



Dawna L. Camden

January 30, 1971 - March 22, 2026

Dawna L. Camden, age 55, passed away on Sunday, March 22, 2026, at St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper.

Dawna was born in Washington State on January 30, 1971, to Samuel and Jodi (Duerksen) Camden.

She was a 1988 graduate from Crystal Lake High School in Crystal Lake, Illinois. She served in the United States Army as a medic. After she served, she received her Nursing Degree and practiced as a Registered Nurse until 2013.

She was a member of the NRA.

Dawna loved her beloved dog, Sadie and rescuing birds. She enjoyed music, watercolor paintings, ceramics, and playing video games.

She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Sinning and son-in-law, Stephen Melton, Vincennes.

She is preceded in death by her parents and sister, Wendy Duerksen.

A Celebration of Life for Dawna L. Camden will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ My condolences to everyone affected by Dawna and her actions. May you all find peace in knowing she can no longer hurt anyone else. R.I.P Samuel Camden a.k.a Grumpy, you will be missed.

Michal Leszewicz Jr - April 10 at 01:49 PM

CC

“ Despite Elizabeth wanting to pretend otherwise, I am Dawna's firstborn child. While she wants to live in fantasy land and pretend we don't exist, i am still very much alive and still here, as well as her 2 sisters, and her mother, Janice.

While Elizabeth may have fond memories of Dawna, her legacy with her first child, and the rest of her family was not as pleasant. I hope she finds mercy in the afterlife, but i will not be silenced by my half sister who wants to live a lie.

Christian Camden - April 10 at 01:38 PM

DR

“ Dawna and I were Army veterans who met and shared 8 weeks conquering PTSD together. She was uplifting and encouraging. She always expressed a love for her family. May her service be honored and good memories held close.

Deb Allen, LTC, USA Retired - March 29 at 10:26 PM



“ *Dawna and I went to high school together, and hung out often throughout school. She loved music (I remember listening to the Carpenters over and over in her room). She shared her Lutheran faith with me, encouraging me to go through confirmation and be baptized. We joined a fun Christian singing group called Tell the World for several years. I will always remember her as a kind helping person. Heaven gained a wonderful woman!* ”

Kimber Smith - March 26 at 06:19 PM

LB

“ *I miss you and I love you. When you found out I didn't have a maternal figure in my life you stepped up to make sure I was okay. There was never a time I left your house without a fully belly and knowing someone cared about me. I'll miss you forever* ”



Lunar Bowen - March 24 at 08:15 AM

SD

“ *Dawna tried so hard to get me over the fear of birds. She was a born teacher and loved to teach everything she knew about animals.* ”



shirley dias - March 23 at 07:14 PM

T"

I was best friends with Dawna's Dad Sam growing up in Sumter, SC and graduated high school together in 1962. I finally got to meet Dawna and daughter Liz in January 2019 when I visited them in IN. she left us way too soon. RIP Dawna. Tommie James, Camden, SC.

Tommie James "TJ" - March 29 at 08:58 PM