



Dawn P. Bonard

September 21, 1933 - December 14, 2019

On Saturday, December 14, 2019, Dawn Perry Bonard passed away at the age of 86.

Born on September 21, 1933 in Florenceville, New Brunswick, Canada to James Bertram Perry and Bessie Lloyd, Dawn grew up on the family farm as the youngest of eight siblings. While working as a school teacher, she met Richard "Dick" Bonard, an airman stationed in Maine, and they married in 1956. Dawn joined Dick in Gainesville, FL where they started a family and Dick graduated with his engineering degree.

When their children became school age, Dawn took a position driving a school bus in the Jupiter/Tequesta area. She also coached her daughter's JTAA softball team for several years. Many locals remembered and recognized Mrs. Bonard and she enjoyed catching up with those she ran into.

Dawn had a passion for education and public service. In 1976 she was elected president of International Brotherhood of Firemen & Oilers Local #1227. Holding that position for 18 years, Dawn represented the rights of non-instructional employees of the Palm Beach County School Board as well as public employees of local cities becoming well known for her ability to negotiate and champion her members' best interests. In 1982 she was simultaneously elected to the position of International Vice President of

I.B.F.&O., holding that position until 1994. In 1994 Dawn was elected to the position of International Secretary-Treasurer of I.B.F.&O. She commuted from Tequesta, FL to Atlanta, GA until her retirement in September, 1997.

After her retirement, Dawn joined the Ladies Oriental Shrine Zem Zem Court #85, an organization dedicated to supporting The Shriner's Hospitals. In 2002 Dawn was elected to the position of High Priestess of the Zem Zem Court, holding the position for the appointed year.

Dawn is survived by her daughter Terri Bonard, son Richard Bonard Jr., grandchildren Melinda Bonard-Harstad (John Harstad), Suzanna McAninley (Jason McAninley), Andrea Bonard (Phillip Hall), and great grandchildren Andrianna and Alianna Harstad. She is also survived by her brother-in-law Robert Mackey and sister-in-law Deanna Perry Doucet as well as many nieces and nephews. Dawn is predeceased by her husband Richard "Dick" Bonard; siblings Eldon Perry (Marjorie), Ada Gillen (Maurice), Helen Simms (Clarence), John Perry, Anne Mackay, Jay Perry, and Roland Perry (Rayma); and daughter-in-law Linda Bonard.

Dawn was a beloved wife, mother, grammy, sister, and friend. She will be greatly missed.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, December 27, 2019 at 11:00 am at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home in Jupiter, FL with interment to follow at Riverside Memorial Park in Tequesta. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dawn's memory to Alzheimer's Association. act.alz.org/donate

Cemetery Details

Riverside Memorial Park

19351 SE County Line Road
Jupiter, FL 33469

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home
250 Center Street
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 744-2030
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Dawn P. Bonard

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



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April James - December 26, 2019 at 10:11 PM



Our love and condolences to Terri, Richard, Melinda, Andrea, Susanna, Andri and Ali. Say not in grief: "she is no more," but live in thankfulness that she was.

April James - December 26, 2019 at 10:19 PM

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Mary and I had a wonderful trip down memory lane on Christmas Day, remembering our 1974 trip to Florida to stay with Aunt Dawn & Uncle Dick. We drank a barrel of "Brown Cows" (our first time seeing a refrigerator with an ice dispenser on the door), went bowling with Aunt Dawn, cruised the International Waterway in spite of the gas shortage and just generally had a really fun time. She would have loved to know that we got a basketball net for Christmas. All those trips back to New Brunswick to see Grammie Perry in the summer always resulted in a few games of basketball in our backyard. Uncle Dick told us one time that when Grampie Perry saw his youngest daughter for the first time, he said "Great day in the morning" and so they named her Dawn!

April James - December 27, 2019 at 08:35 AM

JH

“ My deepest sympathy to Terri, Richard and family. Dawn and Dick were wonderful friends and I will miss them. I have great memories. I will miss her. Love Judy Henry

Judith Henry - December 21, 2019 at 02:39 PM

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“ My sincere sympathy to Terri and Richard, grandchildren Melinda, Suzanna and Andrea, great grandchildren Andri and Ali in the loss of your Mom, grandmother and great grandmother. Dawnie was very special to me and someone I loved dearly. I too will miss her very much. Sharon (in Canada)

Sharon Simms - December 20, 2019 at 03:47 PM