



Dawn Alesha Cole Horning

June 10, 1970 - November 4, 2008

Dawn Alesha Cole Horning was born in Tulsa, OK June 10, 1970. She departed this life Nov. 4, 2008 after a seven-year battle with cancer. Her courage and strength, despite the obstacles placed in her path these past few years, are a testimony to all who knew and loved her.

She graduated from Ft. Smith Christian High School in 1988. She graduated with honors from Cameron University, Lawton, OK in 1993. She taught 4th grade at Lamar Elementary, Denison, TX from 1997-2000. At that time she made the second most important decision in her life-to be stay-at-home Mom. Her most important decision was accepting Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. The time she got to spend with her sons is what sustained her throughout her illness.

She is survived by two sons, William Hughes Horning and Luke Gabriel Horning; parents Howard and Carole Hughes, Madill, OK and Linda Carson, Ft. Smith, AR; Godparents Suzanne Smart and John Schoell, Oklahoma City, OK; brother and sister-in-law John and Renee Hughes, Lewisville, TX; aunts and uncles John and Dorothy Swindle and Jeff and Dana Swindle, Lucas, TX; Karen Sandefur, Del City, OK; Bob and Jean Holloway, Ft. Supply, OK; Lloyd and Cathy Hughes, Madill, OK; and many other relatives and friends.

A Celebration of Dawn Alesha's life will be held at Little City Baptist Church,

Little City, OK on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008 at 11:00 AM with Brother Ron Robertson and Dr. John Schoell officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Little City Baptist Church, RR2, Box 85, Madill, OK 73446.

Brown's Funeral Service, Durant and Texoma Cremation Service are handling the arrangements.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dawn Alesha Cole Horning*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Remembering you in prayer and may you be Blessed with that special love and comfort that only God can give.*

May He Keep You In His Comfort Always.

"Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you."

From:Dr. Faridi, Dr. Barker & Staff

Texas Cancer Center-Sherman - December 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Howard and Carol,*

Your family has been so much in our thoughts and our feelings. Dawn was a special woman, brave and funny, and we will miss her very much.

Beverly and LaDonna

Beverly Evans and LaDonna BlueEye - November 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Dawn is one of my dearest friends. She is my "fourth" sister, as I have three. We met in Denison, Texas in 1997, and were instantly sisters. We shared the funniest of times and the saddest of times. She was the ROCK I leaned on for every obstacle I encountered in life before meeting my husband. She played an intergral part in helping me to develop into a woman worthy of God's love. She instilled in me the true meaning of a mother's love and helped to shape me as I became a mother too. We share so many things in the past 11 years, I missed her just living so far away and now I miss her even more. I know she is in the arms of the Lord and she is embracing this time to feel relieved that her pain is gone. She fought so hard and she loved her boys with every inch of her being. I love and cherish her memory!

Becky Cheatham Racine - November 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ I'm so sorry about Dawn. Wish I could be there. I love you all very much! I'll see you in the by & by.
Bill

Bill Arnold - November 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Carole and Howard: Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May you be comforted by knowing that Dawn is now in Heaven, a place of joy and rest. God bless you and those precious little boys.
Love, Sherman & Shirley

Sherman & Shirley Cox - November 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Mrs. Horning was my fourth grade teacher at Lamar. She was one of those teachers you never forget, going above and beyond what was expected and really becoming a friend and mentor to her students. When I think of elementary school, I always look back at the great memories I had from being apart of her class. I specifically remember her reaction for helping one of my fellow classmates after their house caught on fire- you could tell she really cared about her students and wanted to do more than just teach us from a book. Over the years that she taught, she touched the lives of every student impacting them with memories that will last.

Stacey - November 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ I met Dawn while teaching Will's Cubbie class at FBC Denison and immediately came to love her and Will!!! She was a VERY special person with such love, laughter, faith, optimism, and hope!! She was a wonderful mom and a blessing to all who knew her. I love you Dawn and am so sorry you did not get your healing this side of heaven!!

Will & Luke, you had a wonderful mother and I pray her memory will be kept alive for you as you grow up!!

Love, Mrs. Susie

Susie Pyles - November 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ Our thoughts and prayers have been with you and yours for years. Now, you reside with our LORD and Savior. We won't see you again this side of heaven, but we will meet you on that beautiful shore.

Fred & Barbara Prichard - November 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ Dearest Dawn, I will miss your smiling face and our times staying up all night talking from dusk til dawn. And laughing, crying, telling each other's deepest secrets! There will never be another one like you, sweetie!!! I will never forget those times, those are highlights to my life!!! I look around and see so much you have given me over the years, but your faith, your courage to keep going is what I will hang on to. I miss you so much! Love ya, Cindy McFinger
P.S. Will calls me this, he couldn't pronounce McVicker, so he named me McFinger...

Cindy - November 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ My prayers are with you.
Thinking of your family. I had not heard that she was battling cancer im so sad.

Kristi Ellis Dillard - November 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I've thought about Dawn often, and am sorry to see this notice in the paper. I met Dawn through Sherman Bible Church food delivery when she first became ill. At that time, I was impressed by not only her courage, but her faith in the Lord. That never changed. May her family and friends be lifted up in the knowledge that Dawn's life is celebrated now in heaven.

Donne' Hamilton - November 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Ms. Carole thank you for letting me know about Dawn.
She was an amazing person and will be very missed. God bless your family and watch over those two little angels of hers.

tracy kropp - November 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ I worked with dawn many years ago at Barnes & Noble in Omaha. I havenever forgotten her My deep condolences on your great loss.

Patsy Peter - November 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ Cuz,
I love you and miss you. You lifted my spirits every time I saw you or talked to you, I will truly miss that!Uncle Howard, Aunt Carole and boys, I will be praying for you. We will be there to celerate Dawns life with you all!! I love you, cuzin Eddie

Ed Laird - November 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I graduated FSC with Dawn and her sense of humor will stay with me and always has. She was a beautiful person and I can't wait to see her in Heaven! God Bless the family and my prayers are with you all.

Dana Langham Smothers - November 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Carole, I am so sorry to hear about Dawn. I have so many memories of us when we were little girls playing together. I just can't believe she is gone, she will be greatly missed! You and your family are in our prayers.

Jeri Close (Enke) Partlow - November 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ I knew Dawn through Dorothy. Knowing of her battle, I was always amazed at her strength and and the way she coped with her day to day life. My thoughts are with all the family at this time.

Lesley White - November 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ I feel honored and truly blessed to have known Dawn. Though I did not know her well, I consider Jeff, Dana, Courtney, Meagan and Justin Swindle dear family to me. And Dawn impacted my life just by her love and warmth. She welcomed me with open arms and I cherish the conversations we had. Her strength inspired me and everyone who knew her. I pray that though she is not on this earth anymore, that her spirit is with all those who feel the emptiness of her absence. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt her arms are wrapped around each and every one of you especially those beautiful boys of hers. I find comfort in knowing she is whole and healthy and is no longer suffering. I love you Dawn and just want you to know that though your life was cut short; it was a true testament to what we should all strive for. We will miss you always!

Ashley Palla - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Dawn was always so encouraging and up lifting. She had a unique way to make you feel so special and important when ever you were in her presence. I am truly honored to have been able to call her my friend. I saw Jesus in her daily. I am most definatly a better mom, friend, wife and person because our paths crossed. I count my blessings daily.

Carla Bucher - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Carol & Howard, You are in my thoughts and prayers. I met Dawn thru Dorothy and John Swindle and she was such a beautiful amazing person and she will always be remembered of her love for Christ and her smile when she was in the room. I am blessed to have known her a short time and now she is with Jesus and in no pain. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family at this time.

Linda Deaton

Linda Deaton - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I had the privillage of know ingDawn just a short time. We met through her cousins Jodi and Jay. Dawn was an amazing person. Her strength and determination she had was inspiring. I am truly blessed to have known Dawn. I wish we could have had more time together but I know she is in a far better place now. Her boby was broken but her spirit never was. She is watching over her boys in heaven now. I love you Dawn and you will forever be in my heart. God Bless you and your family.

Denise Hubbs - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ My condolences and prayers go out to your family and friends.
An old friend,
Chris King

Chris King - November 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Dawn will be missed I am blessed to have had her as my cousin. I will always remember the summer she was 2
Blonde curly hair Big blue eyes I keep the picture of that time out always so that my children can know their cousin and the struggle she has gone through. To remind us of her courage and strength and her relationship with Jesus that has helped her through this .What a great mom she was and how she loved her boys. She is a wonderful example for us all.

Rhonda Peters Novak - November 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ You have our prayers as well as thoughts. Dawn was one of our teens at FSC in '86. A blessing and a sweetie to both of us while Joe coached and taught there. Praising the Lord she was "One of His"!
Joe and Jill Bagwell
I Peter 5:7

The Bagwell's - November 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Dawn as a customer at Walmart in Denison. She will be truly missed. She was strong and I really looked up to her. I will really miss seeing her shining face at work.

Teresa - November 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Dawn was an outstanding mother and a beacon of hope for us all. Her participation in Will's education at St. Luke's was so appreciated. Her bravery through her illness was an example of Christian faith and sent a message of how to live a Christian life of hope to all who knew her. She will be missed.

Sincerely,
Karen Wilson
Former Head of School
St. Luke's School
Denison, TX

Karen Wilson - November 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Dawn's dedication to Will and Luke are an inspiration to all mothers. I will remember her grace and eternal optimism. Passionate people embrace the idea that there is far more to life than can be touched, seen or heard.

Curtis Delashaw, Jennice Delashaw, Amelia Delashaw, Claire Delashaw - November 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ I loved your sense of humor. I will truly miss you, Dawn

kyla payne - November 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ To Carol: Thanks so much for calling us. Dawn was a special person. Even though we had not seen her in recent years, she was always in our thoughts. We still have a picture of her hanging in a collage on our wall. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
Love, Gary and Janet

Gary and Janet Moon - November 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I graduated with Dawn at FSC and haven't seen her in many years. I was not aware of her battle with cancer and my mother called me with the news of her passing. It's so comforting to know that Dawn is in heaven with our precious Lord Jesus. My thoughts and prayers will continue to be with the family and her children.

Michelle Harris Beckman - November 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ I went to FSC with Dawn. My prayers are with her family at this time. She knew our Lord and Savior, she is living today! I can just hear that laugh now as she is rejoicing in Heaven.

Gaye Gipson Harrison - November 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Dawn was a shining light to the many children whose lives she touched. She made such an impact on my son, Chris's life that he felt he could talk to her about anything. Chris loved to run into Dawn in town and share how his life was going, always good, because of the influences she made in his life. Dawn's influence and caring was phenominal. I will never forget her concern and kindness she had for Chris when he fell and broke his arm. She was so kind and helpful to him with his sruggles, there. She had a magic way with children who had the potential for problems and was able to find a way to refocus their energy into something positive. She was truly a gift form God, here on this Earth. I am so saddened by her loss. I know she will be reunited with her loving family members in Heaven as well as by her most admiring fan, Chris Epley. Most importantly she is forever pain free and loved in the arms of the Most Wonderful God. Her body may have given up, but her soul is forever happy with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Rest peacefully, beautiful angel, you are home at last.

Michele Epley - November 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ I went to college at Cameron University with Dawn. From the first time I met her at the CU baseball field, I was drawn to her beautiful smile and her loving, caring disposition. I went on double-dates with Dawn and our baseball player boyfriends. I also enjoyed spending time with her, Carole, and Howard at their home in Mears. I will always remember the great times we had in Elgin, OK, where my husband and I lived next door to Dawn and Bill when we were both newlyweds. We were so young and happy living in our first duplexes. I am sad that the years and distance have made our conversations few, and our main contact the yearly Christmas card. I will always love Dawn and have a special place for her in my heart. The thoughts and prayers of my family go out to her family and to her precious boys. Sara, Steve, and Tanner Johnson Tuttle, OK

Sara Wood Johnson - November 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dawn was an amazing friend! I miss her dearly and pray for your family. She has taught me so many things about friendship and life and to live life to its fullest. I can't wait to see her again in heaven. God bless you guys. Dawn I love you and so do Michael & the girls!

Mindy Christiansen - November 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ We have known and prayed for Dawn and your family since I first took a meal when she got home from the hospital the first time. My daughters have prayed over her on numerous occasions and loved her dearly. She will be missed and we mourn her loss with you.

Marilyn and John Clark - November 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I went to High School with Dawn, and really hated to hear the news of her passing. She was such a inspiration for me on a daily basis!! Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Melissa Peterson

melissa peterson - November 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Carol, Howard, Bill, Will and Luke- My thoughts and prayers are with you. I loved Dawn. She will be missed.

Amanda Elder Silvers - November 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ Dawn was a wounderful person. Knowing her has changed my life and i will always miss her. I will never forget the warm feeling she gave me when i first met her. She has touched my life and has given me hope because of her strength with cancer. Now she is with the angels watching down on us. I love her.

Katey Ivey - November 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ I only had the pleasure of meeting Dawn in person once. She was just lovely. She is a dear friend of my close friends, Jay and Jodi Swindle. I will never forget that she and Jodi sent me some silver rings as I was recovering from brain surgery this year. She holds and very special place ini my heart and always will.

Pamela Harris - November 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ My thoughts about Dawn echo all of the wonderful words that have been written in this guestbook. I can't express how wonderful she was and what an inspiration she was to me. She was absolutely radiant both inside and out. My heart aches for her family. In my sadness, my 4 year old son, Will, said, "Mom, she gets to play with God now". He is right. I love you DAWN!!!!

Jan - November 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dawn was a dear friend whom I will never forget. We crossed paths because of Silpada when she joined my team as a rep., but I think I learned more from her than I ever gave. She was such a strong Christian who never doubted Gods had a plan for her. She loved her boys deeply and was so proud of them. Her laughter could fill a room and he strength always left me amazed. She touched more people than she will ever know. She was truly a light in my life and will always have a place in my heart!

Sarah McBride - November 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ From her Silpada family....our thoughts and prayers are with you.

"Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass....it's about learning how to dance in the rain." - unknown

Love,

Allyson

Allyson Carson - November 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ my thoughts and prayers are with you at this critical time.

Damiun Daniels - November 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ I had the privledge of having Mrs. Horning as my 4th grade teacher. She was truly an amazing person. I loved her very much. I am now in college but still remeber her class each and everyday. She has some wonderful children and husband, and I pray for them now as they have to go along without such a great woman. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Staci Lammers - November 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ I had the pleasure of meeting with Dawn. Dawn really seemed to be very out going, I would of like to of known her better.
Really sorry for your lost.
Toughts & Prayers.
Andy & Teresa Hughes

Andy & Teresa Hughes - November 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Dawn has been a dear friend to me for many years. Our friendship was a divine appt that only our Creator could have orchestrated. Dawn's strength and courage through her trials has been an inspiration to me and many others. We were blessed to encourage each other through our struggles and to grow in our knowledge of the Lord and His goodness together. My heart gows out to your family because I know your loss is great. I'm grateful to know she has now received perfect healing and is with her Saviour our precious Jesus.
Many Blessings to you!
Carol Thornton and family

Carol Thornton - November 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ you once said I was your hero, but you are my hero! Your courage and stamina throughout this illness is truly an inspiration to us all. We will miss you dearly. Hugs and kisses, Sandy

Sandra Wilson - November 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Your mother has left behind a thousand moments that will live in your heart forever... Please know, at this difficult time, that you are in so many thoughts and prayers. Remember, God will take care of you and will give you rainbows after the storms. May you always be in harmony with the beauty and wonders of Gods world, and may His peace surround you at this difficult time. All those sleeping in their graves will wake up and sing for joy. As the sparkling dew refreshes the earth, so the Lord will revive those who have long been dead."-Isa. 26:19.

Magallon Family - November 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ I have known Dawn for many years and through many circumstances. She has always been an inspiration of strength and sweetness, and I have loved her for that. Will, please know that Olivia and I love you and your brother very much and never forget how much your mother loved you. She was truly a blessing and I know we will see each other again.

Deepest regards,
Amy Clark Cazzelle

Amy Cazzelle - November 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Howard, Carole, Will, and Lukie: Dawn's smiling face always had something precious to say about you when she came in for her treatments.

We always had lots of notes to share on our 2 now 3 year olds!! I am blessed to have had Dawn as a patient and friend. I will miss her dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Rhenda Wells

Rhenda Wells - November 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I will always remember Dawn for her smile and warmth. She lit up the room every time I saw her. Dawn brought a great friendship and inspiration to me and my family!! I am blessed to have known her and will miss her greatly--But I know that she is dancing with Jesus. My thoughts and prayers go out to your entire family. I hope Luke and Will will always know how AMAZING their mom was!!

Danielle (Andrews) Mihm - November 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Dawn Horning was the most amazing woman I have ever met! She was funny, loving and authentic. She was an amazing mother and a true warrior...in all senses of the word. She loved her boys....I want to grow up and be half the person she was. Everyone who ever encounters her boys needs to be sure and tell them HOW AWESOME THEIR MOM WAS!! She touched my heart forever!!

Buffy Hanson - November 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ I am forever grateful to God for allowing my path to cross w/ sweet Dawn. Her amazing gift of loving others and her joy of loving Jesus, was truly a testimony to her faith. She will live in my heart forever, until we meet again...
Carole and Howard, I have a deep admiration and respect for you both. She loved you dearly, as she did Will and Luke. God bless you always.

Penny Andrews - November 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Her laugh will stay with me forever. I feel blessed to have known her.

Tina Myers - November 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *Carol and Howard-*

You are in my thoughts and prayers. Dawn was such a beautiful, amazing person, and she will always be on my mind. I will forever feel blessed that I was able to know and be friends with such a wonderful spirit. Please stay in touch and know that I am thinking of you.

*Love-
Brittany*

Brittany Ashworth - November 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM