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Alisa “Dawn” Smith Coleman, 50, of Memphis, passed away on Monday, September 3, 2018. Dawn attended Grace-St. Luke’s Episcopal School and graduated from Central High School, and after attending the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, she received her B.A. and M.A.T. degrees from the University of Memphis. Dawn was a beloved classroom and English as a Second Language teacher at several Memphis schools and also taught abroad in Greece. In addition to her commitment to students, Dawn was well known for her devotion to animals, which she inherited from her mother. Dawn always had rescue pets—even taking in animals she was allergic to—and she was delighted to give them a home and watch them snuggle and play together. Dawn was also a talented stylist with a discerning eye for both interior design and fashion. She had an eclectic style that included beautiful, interesting pieces from her travels and vintage stores, and she took real pleasure in creating a home that showcased her finds. Dawn herself was always “best-dressed” and greatly admired by friends for her personal style, her generosity, and her creativity. Dawn is preceded in death by her parents, Daryl and Mary Smith. She is survived by her loving husband of six years, Russell Coleman, who brought her enormous joy and comfort, her darling dogs, Billy and Nina, aunts Caroline Dyer, Anita Linton and Mary Wymon, cousins Ricky Ballard, Sherrie Gaddie, Brandi Stovall, Corey Smith, Chris Smith, Gina Smith, Shannon Boyter, Brittany Schrupp, Candy Vance, Crystal Huckstep, nieces, Olivia and Rebecca Coleman, nephew, Nathaniel Coleman, and a wide circle of friends in Memphis and across the country who loved her dearly and appreciated her “gentle” critiques of their outfits and hairstyles. The family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Memphis Humane Society or the ASPCA. The Family will receive relatives and friends from 4pm to 6pm on Sunday, September 9 at Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5668 Poplar



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Avenue in Memphis. The funeral will be on Monday at 10am also at the funeral home. Burial will immediately follow.



Tribute Wall

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EW

Eliza Warren posted:

I never met Dawn. But I know about her via a friend who knew Dawn and her mother very, very well. This friend always spoke highly of Dawn and once shared with me a text Dawn had sent her that spoke volumes about Dawn's capacity to love and offer generous praise and sensitive kindness. My friend cared for Dawn and her mother deeply. I hope the family finds peace post this terrible, tragic loss. I know my friend will be sad for quite some time. Grief is a process, for sure. Reach out for love when it is offered, folks. Our time is short.

September 10 at 6:30 AM

VE

Vernon posted:

So very sorry for your loss . But one day soon and revelation 21:3-5 will bring relief for all of us. Until then, John 5:28,29

September 7 at 1:30 PM

CC

Candy Corrado posted:

May you have peace knowing that Jesus said " Neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any created thing, shall be able to separate us from the LOVE of God. I pray his spirit is with you during this most difficult time.

September 4 at 5:33 AM

CC

Candy Corrado posted:

Have comfort in knowing that neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God. May his spirit be with you during this difficult time. Sherrie 1st cousin of Dawn

September 4 at 4:00 AM

VE

Vernon posted:

So sorry to here about your loss. Please take comfort in knowing John 5:28,29

September 4 at 3:19 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Alisa by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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