



Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams

September 5, 1981 - August 3, 2024

Lunenburg: Shannon Williams, a cherished wife and devoted mother passed away on August 3, 2024, at the age of 42, after a courageous and dignified battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).

Born on September 5, 1981, Shannon's radiant spirit and unwavering kindness touched everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

Shannon was the beloved wife to Craig Williams, and an adoring mother to their two sons, Spencer and Colin. Her love for her family was boundless and unyielding. She was not only a guiding light in their lives but also a source of endless encouragement, warmth, and laughter. Shannon's greatest joy came from watching her boys grow, and her legacy of love and support will forever remain with them.

In addition to her immediate family, Shannon is survived by her parents, Lawrence E. and Jane E. (Gillis) Dunbar; sisters, Erin Hebert, and her husband, Jack of Townsend, and Maggie Caissie, and her husband Joseph of Ashby; her cherished nieces and nephew, Maura Hebert, Alannah Hebert, Grayson Hebert and Isla Caissie; also survived by many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. She is predeceased by her sister She'lagh Dunbar.

Shannon's battle with ALS was marked by extraordinary resilience and an

inspiring ability to find joy and meaning in each moment. Her strength and optimism were a source of inspiration to her family and friends, demonstrating a profound grace in the face of adversity.

Her spirit will shine on by all who knew her for the love she gave, the battle she fought, and the countless lives she touched. She will be deeply missed, but her spirit will live on in the hearts of all who had the honor of knowing her.

A celebration of Shannon's life will be held on August 9, 2024, at 10:00 AM at St. John's Church, 1 School St. in Townsend, followed by a reception to share memories and support one another.

Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, August 8 from 4-7 PM at Anderson Funeral Home at 250 Main St., Townsend, MA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Spencer and Colin's college fund by Venmo @WilliamsBoysCollegeFund or through 'Craig Wiliams - Shannon Williams Memorial Fund' care of Workers Credit Union. Burial will be held at North Cemetery in Lunenburg.

Cemetery Details

North Cemetery

Holman St.
Lunenburg, MA 01462

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Funeral Mass

AUG 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
1 School Street
Townsend, MA 01469

Tribute Wall

TG

“ So sorry to hear about this. Jim and I are thinking of you our Janie Baby. Our thoughts are with you and Larry.

Teri Gallant - August 16, 2024 at 07:55 AM

BR

“ My condolences to the family during this difficult time.



Brenda Rodgers - August 08, 2024 at 06:58 PM

SG

“ It is with heartfelt gratitude and deep respect that I reflect on my time working with Shannon. Her unwavering positivity, even in the face of challenges, left a lasting impression on me. Her dedication and love for her family were evident in everything she did and I looked up to her especially in this regard. She always knew how to bring joy and laughter to our conversations, making every interaction memorable. Her impact on me will be cherished. I know she will continue to inspire me through her legacy of positivity and compassion always.

Sara Gootee

Sara Gootee - August 08, 2024 at 06:05 PM

LE

“ Lynn E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.

Lynn E. - August 08, 2024 at 01:13 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.



August 08, 2024 at 12:14 PM

KA

“ Keith Anastasy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.



Keith Anastasy - August 08, 2024 at 11:31 AM

LS

“ My deepest sympathy to Shannon's Family.

I had the pleasure to work with Shannon for many years and I admired her positivity, no matter the challenges we faced. I enjoyed getting to know her and her family adventures. She made us laugh and achieved so much.

My thoughts and prayers for her family during this difficult time.

Lori Schulz

Lori Schulz - August 08, 2024 at 11:08 AM

GB

“ *Jim & I were so saddened to hear about Shannon's passing. We're sending our love & prayers to Larry, Jane and the entire family. Hold on to each other for the strength to help you through this tough time.*
Jim & Gail Bourbeau

gail bourbeau - August 08, 2024 at 11:02 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.*



August 08, 2024 at 10:47 AM

TL

“ *Torra Law planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.*

Torra Law - August 08, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.*



August 08, 2024 at 09:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.*



August 08, 2024 at 07:51 AM



“ *"My heart goes out to Shannon family member and prayer for strength their heart to overcome this difficult time. She will be always remembered, with her smile, kindness and good hearted.*

dawood mohammed - August 08, 2024 at 04:24 AM

BP

“ Bill and I were so saddened to hear of Shannon’s passing. She was such a kind and loving soul. Her goodness radiated in every interaction I ever had with her. From having the honor of being her English teacher at Hawthorne Brook, to encounters at our grandsons baseball games, to briefly catching up with her when we ran into each other at Market-Basket, Shannon’s compassion shined! She is a blessing to all who had the pleasure of knowing her. She will be missed. My heart goes out to your family after having lost your sister a short time ago too. May you love, kindness, and blessings console you during this very difficult time.

Bill & Jan Pothier

Bill & Jan Pothier - August 07, 2024 at 09:32 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.



August 07, 2024 at 08:47 PM

TB

“ The , Byron’s purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.



The , Byron’s - August 07, 2024 at 07:42 PM

TB

“ The , Byron’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.

The , Byron’s - August 07, 2024 at 07:42 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.



August 07, 2024 at 07:20 PM

AM

“ All the McAlduffs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.

All the McAlduffs - August 07, 2024 at 07:20 PM

MC

“ Craig - I am so very sorry to hear of your lost. my thoughts and prayers are with you and all Shannon's family.

mary k crowley - August 07, 2024 at 04:50 PM

TF

“ The Johnson Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.



The Johnson Family - August 07, 2024 at 04:23 PM

TF

“ The Johnson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.

The Johnson Family - August 07, 2024 at 04:23 PM

LC

“ Love from all the Cotreaus purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.



Love from all the Cotreaus - August 07, 2024 at 03:43 PM

EM

“ Elaine M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.

Elaine M. - August 07, 2024 at 02:13 PM



“ Lavender Tribute Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.



August 07, 2024 at 01:44 PM

DG

“ Denise G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.

Denise G. - August 07, 2024 at 01:44 PM

DC

“ My deepest condolences.

David Coito - August 07, 2024 at 01:42 PM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.



August 07, 2024 at 01:38 PM

DG

“ My deepest sympathy goes to you all in this difficult time. Shannon was a highly esteemed co-worker that will be greatly missed.



Deb Geary - August 07, 2024 at 01:06 PM

OT

“ I'm deeply sorry about the passing of Shannon Williams. Her positive mindset and spirit told me a priceless lesson to view life and this is a testament to her character. Thank you, Shannon, unfortunately I was not able to tell you this in one of our meetings. My heartfelt condolences go out to her family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time. May her memory be a source of comfort and strength.



Oliver Triebel - August 07, 2024 at 12:48 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.



August 07, 2024 at 12:31 PM

FH

“ My deepest condolences to you all.



Fay Hourihan - August 07, 2024 at 12:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.



August 07, 2024 at 12:25 PM



“ The family of Lenny & Anne Allen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.

The family of Lenny & Anne Allen - August 07, 2024 at 12:25 PM



“ Larry, so sorry for your loss

Ronnie Knox - August 07, 2024 at 12:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.



August 07, 2024 at 11:45 AM



“ Eric Lessard & Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.



Eric Lessard & Family - August 07, 2024 at 11:42 AM

EF

“ Eric Lessard & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.

Eric Lessard & Family - August 07, 2024 at 11:42 AM

“ My deepest condolences go out to Shannon's family, there are no words I can utter or write to take away the sadness you are feeling, especially after having already lost She'lagh. I hope knowing you are being thought of brings some solace to you.

I am honored to call Shannon my friend, and I will miss her tremendously for the rest of my days on this Earth. From the minute we met, Shannon and I were always relatively close friends. We met through an amazing group of women at our place of work, and our friendship grew from there. Unfortunately, we both lost our sister's at around the same time. Through our losses, we leaned on each other and developed a deeper, and unwavering bond. When she was diagnosed with ALS, the first thing she made me promise to her, was that I would ALWAYS make her laugh, so I did...every chance I had, I kept my promise to her. We also had deep and meaningful discussions too, which were cathartic for both of us.

Her greatest joy in life was spending time with her immediate and extended family, we shared this in common, since I am close with my family too. She took such pride in her two boys Spencer and Colin. They are amazing young men, and I am certain they are this way because of the foundation of love both Craig and Shannon built their family on. Every time I set foot into their home or was welcomed to a family BBQ/pool party at her parents' house, it was like walking into an epicenter of love. I felt enveloped by pure, and unfiltered love each, and every time. Shannon grew up in a loving environment and made it her purpose to carry love into every meaningful relationship she had. I believe it is the kind of love that lives eternally. Shannon was the best Mother, the kind of Mother who shows up at every baseball game, helps with school projects... etc., forever making sure her boys knew how much she loved them. Love was not a "special occasion" for Shannon, to her, it was a daily necessity. Her love extended to her entire family and close friends. Every minute she spent with her family was precious to her and not something to be taken lightly, even prior to her diagnoses. She was infinitely grateful for all of the support and love her family gave to

her in return.

We were just planning our next adventure together and I am sad I won't be able to see where it would have taken us. Instead, I will imagine her taking on any adventure she chooses to, without earthly limitations. I will picture her with our lost loved ones being able to be reunited with them. I will visualize her being showered in a nearly unimaginable amount of radiating love. Until we meet again my friend...I love you!

Stephanie Urquhart - August 07, 2024 at 11:41 AM

KW

“ *Dunbar family,*

I am deeply saddened to hear about Shannon's passing. Words cannot adequately express the sorrow I feel for your loss.



I will always remember Shannon for her unwavering strength, kindness, and the joy they brought into everyone's lives that knew her. Her memory will forever be cherished, and her impact on our hearts will never fade.

Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this incredibly difficult time. May you find comfort in the love and memories you shared with her.

With deepest sympathy,

Katie (Smith) Weinbrenner

Katie Weinbrenner - August 07, 2024 at 11:24 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.



August 07, 2024 at 11:03 AM



“ Eric Patterson and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.

Eric Patterson and family - August 07, 2024 at 11:03 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.



August 07, 2024 at 10:44 AM



“ Paul and Cindy Scola planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shannon M. (Dunbar) Williams.

Paul and Cindy Scola - August 07, 2024 at 10:44 AM