with her daughter, Leslie, in Junior kindergarten. From the beginning Dawn became a very important part of my life. She welcomed me into the family fold and I always felt like a very important member of the Thomas family! I have such warm and wonderful memories of slumber parties, birthday parties, PD days, and special outings with Dawn. She always made me feel like a second daughter and I cherish those memories with Leslie and David. She was one of the first divorced moms I had ever met as it was the early to mid 1970s and she was very unique in my little narrow suburban world. I had never met such an independent woman and I continued to be in awe of her and inspired by her over the years. She raised two incredible children and always maintained an upbeat and beautiful way of looking at the world. She sent me many birthday cards over the years and I have kept every single one! I would look forward to her cards as they always made me feel comforted having lost my own mother many years ago. I’m not sure she ever knew what those cards truly meant to me. They were my lifeline, my way of still being connected to the wonderful memories of childhood.

She will be missed. Sending my most heartfelt condolences to the entire family. Dawn was a special woman and I just don’t think there will ever be anyone like her. She has left an indelible mark on my heart and in my memories.

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**Laura Beck** - June 01, 2024 at 03:12 PM

IW

A beautiful, heartfelt tribute; I’m sorry for your loss, too, Laura. I sure didn’t know Dawn as long or as well as you did, but I was graced with several cards over these past few years, whether Birthday or Sympathy, Dawn’s kind compassion touched me deeply. She was a very caring and empathetic person... with a purple presence.

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**Irene Willis** - June 01, 2024 at 11:32 PM

CM

“ I went to Uxbridge Public and High School with Dawn Marie. I remember her, her sister Lesley and parents lived together with Dawn Marie's grandparents, the Lambe's. She was a beautiful girl and woman. She later lived in the Port Perry area with John, where I live. I grew up with both of them. Condolences to all.

*Catharine Midgley nee Sheehy*

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**Catharine Sheehy Midgley** - June 01, 2024 at 11:31 AM

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**David Thomas** - May 31, 2024 at 04:56 PM

IW

*Such a special love, that between grandmother and her first grandchild. Sacha is blessed. Dawn will be with him always.*

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**Irene Willis** - June 01, 2024 at 11:51 PM

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**David Thomas** - May 31, 2024 at 04:36 PM

LB

*Gorgeous photos!!*

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**Laura Beck** - June 01, 2024 at 08:04 PM

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**David Thomas** - May 31, 2024 at 10:43 AM

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**David Thomas** - May 29, 2024 at 03:27 PM