



## Dawn Sanders

July 14, 1989 - April 14, 2024

Dawn Charlotte Lessard Sanders, 34, passed away April 14, 2024.

A native of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, daughter of Brian Richard “Rick” Lessard and his wife, Michelle and Lisa Marie Leedberg Swanson and her husband, Dean, she worked at the S.C. Port Authority Inland Port Greer with countless friends and volunteered at the Miracle Acres Fosters Shelter in Anderson. She was a Bruins fan and of the Catholic faith. Dawn found her soulmate and married him in 2018. They shared many memories together with family and friends. She loved her family above all else. She loved her fur babies, Rocky and Mya.

Also surviving are her husband, James Christopher “Chris” Sanders of the home; siblings, Steven Lessard, Matthew “Bubs” Swanson, Stephanie Hemenway, Patrick Hemenway, Sara Hemenway, Michael Hemenway, Matthew Sanders, and Trish Sanders; grandfather, Buddy Leedberg; grandmothers, Bea Lessard and Kate Lessard; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many special friends.

She was predeceased by her grandfather, Rudy Lessard, grandmother, Charlotte Leedberg, and uncle, Wayne Leedberg.

A memorial service will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday, May 3, 2024, at The Wood Mortuary. Inurnment will follow in Wood Memorial Park.

Visitation will be held 11:00 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Friday, May 3, 2024, at The Wood Mortuary.

The family is at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Miracle Acres Fosters, 3927 Trail Road, Anderson, South Carolina 29621 or [www.miracleacresfosters.com](http://www.miracleacresfosters.com). Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 3. 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
(864) 877-3351  
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

## Memorial Service

MAY 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary Chapel  
300 West Poinsett Street  
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woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

# Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Dawn Sanders*



**The Wood Mortuary** - May 03, 2024 at 12:01 PM

BO

*RIP angel* 💔

**Bonnie** - May 03, 2024 at 01:22 PM

MN

*I'm so sorry for our loss.. I'm there in spirit what a beautiful service rip Dawn*

**Monica noon** - May 03, 2024 at 03:14 PM

JS

*My deepest sympathies for your loss. My prayers are with your family. May your memories and love bring you comfort. You have many that love and support you all. What a beautiful service. Rest in peace Dawn* 💔

**Janette Shanley** - May 03, 2024 at 04:36 PM

NL

*Sending love and light . God Bless you all. Prayers*

**Nichole Landry** - May 03, 2024 at 06:13 PM

MG

*Rest in peace Dawn* 💜

**Michelle Gauthier** - May 04, 2024 at 12:48 AM

AB

“ Sending love and strength to all of Dawns loved ones . Rest in peace ❤️

Aunt Beth - May 03, 2024 at 02:57 PM

RL



Rick Lessard - May 04, 2024 at 02:18 PM

NL

“ Rick and Michelle and Family, You may be far from site but never from the heart, Sending you my love and condolences,



Nichole Landry - May 03, 2024 at 02:20 PM

RL



Rick Lessard - May 04, 2024 at 02:19 PM

JL

“ Rick & Family - our deepest sympathy for your loss. Please take care Jim & Marie

Jim Loiselle - May 03, 2024 at 01:11 PM

RL



Rick Lessard - May 04, 2024 at 02:19 PM

DM

“ Donna Milisci lit a candle in memory of Dawn Sanders



Donna Milisci - May 03, 2024 at 12:46 PM

RL



Rick Lessard - May 04, 2024 at 02:18 PM



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



May 02, 2024 at 06:20 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dawn Sanders.



May 02, 2024 at 08:48 AM

UR

“ Uncle Roger and Rita planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dawn Sanders.

Uncle Roger and Rita - May 02, 2024 at 08:48 AM

MP

“ Dawn,  
Every time I think of you nothing, but a large smile comes to my heart. You were one of the greatest persons I had the pleasure to have known. You brought wit and the brightest of light to a room. I am so glad that we got to work together and spend some good times together. My heart breaks for you and your family. I will miss you!!!  
Your Friend,  
Mickey

Michael Provost - April 27, 2024 at 08:53 PM

RL



Rick Lessard - April 28, 2024 at 05:18 PM

DC

“ DP Containers purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dawn Sanders.



DP Containers - April 25, 2024 at 04:08 PM

DC

“ DP Containers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dawn Sanders.

DP Containers - April 25, 2024 at 04:08 PM

DC

“ *i am so sorry for u and your family love u all*



Donna M Catalano - April 22, 2024 at 06:55 PM

RL

*We love you Donna , thank you for your support and your love ❤️*

Rick Lessard - April 23, 2024 at 10:40 AM

ML

“ *I'm not sure what I did to deserve you as a daughter and a best friend but I thank god for the gift he gave me in you. You were the miracle that made my life complete. I will miss us. Love, your Bonus Mom*

Michelle Lessard - April 22, 2024 at 06:26 PM

RL

*To my Wife , you were more her Best friend than a Bonus mom . You always gave her your everything ❤️*

Rick Lessard - April 23, 2024 at 10:39 AM

WF

“ *With Love, The Adams and Raffaello Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dawn Sanders.*



With Love, The Adams and Raffaello Family - April 21, 2024 at 06:37 PM

RL

“ Dawn , my precious angel above , I read these messages and countless others and my heart is smiling through the tears . You touched so many lives and made all of us appreciate life and Family . You took a big piece of my heart with you , plz hold on to it tight and send me some of your strength. Don't worry about that goofy husband of yours or your precious fur babies , you know your Father and Mom and your awesome bonus parents will make sure they are well cared for until we all meet again 💔, I love you my Dawnie poo , ps give gramps and all are loved ones a big hug from me

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**Rick Lessard** - April 19, 2024 at 12:13 PM

AL

“ Awww best friend, I can't believe what I am even reading right now. We shared so many memories growing up. I've been looking through old pictures, remembering all the fun stupid things we did in high school. Time sure flies, and heaven took you too soon. I never even got to come visit you in South Carolina like we talked about. So sorry for your mom and dad, and your whole family's loss. Always missed but never forgotten. Rest easy best friend.

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**Alyssa** - April 18, 2024 at 04:05 PM

SB

“ On behalf of everyone at the South Carolina Ports Authority, I extend our heartfelt condolences to the family during this difficult time. We were deeply saddened to hear of Dawn's passing, as she was not just a valued member of our team; she was a cherished colleague and friend to many.

*Her dedication, kindness, and unwavering commitment left an everlasting mark on all who had the pleasure of interacting with her at the Ports Authority. Her absence will be keenly felt, and her memory will continue to inspire us. Please know that our support and sympathy are with you as you mourn her loss and celebrate her life.*

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**Sadie Battle** - April 18, 2024 at 02:35 PM

DA

“ My sister and I have good memories growing up with Dawn in North Chelmsford. ❤️

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**Daffy** - April 17, 2024 at 06:46 PM

JS

“ You are my world. I loved you so much!! There is a hole in my soul that will never be filled. From the first day I met you I knew you were the one, even if you were laughing and make fun of me doing something stupid. I'm so happy for the 9yrs I got with you and I'm devastated that we didn't get more time. You made me the man I am today. You are so beautiful and the biggest heart in the world. I promise I will take care of everyone, even me, and definitely our fur babies Rocky and Maya, they were your world. Until we meet again..... Love you babe!!!

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**James C Sanders** - April 17, 2024 at 06:38 PM

ML

*You were soulmates for sure and I will always continue to be there for you Chris. You're stuck with me forever. Love your Mum/Meme'*

Michelle Lessard - April 21, 2024 at 05:27 PM

JS

♥ Love you 2

James C Sanders - April 22, 2024 at 11:13 AM

LS

*I am so glad Dawn found you and you made her so happy, and I am thankful for that. You will always be a part of our family. We love you!*

Lisa Swanson - April 27, 2024 at 12:28 AM

DO

“ *DEBBIE OWENSBY lit a candle in memory of Dawn Sanders*



DEBBIE OWENSBY - April 17, 2024 at 03:51 PM

TM

“ *We are praying for Christopher and the family. Heaven rejoices at her homecoming, but her light will be missed here on Earth. God bless and keep you all and grant you His comfort. All our love...Mark and Tonya*

Tonya and Mark - April 17, 2024 at 11:51 AM

TM

“ Tonya Mark lit a candle in memory of Dawn Sanders



Tonya and Mark - April 17, 2024 at 11:48 AM

JL

“ Jeff & Shawna Laporte purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dawn Sanders.



Jeff & Shawna Laporte - April 16, 2024 at 09:46 PM

DL

“ I am very sorry for the family's loss. I am crushed. She was very sweet thoughts and prayers at this time. Dean Lambert



Dean Lambert - April 16, 2024 at 08:07 PM

MT

“ Such a beautiful sweet soul. Her light will shine as bright in heaven as it did here on earth. Such a great loss. My heart is broken for all the lives she touched and made better because she brightened them.



Margo Martel and Joe Tarmey - April 16, 2024 at 05:43 PM

KP

“ Dawn, our precious niece and goddaughter. We are really having a hard time here figuring out how we are all supposed to go on without you. You were such an important person in so many of our lives, we so hope you always knew that. There are so many people we need you to watch over, your husband Chris, your parents, your siblings, and so many more. Uncle Dan Dan & Auntie Kim are so grateful for all the memories we got to make with you, but we needed so many more. Rest peacefully Dawn. We love you so much!

Kimberly Porter - April 16, 2024 at 05:17 PM

RL

“ My Beautiful Daughter , Fly High and lead those Angels as you did on earth . I love you forever until we meet again 💔, Love Always your Father , Daddy and best friend ❤️ xoxo

Rick Lessard - April 16, 2024 at 03:07 PM

AB

My heart grieves for the loss of your sweet daughter. Love you guys, Uncle Al ❤️

Alfred bisson - April 16, 2024 at 08:43 PM

BK

So sorry for your loss Rick

Bruce Karafelis - April 16, 2024 at 09:14 PM

DB

Thinking of you Rick. Love you my friend. Xo 💕

dawn bibeau - April 17, 2024 at 01:07 AM

MG

So sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers are with your family

Michelle gaffney - April 17, 2024 at 09:58 AM