



## Lavonne M. Dawson

July 20, 1942 - September 24, 2017

Lavonne M. Dawson, 75, of Manito, IL passed away at 9:03 AM on Sunday, September 24, 2017 at Unity Point Health – Pekin. She was born on July 20, 1942 in Manito, IL the daughter of Robert and Arlene (Himmel) Maas. She married Virgil Dawson on December 29, 1961 at the Forest City Community Church in Forest City, IL. He survives.

Lavonne is also survived by two daughters, Patia (Kelly) Picken and Julie (Josh) Cackowski both of Manito, IL, and three grandchildren, Chase Picken, Camryn Picken, and Jake Cackowski. Lavonne was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Gary Maas.

Lavonne was a member of the Community United Methodist Church in Manito, IL. She initiated Project Kids for school supplies for Midwest Central School kids in 2003, did advocacy work in Manito and Pekin, IL, and loved to play solitaire on the computer. Lavonne was a Special Education Teacher in the Pekin Public Schools including Willow, Sunset and Broadmoor Schools for 38 years. She was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and quilter.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A graveside service will be held for Lavonne on Monday, October 2, 2017 at Meadow Lawn Cemetery in Manito, IL at 10:30 AM. Rev. Greg Boylan will officiate. Memorials may be made to Project Kids.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com)

Maas Hurley Funeral Home in Manito is assisting the family with arrangements.



# Cemetery Details

## Meadow Lawn Cemetery

801 E. Meadow Lawn St.  
Manito, IL 61546

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lavonne M. Dawson*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Virgil, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers. Sending hugs from Kentucky.*

**Amy Livengood** - September 29, 2017 at 07:07 PM



“ *Greg Bailey lit a candle in memory of Lavonne M. Dawson*



**Greg Bailey** - September 29, 2017 at 04:04 PM



“ *I remember your mom and dad being our MYF leaders at the UMC. They were awesome. Also remember how tirelessly she worked on Project Kids. It meant so much to her. But she couldn't have been more prouder of her family. Her children and grandchildren met the world to her, even her husband Virgil. She also loved getting a cup of coffee before church. We,'ll deeply miss this wonderful lady. Let her memories comfort you during this loss.*

**Janet Anderson** - September 28, 2017 at 06:04 PM

SM

“ I will sure miss her walking over and visiting with me on our porch.  
We always had a lot of laughs out on that porch.

SANDRA MORTON - September 28, 2017 at 04:45 PM

KT

“ Karen And Roger Thomas lit a candle in  
memory of Lavonne M. Dawson



Karen and Roger Thomas - September 28, 2017 at 04:33 PM

WG

“ I'm so sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers are with you all I  
had her as a teacher at broadmoor she was my favorite one always  
helped me in anything I needed R.I.P heaven gained a awesome  
angel

Wendy Garrison - September 28, 2017 at 08:51 AM

JH

“ In the early 1990s, I taught at Broadmoor with Lavonne. She helped  
to shape me as a professional. I am sad to hear of her passing.  
Please accept my condolences.

Jana Hunzicker - September 27, 2017 at 09:52 PM



“ *Beth Johnson Crider lit a candle in memory of Lavonne M. Dawson*



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**Beth Johnson Crider** - September 27, 2017 at 09:04 PM

JP

“ *Jerry And Becky Peplow lit a candle in memory of Lavonne M. Dawson*



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**Jerry and Becky Peplow** - September 27, 2017 at 12:08 PM


BO

“ *Virgil, I was so very sorry to learn of Lavonne's passing. It was wonderful to recently share memories with you and Lavonne. Virgil, may you find comfort as you and your daughters share memories with each other and with family and friends. You are all in my thoughts.*

*Barbara O'Brien*

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**Barbara O'Brien** - September 27, 2017 at 10:06 AM

 Diana Budke

“ *You are in our prayers, My heart goes out to you all. What a wonderful lady and dedicated to her beliefs. Diana and Norm Budke*

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**Diana Budke** - September 27, 2017 at 08:41 AM

RF

“ *Virgil you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers as you grieve the loss of a terrific lady!*

*Robert and Karen Fleming*

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**Robert and Karen Fleming** - September 27, 2017 at 12:05 AM

SS

“ *Lavonne was a lovely and strong person. Lavonne always showed her love for children and education. We are very sorry for your loss, very special lady.*

*May God hold you in His strong yet loving arms. I know Lavonne is celebrating heaven with Jesus .*



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**Steve and Kim Singley** - September 25, 2017 at 11:15 PM

MC

“ *I had her as a teacher at broadmoor she was always there with a lot of wisdom and as a friend if you picked up the phone and called her she always knew what to say and what you were going through we were close as friends she will be greatly missed.*

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**Mike coffey** - September 25, 2017 at 05:20 PM



“ *I had her as a teacher at Broadmoor she was a wonderful friend always knew what you were going through she always had a lot of wisdom and you could pick up the phone and call her she always had a listening ear.*

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**Michael Coffey** - September 25, 2017 at 11:56 AM