



## Dawn Meinders

May 14, 1967 - March 13, 2020

Dawn Meinders, 52, of Ackley, passed away Friday, March 13, 2020 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. A private family service will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at the St. John's United Church of Christ in Ackley. She will be laid to rest at the Oak Wood Cemetery in Ackley. A public memorial service will be announced at a later time. In lieu of flowers, the family will share Dawn's ongoing memory with your memorial gift. Woodley Funeral Home, LLC of Iowa Falls is caring for Dawn and her family.

Dawn Maree' Meinders was born May 14, 1967 in Holdrege, Nebraska to William "Rock" and Carol Reeves. She graduated from high school in Torrington, Wyoming. On September 16, 1995 Dawn was united in marriage to Korey Jon Meinders in Ackley, Iowa. They had two children, Clayton and Caleb.

Dawn enjoyed baking and the family raved that she was the best baker in the whole state of Iowa, if not the entire country. Dawn worked for AGWSR as a district and elementary secretary for sixteen years. She was like a second mom to the students and loved greeting the kids each morning as they came to school. She also enjoyed spending time with her boys, especially in the garage. Dawn and Korey recently began making wooden flags and other "stuff" and called their little enterprise "Meinder's Family Flags and Stuff."

Dawn Meinders is survived by her husband, Korey Meinders of Ackley, Iowa; children, Clayton Jon and Caleb Kenneth Meinders of Ackley, Iowa; sister, Adriane Reeves and fiancé' John Martinez of Minneapolis, Minnesota and her parents, Rock and Carol Reeves. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Harold and Elvira Larson; father in-law, Kenneth Meinders; mother in-law, Carla Meinders and brother in-law, David Wagner.

# Cemetery Details

## **Oakwood Cemetery**

Ackley, IA 50601

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Jim and Barbara Swink (Friends of Dawns Dad) purchased the With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Dawn Meinders.*



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**Jim and Barbara Swink (Friends of Dawns Dad)** - March 20, 2020 at 06:28 PM

DB

“ *I, my children and grandchildren will miss Dawn terribly. She helped so much at school to an extreme level, that words are not enough for how we all feel. Each start of the school year and clear through, Dawn took care of so much, helped in areas pertaining to my grandchildren in school, and we felt comfort in her help, words, smile, and overall conversations at times with her. Dawn is an angel. God will take great care of this lady! Sympathies to her family from all of us. The Brigance family*

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**Danette Brigance** - March 20, 2020 at 09:41 AM

MD

“ *I will have to agree with the boys about the best baked goods - we always enjoyed our Christmas plate of goodies from the Meinders Family at City Hall. You have been on our minds, in our hearts, and have our deepest sympathies!*

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**Malena and Joedy Dennis** - March 18, 2020 at 08:55 AM

DJ

“ Dawn was a very talented lady. She had a heart of gold. She was willing to do, or help anyone and everyone. She always had a smile on her face. So sorry for your loss! We all will miss her greatly! Love Jeff and Diane Keninger

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**Diane and Jeff** - March 17, 2020 at 10:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dawn Meinders.



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March 17, 2020 at 06:44 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dawn Meinders.



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March 17, 2020 at 05:14 PM

TE

“ Dawn was the first person you saw and came in contact with when you entered the school. She ALWAYS had a smile on her face and a bright, cheerful attitude! I only got to know her in the last couple of years, but she made a definite lasting impression on me and I know she did on all those kiddos that walked through the door. You have my deepest sympathy. She will be missed!

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**Terri Eiten** - March 16, 2020 at 11:34 PM

RB

“ *Renald & Darcie Bouchard purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dawn Meinders.*



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**Renald & Darcie Bouchard** - March 16, 2020 at 10:30 PM

VI

“ *My deepest sympathies to Korey and Dawn and their sons in their loss. May you find comfort in God's embrace during this time. I enjoyed seeing and working with Dawn while I worked at AGWSR CSD. Always a smile on her face when she met me.*



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**Vicky** - March 16, 2020 at 09:33 PM



“ Dawn was a treasure to our district. She was the warm welcome to a need and a solution as well. There did not seem to be anything that she would not tackle. I will miss that sparkle in her eye when talking about her boys, Clay and Caleb. The sparkle in her eye when her husband would drop in. I will miss that look at me when she was holding something in, a chuckle, or a raised eyebrow regarding something I might have said to a student. She made everyone feel like they mattered, and challenged us to improve in ways that were important for our district and work, with patience and diligence to the best method. Like me, she loved a good geek pen, a Nebraska inside joke, a special recipe and was a woman of so many talents. She could comfort and reassure like no other, both over the phone and in person. I know you are enjoying what we can only imagine, and I know that your boys will make you proud in ways that we won't have to imagine. Till a sweet sweet reunion, my office friend. In love with His comfort holding your treasures close in prayer. Gwen.

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**Gwen Wrich** - March 16, 2020 at 09:26 PM

LZ

“ I have only known Dawn for a very short time. Only since January. My son receives special education services at AGWSR elementary 3 days a week and so we would see her on those days and talk with her a bit. I noticed a few things about Dawn that I admire and have learned from. First, she was someone who was always fully present. She likely had many things to do, but when there was a person in front of her, that person had her full attention. Second, she put a positive spin on everything. I always walked away from talking with her seeing things differently than I had before after receiving her positive reframes. I wondered how she so consistently could do that.

Third, she always had a smile on her face. I will always remember her smiling. I am not sure I can even think of what she looks like otherwise. Fourth, I noticed how she set good boundaries with students, letting them know what they were and were not allowed to do. She empowered and encouraged them as they read the announcements into the school intercom. She showed compassion for them when they were hurting. She delighted in my son and his sense of humor and often engaged him in conversation. It was so evident that people mattered to Dawn.

Both my son and I will miss her. And, we will always remember what she taught us and how she loved us so well.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Van Zoest

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**Lisa Van Zoest** - March 16, 2020 at 10:09 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dawn Meinders.



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March 15, 2020 at 04:07 PM



“ Corey and Sons there is not enough words that I can say to express to you how broken my heart is for the loss of Dawn. You and your family have been intertwined in my families life for so many years. Corey you are like my son. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.



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**Leanna Barvinek** - March 14, 2020 at 06:06 PM



I was heartbroken to hear about Dawn! She was a wonderful co-worker and co-wrestling sideline parent; she always had a smile on her face and encouragement in her words! You have been and will remain in my thoughts and prayers! May God lift you up in this time! 🙏

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**Jennifer Nazario** - March 15, 2020 at 12:33 PM



Dawn was the best person to greet you in the morning before students arrived. During the 12 years I worked in AGSWR she was always kind, caring, and patient. God bless you Dawn and your boys. Deepest sympathy to your family.

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**Sherry Millang** - March 20, 2020 at 12:23 AM