



Dawn Richards Machovic

December 10, 1938 - September 4, 2013

Dawn (DeFelice) Richards Machovic, 74 of Nashua, NH died Wednesday September 4, 2013 at the Southern NH Medical Center in Nashua following a courageous battle with cancer.

Dawn was born December 10, 1938 in Wakefield, MA daughter of the late Paul and Theresa (Nasella) DeFelice. She was also predeceased by her first husband, John T. Richards, Sr. as well as by her brother, Paul DeFelice.

Dawn was the wife of Stephen A. Machovic, Jr. of Nashua with whom she married in 2011.

Dawn attended the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital School of Nursing and became an R.N. in 1959. She later attended classes at Northeastern University where she studied English. Dawn was previously the Director of Nursing for Bear Hill Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, a maternity nurse at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital, and was an office nurse for Dr. Anthony V. Nigro with Reading Pediatrics. She resided and raised her family in Reading, MA for 30 years and moved to Nashua, NH in 1995.

While living in Nashua, Dawn was employed as an RN with St. Joseph Hospital satellite offices and more recently she was employed with Persian Rug Galleries where she worked in the Human Resources Dept.. Dawn recently published her book, "The Cancer Table" of which she and her family were very proud. She enjoyed writing, floral design, public speaking and was a member of the Toast Masters. Dawn's greatest joy was spending time with her family and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Besides her loving husband Stephen, her devoted family includes two daughters; Linda Richards and her husband Robert Naphen III of West Bridgewater, MA, Donna Lee Richards and her husband Martin Walsh of Nashua, NH, a son; John T. Richards, Jr. and his wife Kim of Rockport, MA, two grandchildren; Evan Richards and Tara Richards, two brothers; Lee DeFelice of Colorado Springs, CO and Michael DeFelice of East Hampstead, NH, also her stepmother; Darnell DeFelice of Nashua as well as many aunts,

uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Visiting hours will be held on Sunday September 8th from 2pm-6pm in THE DUMONT-SULLIVAN FUNERAL HOME, 50 FERRY ST. IN HUDSON. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Monday September 9th at 11am in Immaculate Conception Parish, 216 East Dunstable Road, Nashua. All may meet at church. Burial will be in St. Louis Cemetery, Nashua. In lieu of flowers the family encourages donations be made in Dawn's loving memory to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Attn: Donor Services, PO Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265-0309 or St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Events

SEP **VISITING HOURS** 02:00PM - 06:00PM

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Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home Hudson, NH
50 Ferry Street, Hudson, NH, US, 03051

SEP **MASS AT CHURCH** 11:00AM

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Immaculate Conception Parish
216 East Dunstable Rd., Nashua, NH, US, 03062

Comments



“ I met dawn during my nursing internship my senior year of high school at SNH Medical Center. I met her in December 2012 and she was the first person since my grandmother passed in 2008 that felt like a mentor. She was so kind, gentle and giving. This is one of the e-mails I sometimes go back and read:

"Hi Hannah,

I have your email in my contacts now.....

It was wonderful to see you yesterday....How thoughtful of you to make a special trip to see me.

You made my day !

I am so confident that you possess all the qualities that will make you successful in any endeavor that you may choose, but you are definitely a perfect candidate for medicine/nursing.

I don't have to see your grades to know that you are bright, willing to learn and capable of learning all that you will have to know to be a good nurse.

I don't have to know you forever to know that you are kind, considerate and will be a comfort and joy to all those in your care.

I have not come this far and done as much as I have without being aware of these qualities in a student.

Please don't hesitate to ask for any assistance, or ask any questions along your journey. I would be more than happy to help out and If I don't have the answer, I will find someone who does. After 50 years in medicine, I have accumulated many contacts.

So long for now.....I will let you know when my book is outDawn" (there was a rose symbol after her name too)

I went to surprise visit her in March 2013 close to the end of my internship but my car ran out of oil and I had no money and not enough time on my off period to turn around and get back to school before last period, so I never got to see her again. I almost skipped last period because I had this feeling it was a good time to do so. I sat in the parking lot awhile considering it but, I didn't and I really wish I had.

I went to college in September and in the first month of school I left her a voicemail apologizing for not keeping in touch, right around the time she had passed. I never heard from her and so I got worried and looked up her name but never found an obituary. I think I called last spring and got no answer so I e-mailed her recently and realized she wasn't responding...I finally gave in and looked up her name in the nashua area and found this page. She was the first adult to ever invite me to coffee and I was really excited about it but we never got to go. I wish I could have gone to her service. At least I have her book. I'm glad you made this page though, thank you for listening and please let me know if there's anything I can do to help or even if it's just to remember. If there's any way I can contact you, I'd love to visit her grave site if she has one.

With lots of love,

Hannah Soucy



“ Hannah, how nice of you to seek out this page and to share your experiences with my mother. I remember you coming to see her. She cared a great deal about being of some help to you as you considered your career choice. Feel free to contact me for the information you seek. Donna Richards, Nashua, NH

Donna - July 10, 2015 at 01:05 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear about Dawn. What a special lady she was. Pete met Dawn at Toastmasters and she had a wonderful way of relating to everyone who entered her life. Pete will really miss her smiling face and chats that they had. Dawn's book was so great to read. Her life, testimony and inspiration has impacted so many. We are blessed to have met Dawn. With prayers of comfort and peace, Tim, Joan and Pete Lafferty

Lafferty family - September 12, 2013 at 07:31 AM



“ To Dawn's beautiful family,
Your precious mother Dawn was a beautiful earth angel. I met her at Toastmasters. She was one of the most inspiring people I have ever known. She brought out the absolute best in everyone. When she joined our Toastmaster's club her presence transformed the already loving culture to new heights. She contributed much to everyone. Dawn was the epitome of pure blessed love. Dawn was filled with grace. She had a profound impact on my life. I will be forever grateful to have known her. With love and sympathy,
Chrissy Carew

Chrissy Carew - September 08, 2013 at 04:54 AM



“ My dearest cousin - I will always hold you close to my heart. We shared so many fun times together and those are the memories I will have forever. I will miss you always. I just know you are with all of our departed loved ones now, watching over all of us left here on earth. You will be missed, but never forgotten.
Your Loving cousin,
Donna Lee the 1st

Donna - September 06, 2013 at 02:57 PM



“ My precious aunt - a strong, loving, beautiful, and inspirational woman. Everyone who knew you will feel your absence .. but I'm thankful for having you in my life. Sleep well. Your precious Debra Ann

Debra Clark - September 06, 2013 at 12:00 PM



“ To Dawn's family,
My deep condolences to all of you during this very difficult time. I shared a lot of long conversations with Dawn throughout the last several years of her cancer journey. She faced it all with courage and dignity. I will miss her.....
Sue Holmes

Sue Holmes - September 06, 2013 at 10:36 AM



“ Dear Linda - my condolences to you and your family. I know how special your mom was to all of you.
-Ellen P.

Ellen Powers - September 06, 2013 at 09:46 AM



“ One moment I will always remember about Dawn was the day after she received her engagement ring - she ran down the hallway on the 2nd floor with her hand out and a smile a mile wide. "See what I have" - one lovely pearl ring - oh but she was so happy and I told her if she ever got tired of Steve I would adopt him - and I kept telling her this for the next three years.
One beautiful lady with the courage of a lion - I will miss her very much.

Jane and Don Baker

Jane and Don Baker - September 06, 2013 at 08:17 AM



“ Dave sent a virtual gift in memory of Dawn Richards Machovic



Dave - September 06, 2013 at 05:37 AM