



## Dawn Leigh Andrews

November 15, 1969 - February 4, 2026

Dawn Leigh Andrews, 56, of Sylvania, Ohio, passed away on February 4, 2026, after a courageous battle with cancer-one she fought with strength, grit, and a signature sense of humor that kept everyone around her laughing, including her medical team.

Born in Toledo, Ohio, on November 15, 1969, Dawn was the daughter of Tom Andrews and Darlene (Dupies) Whitaker. She grew up in Toledo, Ohio and later moved to Florida where she had her son Tryston. She graduated from St. Ursula Academy and later from Owens Community College with an Associate's Degree in Accounting.

Dawn was a devoted mother to her son, Tryston Andrews, who was truly the light of her life. She was also a fiercely proud grandmother who adored her grandchildren, Charlee (4) and Braxton (1), soaking up every moment she could with them.

A lifelong Ohio State fan, Dawn never missed a chance to cheer on the Buckeyes. She was known for her sassy personality, dark sense of humor, and quick wit-traits that made every family gathering louder, funnier, and more memorable. Dawn loved spending time with family, cherished her many nieces and nephews, and had a deep love for dogs, especially her beloved Bentley and Oreo.

Dawn is survived by her son Tryston Andrews and daughter-in-law Natalie (Appledorn) Andrews; grandchildren Charlee and Braxton; her father Tom Andrews (Sherry Andrews); her mother Darlene Whitaker (Mike Whitaker);

and her stepmother Sue (Cappitelli) Andrews.

She is also survived by her siblings: Julie (Andrews) Couillard; Tim Andrews and Rachel Maulucci; Leslie (Andrews) Athmer and Brian Athmer; Bridgette (Whitaker) Beeler and Jon Beeler; Jennifer (Whitaker) Antonelli and Nick Antonelli; Wendy (Whitaker) Angermann and Adam Angermann; and Ashlie (Whitaker) Velker and Matt Velker; along with MANY beloved nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, February 8, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Nederhouser Community Hall in Olander Park. Guests are encouraged to dress "Dawn style"-casual and comfortable.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Dawn's honor to the Williams Syndrome Association at:

<<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/dawnandrews>>

Dawn's laughter, strength, and love will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Nederhouser Community Hall  
6930 W Sylvania Ave  
Sylvania, OH 43560-3524  
(419) 882-8313

# Tribute Wall

GT

“ GM Toledo Engineering Team purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Dawn Leigh Andrews.



GM Toledo Engineering Team - February 09 at 10:11 AM



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



February 07 at 08:34 AM

KM

“ Kathy & Jim McVicker purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dawn Leigh Andrews.



Kathy & Jim McVicker - February 07 at 06:27 AM



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



February 06 at 02:53 PM

KK

“ Kimberly K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dawn Leigh Andrews.

Kimberly K. - February 06 at 02:04 PM

JA

“ Jennifer A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dawn Leigh Andrews.

Jennifer A. - February 06 at 01:55 PM

SE

“ Sachin, Rich and Erica purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Dawn Leigh Andrews.



Sachin, Rich and Erica - February 06 at 12:51 PM

BP

“ You will be dearly missed by so many! Your light will continue to shine on through your beautiful family. May you rest in eternal peace with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Baelee Pettry - February 06 at 12:00 PM

BP

“ Baelee P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dawn Leigh Andrews.

Baelee P. - February 06 at 11:57 AM