



## Dawn Smith

August 8, 1953 - January 19, 2020

West Columbia....

Dawn Smith, age 66, passed away Sunday, January 19, 2020 at her residence with her daughter and companion by her side.

Dawn was born in Kershaw a daughter of the late Rickey and Julia Smith. She was a loving and caring mother with strong character. She loved dogs, country music, oldies and The Monkeys. Dawn was a 1971 graduate of Conway High School and a graduate of University of South Carolina. She was predeceased by her brother, Henry Scott Smith and her beloved loyal companion, her dog Batman.

She is survived by her daughter, Meredith Roest of West Columbia; her companion and caregiver, John Merrill of West Columbia; sister Kitsy (Reid) Barnes of Murrells Inlet; additional family members Gail, Theresa, Doris Ann, Lynn, Joe and Wesley; several nieces and nephews.

Celebration of Life Service will be held graveside at 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 24, 2020 at Hillcrest Cemetery with Rev. Brett DeYoung officiating. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is serving the family.



# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544  
Conway, SC 29526  
(843) 347-4909  
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery  
1000 Hwy 544  
Conway, SC 29526

# Tribute Wall



“ *Doris Ann lit a candle in memory of Dawn Smith*



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**Doris Ann** - January 24, 2020 at 08:37 PM

JH

“ Dear Meredith, John & Family,  
I am swollen in my heart for the loss of my Best Friend and Twin Sister. She's gone too soon. That wasn't the plan we had. We weren't really blood relatives but we were definitely sisters. Dawn and I met on the internet over 25 years ago. We found each other because of our birthdates. We were both born on August 8, 1953. We used to say the stork got mixed up and dropped us off at the wrong addresses. We shared our innermost thoughts throughout the years. I know so much and learned so much from my Sis. We loved each other very much which I know John & Meredith both know. I never met the "Bat" (Batman-Dog) but have several pictures of him when he was little like John described in his tribute. I have pictures of him as an adult too. I told Dawn "that little dog has big paws...he's going to be big." I was right. As Dawn would say "You usually are right" Jeanette. We also had something else in common. We were both disabled. Dawn having a muscle myopathy disease and I with a bilateral peripheral neuropathy disease (nerve damage on both sides of my body). I acquired injuries from a bad car accidents. Meredith and John know I will miss my Sis so very much. It has taken me all week to accept she is gone. I only pray she is where she described to me what the other side is like.....and I know she is with her family and beloved pets including Batman. I've already talked to her. I'm hoping she will come see me in spirit. I loved my Sister very much. We both had real sisters but we did not have good relationships. That's when Dawn and I decided to be Sisters. I will miss her terribly.....my heart aches. I know Meredith & John are hurting too. I hope all our pain goes away day by day. Meredith & John keep in touch with me. I Love you both very much too. She was the best Sister and Best Friend I've ever had. I hope life doesn't become too complicated for the both of you. I am here if you need me. Love All of You! Call me as soon as you can or are up to it.  
<sigh>  
Love Always,  
Jeanette Hines



**Jeanette Hines** - January 24, 2020 at 07:47 PM

MB

“ *Mike, Glenn and Bill purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Dawn Smith.*



**Mike, Glenn and Bill** - January 21, 2020 at 08:55 PM

JM

“ *I was Dawn's boyfriend and Caregiver. She was my rock and the love of my life for 20 years. I have many memories of her, but one of the main ones is when she would carry her beloved dog Batman in a basket when we out when he was a little pup and weighed 2 lbs.-- she was so proud and happy when she did this--he was her "baby".*

**John Merrill** - January 20, 2020 at 07:22 PM

JC

*Dawn's mom "Julia B" and my grandfather were first cousins, but we grew up in different parts of the state and met while working on our family's genealogy. Even though we didn't grow up together, we knew a lot of the same family stories and laughed about the same idiosyncrasies in our shared culture. We organized several extended family reunions in the years that followed. Dawners, you will be missed. Love you, Cuz.*

**Julia Cochran** - January 21, 2020 at 09:53 AM

LS

*Kitsy,  
I am so sad to hear of the passing of your sister. If she was anything like you, Julia and Ricky; she was a Beautiful soul.  
My heart and prayers go out to you and your family! 🥺💔🙏🙏🙏*

**Lyn Snyder** - January 21, 2020 at 11:50 AM

IS

*Dawn was one of my best friends during junior high and high school. We spent a lot of time at Kingston Presbyterian Church with our youth group and had a wonderful time learning how to be a better person. Dawn loved Davey Jones and The Monkees so much during those years. We went to church camp together, also. When Dawn married Peter, I was one of her bridesmaids and still have the dress I wore way back then. She was such a sweet, loving person. John, we are so thankful that she found you and that you had those years together. You did a wonderful job taking care of her. I was privileged to be her friend, and I will miss her. We will see her again in God's Kingdom. Ina Stevens*

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**Ina Stevens** - January 21, 2020 at 02:45 PM

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*We are thinking of all of you during this time. God bless and comfort you. Love, Carl and Nancy Purvis*

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**Nancy Purvis** - January 22, 2020 at 11:34 PM