

Western Sunrise, Inc., a private non-profit run by consumers was the perfect vehicle for Dawn to drive home self-worth, realized abilities and contributions to the community. One personal project Dawn pushed, was to support Western Sunrise, a peer support program. Peer support services is support provided by individuals with mental illness to other individuals with mental illness. It is a recovery focused organization which validates life experience. Dawn recognized and championed this.

Dawn was a champion of recovery, reaching into every corner of North Dakota to tell the story. She touched so many lives with her generosity of spirit. She always took the time to visit a friend, take them to the movies, or to help them when life let them down.

She was amazing in her ability to juggle many tasks at once and still dream of the future. She was human, an Eastern Montana girl, who loved flower gardens, decorating her home, and driving with her car windows down. She loved her parents and grandparents above all else. She was strong in her belief of family and love of her husband Kevin.

The loss of Dawn Marie will be felt beyond that of her family, friends and co-workers. Dawn was a force that could move mountains and the whole world is smaller without her.

Dawn was greeted with open arms in Heaven, on Tuesday morning, February 10, 2009, from her home in Williston, ND by her maternal grandmother Helen Roberts; Pops, Jessie Roberts; and paternal grandfather Donald.

Dawn will be remembered always by her husband Kevin Matze; her parents Donnie and Kayrene Bonner; her aunts and uncles (Judy, Chris, and Rod); a close friend Jason as well as her cousins, other family members, numerous friends, co-workers, and clients.

Dawn Marie brightened our lives with her beautiful smile and her boundless generosity. She will be missed. God Bless and God speed Dawn Marie, we all love you.



I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
O yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief,
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee-
God wanted me now: He set me free...*

Author Unknown

In Loving Memory Of



*Dawn Marie
Bonner Matze*

*July 15, 1974
February 10, 2009*

**Dawn Marie
Bonner Matze**

Born

July 15, 1974 Williston, ND

Died

February 10, 2009 Williston, ND

Funeral Services

*10:00 A.M., Saturday, February 14, 2009
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
Sidney, Montana*

Officiating

Pastor David Huskamp

Music

Lori Utter JoAnne Christensen

Eulogy

Joe Sheehan

Casketbearers

*Linda Hill Wayne Knutson
Boyd Candee Bryan Candee
Tanya Asbeck Jessie Paul Roberts*

Honorary Casketbearers

*All of Dawn Marie's many cousins, co-
workers, and friends*

Ushers

*Robert Anderson Jason Roberts
Cara Franson*

Interment

By Cremation

*At a later date Entombment will be
in the Columbarium Wall at the
Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, MT*

*Lunch will be served at the
church following services*

*Remembrances and condolences may
be shared with the family at
www.fulkersons.com*

*Die when I may, I
Want it said of me by
Those who knew me best,
That I always plucked a
Thistle and planted a
Flower where I thought
A flower would grow.*

ABRAHAM LINCOLN



Dawn Marie made this world a better place when she entered the world July 15, 1974. As an only child, Dawn Marie was the apple of her proud parent's eyes, Donnie and Kayrene (Roberts) Bonner.

Dawn grew up as a young child in Crane, MT. with her parents. She was particularly close to her grandparents (Jesse and Helen Roberts). Dawn's love of flowers developed at Jesse and Helen's greenhouse in Crane and followed her throughout her life. Dawn moved around North Dakota and Montana several times when she was young, finally settling in Williston, ND, in 1990. She graduated from Williston High School in 1992 and attended Williston State College for two years. In 1998, Dawn graduated from Minot State College with a B.S. in Psychology and a B.A. in English. Dawn just recently completed her coursework for her Masters of Public Administration from Walden University.

Dawn was united in marriage to the love of her life, Kevin Matze, on July 19, 2002. Wed on her grandparent's farm, Dawn always said that she had the wedding of her dreams. Together, the couple settled in Williston, ND and were proud residents of the "Western Star".

Dawn loved nature, especially dirt between her fingers and toes. She had a passion for flowers, her two dogs (Cole and Pearl), traveling with her husband, quiet evenings spent with her parents, and entertaining friends. She was totally devoted to her family and threw herself into everything she did with passion and intelligence.

At work, Dawn was a force to be reckoned with; high energy, bright ideas, and the intelligence and organizational skills to get it done. She cherished the ideas of freedom and independence for herself and for all of the individuals she touched in her work. She pushed self-realization yet was always there to pick folks up when they fell.