



Dawn Michelle Bartlett

May 14, 1977 - April 5, 2026

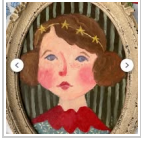
Dawn Michelle Bartlett, 48, of Charlotte, a loving wife, mother and friend, died on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026, in Lansing after a brief illness. Dawn was born on May 14, 1977, in Charlotte, where she graduated before attending Ferris State for a few semesters.

Dawn had a deep love for children and devoted much of her life to caring for them. She ran her own licensed home daycare where she nurtured and cared for countless kids, treating each one as her own. She extended that same compassion to St. Mary Catholic School, where she worked in the lunchroom, not only providing meals to students but blessing them with many meaningful memories as well. She also worked several years for Allstate in downtown Charlotte. Dawn was a devoted girl scout leader, serving for many years as her daughter was growing up through the program. In her spare time, Dawn found joy in life's simple pleasures, especially caring for her garden and crafting, where she expressed her creativity and caring nature. Dawn was happiest when surrounded by her family and loved spending time at the beach, especially on Sanibel Island in Florida, always appreciating the beauty of the world around her.

Dawn is survived by her husband of 25 years, Shane Bartlett, and their children, Makkena (Shane DeJonge) Bartlett, Cameron (Jersey Gaedert) Bartlett, Aubrie Bartlett and Briley Bartlett. Friends are encouraged to support

Dawn's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. A Celebration of Life is being planned for a later date. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the American Red Cross. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Tribute Wall



“ *Omgoodness. Im in shock and heart broken. I have known Dawn since she was a teenager when she was a babysitter for my son. She was very close to my son and he adored her. We stayed friends on Facebook and sometimes would pm each other to catch up. So sorry for the loss to her family who she loved more than anything. God bless you all.*

Janet Ballard - April 16 at 08:37 AM

BT

“ *Dawn gave the gift of her smile and love to countless children that were fortunate enough to walk through the doors of Dawn's Daycare. Her life lives not only through her own children, but in the kindness and love that she taught many toddlers and preschoolers. We are forever grateful for our friendship and what she taught our seven-year-old. Thank you Dawn.*

Bridget & Steve Tennes - April 12 at 08:02 PM

AB

“ *To Dawn's entire precious family,*

My most heartfelt condolences to you all. My heart aches... not only over the loss of such a beautiful person way too soon, but also for your family going through this difficult time. I'm so grateful for all the beautiful memories Caitlyn & I have with you all!! Prayers for God's peace and comfort to you all!

Amy Betts

Amy Betts - April 11 at 04:50 PM

TR

“ *Very sorry to hear of Dawn's passing. Have a lot of good memories of talking with her when I worked at Charlotte High School. She was always smiling and upbeat. My condolences to her family.*

Thomas Raymond - April 11 at 09:34 AM



“ *"I am deeply saddened by the loss of Dawn. Shane has been a dear friend and a brother to me for over 13 years. Even though oceans apart, his kindness and noble character have always made me feel like part of the family. My heart and prayers go out to Shane and the children during this heartbreaking time. Sending my deepest condolences from Jordan. Rest in peace, Dawn."*

Nasser Malkawi - April 10 at 10:05 PM

JL

“ *Shane, I am very sorry to hear about your wife's passing. Please accept my deepest condolences. I will be praying for Dawn, you and your family.*

Joe Lukas - April 10 at 01:07 PM

BF

“ *Along with so many others, I am sending my condolences to the Bartlett family on the loss of sweet Dawn. She always went "above and beyond" in caring for others. To Shane, her children (especially Briley), and other loved ones, please know she will be missed and remembered.*

Ms. Brynda

Brynda Filkins - April 09 at 10:29 AM

JC

“ John C. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dawn Michelle Bartlett.

John C. - April 09 at 09:07 AM

LU

“ You are a beautiful soul, Dawn, I'm so glad for our friendship and the memories we had.

Lucinda - April 08 at 10:05 PM

KM

“ Shane and families, I am so sorry for your loss I had the opportunity to work with Dawn 2 times over the years and loved the times we were able to have some memories together. She was such a caring loving person to me and she always loved talking about her family and was a very proud wife and mom. RIP till we meet again



Kari Moss - April 08 at 03:37 PM

AS

“ Where do I begin,
Dawn was one of the kindest, funniest, and warmest women I have ever met.

She played the role of bonus mom to every child she met without missing a beat, and never hesitated to be mom within that. She loved so fiercely that I never felt fear in being myself near her, such a trait is unforgettable.

I will always be grateful to Makkena for introducing me to her family and the kindness they exude. I love you all and I'm so sorry for your loss, Dawn was truly a force of nature.

Anthony Strotheide - April 08 at 01:32 PM

TP

“ I was so sorry to hear the news about Dawn. Even though we haven't spoke in years, I have fond memories of times spent at family events when we were younger. I wanted to send my deepest condolences to her children, husband and family. I pray that she is at peace in heaven with her Mother, brother Donnie and Grandma Paton and all loved ones.

God Bless 🙏
Cousin Tommy

Tommy Piepkow - April 08 at 01:20 PM

KT

I was so shocked when I found out about Dawn i.use to babysit her when she was young p just her siblings condolences to the family and friends RIP DAWN AND FLY HIGH TO THE SINGING ANGELS IN HEAVEN

Kerri Tomlinson - April 08 at 05:58 PM

JW

“ Our prayers go out to Shane and all the kids. Dawn was a wonderful caregiver to our children when they were little before school age. She was a great woman who was loved by countless people.

Judy Willison - April 08 at 01:14 PM

MM

“ My thoughts, prayers and love, are sent to Dawn's Family.. Dawn, was a former student, of mine.. that I always, stayed, close with her and all of her family, through the years. I'm so sorry, for this sadness. Michelle, was a marvelous person and Mother. She, had such wonderful, qualities and sharing ability for other's. She, will be missed and loved, in our lives, forever..I am keeping all, of Dawn's family, close in,prayer always.. I'm here, for all of you, always. Sending my deepest sympathy and love Marilyn Thomas Mathews, Aka Mrs. Armstrong.

Marilyn Thomas Mathews - April 08 at 12:15 PM