



## Dawn Elaine Mendenhall

April 7, 2017

Dawn Elaine Mendenhall, 78, of Lancaster passed over on Friday, April, 7, 2017 at Lancaster General Hospital after a lengthy illness. Born in Reading, she was the daughter of the late Lester A. and Frances Heffner Sheaffer. Dawn was the wife of Kenneth Mendenhall.

She graduated from J.P. McCaskey High School and Millersville University. While raising her family, Dawn's passion was breeding, showing and grooming dogs, and was affiliated with the American Kennel Club. An avid swimmer, Dawn was a certified swimming safety instructor. She was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived, by a daughter, Tracy Lin Horst, wife of Mike Sturla, sons; Christopher Funke, husband of Jackie, Richard Funke, husband of Kimberly Bruce, Tod Funke, husband of Heather, Duane Mendenhall, husband of Sue, Amy Mendenhall and Chad Mendenhall, husband of Tracy. Dawn was blessed with 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grand children. She was preceded in death by her son, Edwin R. Funke and brothers, Ronald Scherring and Lester Sheaffer, Jr.

A private service will be held at the convenience of the family. Dawn will be interred in the family plot at Riverview Burial Park.

Memorials may be made in Dawn's Memory to the Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation, 121 S. Orange Ave, Orlando, FL 32801 or [www.rheumatoidarthritis.org](http://www.rheumatoidarthritis.org).

# Cemetery Details

## **Riverview Burial Park**

South Duke Street  
Lancaster, PA 17603

# Tribute Wall



“ Dawn Elaine Mendenhall

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ I only found out she passed 08/09/17. I have been ill myself the past two years. I met Dawn in Jr High at Reynolds. I remember a beautiful blond full of life who was a Daddies girl. Who loved her mother and strived to please her as a teen and who had a close relationship with her brother Les.

*I envied her life as a teenager because I had no father. Her parents were very kind to me.*

*We both got married right out of school and became mothers.*

*Dawn, Diane Miller and myself were pregnant at the same time four times together. So our lives sort of paralleled together for a while.*

*She loved her children and grandchildren. No matter what life brought her she bounced back.*

*I am so sorry to hear this and send condolences to her family. She really loved her daughter and was especially close when I knew her to her son Rich. When Eddie passed it did something to her and he was never the same. She had a unique relationship with each one of her children. RIP Dawn I will remember only the good times.*

*Betty (Magni) McClure*

**Betty McClure** - August 10, 2017 at 05:14 AM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**The Groff's Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - April 11, 2017 at 02:24 PM

JS

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I was Dawn's hair stylist at Masonic Village. I will miss her very much.*

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**Jill Simonetti** - April 10, 2017 at 08:27 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Dawn Elaine Mendenhall.*



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April 10, 2017 at 08:51 AM

VW

“ *Tracy you and your family have my condolence in the passing of your Mother. May God comfort you during this time of sorry.*

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**Viola H Wesley** - April 10, 2017 at 07:59 AM

LW

“ I am sorry for your loss. I worked with Dawn many years ago (I was in my early 20's). She always had a story. She came in to work always looking her finest and after she got there she would take her shoes off and put slippers on :) My thoughts and prayers go out to your family.

*Linda Rath Weik*

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**Linda Rath Weik** - April 09, 2017 at 09:48 PM

MM

“ With deepest sympathy, I was deeply saddened to learn of Dawn's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Dawn and I have been friends since grade school at the old Lafayette School.

*Mary Jane (Ruth) McElwee*

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**Mary Jane McElweee** - April 09, 2017 at 09:58 AM