

Dawnell Unsworth Valdez

July 18, 1979 ~ August 31, 2025

Rest in peace dear friend. Tell your pops and uncle kenley I said hello.

- Shane

We were all so shocked and heartbroken. Dawnell has always been an exceptional neighbor and friend. She's been helped us all out so much & shared so many tender stories and moments. She was and is greatly loved.

- Deborah Moore

I am so very sorry to hear the loss of our Dawnell. She will be missed. Always hold your happy memories close to your hearts. I am sending positive thoughts of comfort with love and big hugs. Aunt Trudy

- Trudy Schouten-Gallegos

Dawnell is truly one of a kind. I met her and Sierra when I was about eleven. Sierra and I quickly became friends at the Applegate pool and Dawnell meet us there every other weekend so I had someone to hang out with. From that summer on they joined us for numerous family gatherings, road trips, and I couldn't even tell you how many sleepover she hosted for Sierra and I. She was such a pivotal part of my preteen years and I don't know if I could ever find the right words to thank her. Sierra and family I am so sorry for your loss and I am thinking of you

- Kylee H

I'm so grateful to have you in my family. I am going to miss you terribly we know we all love you. We miss you. We will see you again. May you rest in peace and tell my grandpa Kenley and my mom Milissa I miss them very much and as well as my poppy and to my cousins keep doing perfect keep strong keep positive and I love you all. Love Elder Unsworth

- Elder Unsworth

Gerri, we are so sorry for the loss of your beautiful daughter. Her talents, interests and love of a mother touched many lives. She was a remarkable woman and our hearts go out to you and your family. You are in our prayers.

- Nadine Osgood

I am in complete shock . My heart goes out to all the family of Dawnells

- Tanya Palmateer

My Condolences to the family and friends. Dawnell will be missed.

- Victor Berrios

Dawnell will be missed but not forgotten. She was always willing to help and had a big heart. She helped me get a dress jacket at event when I forgot mine, I told she did not have to but she just went ahead picked out an awesome dress jacket and I will wear it proudly in her memory. Prayers for Orlando and the family.

- Bobby Fabris with Telarus

Orlando, I just want to share how much Dawnell’s kindness always meant to me. At work events, she always made me feel welcome and like I belonged. Her warmth and thoughtfulness touched me deeply. She will be dearly missed, and I’m so grateful I had the chance to know her.

- E.J. Worton

It’s hard to put into words the kind of light Dawnell brought into every room. She was the kind of person who always had a smile ready, a kind word on her lips, and a sincere interest in how you and your family were doing. Even though we only saw each other a few times a year, those moments were filled with laughter, stories, and the kind of connection that made it feel like no time had passed. We’d talk about tattoos, swap family updates, and share insights about Telarus—but it was never just small talk. Dawnell had a way of making every conversation feel meaningful. She was vibrant, thoughtful, and effortlessly funny. Her presence was a gift, and her absence leaves a space that can’t be filled. She touched so many lives, and I know I’m not alone in saying she will be deeply missed.

- Stephen Stull

Dawnell, You were the first person to greet me on my first day at Telarus, and from then on, you continued to be a friend and ally in every interaction we had. I felt honored to learn more about you and your life outside of work through the Inclusion Coalition. Thank you for always making an effort to empower me, encouraging me to use my voice and be myself. My brother, Brayden, looked forward to seeing you during our food truck events because he knew you would be happy to see him and ask about how he's doing. He especially enjoyed you encouraging him to take home as much of the snack bar as he could fit into his pockets. You will be missed, and your absence has already affected us all so deeply. Sending thanks and love to you,

- Feng Pearson

Dawnell was truly a blessing. I met her when I joined Telarus three years ago and she immediately helped me feel welcomed into the Telarus family. I participated in meetings with her on August 28th where she shared record breaking results of the program she ran for Telarus, Partner Tap. I sat across from her at dinner that night and listened to her talk proudly about her family and her car. I will forever cherish the memories of Dawnell that day. Her warmth and spirit will be deeply missed. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We are here for you.

- Julie Dzubay

Dawnell was such a well of knowledge - from everything Telarus, to gardening, and cooking. I always enjoyed seeing what she was doing because it was always the best it could be. She will be extremely missed.

- Shannon Madsen

I had the pleasure of meeting Dawnell a few years ago after joining the Telarus Team. Dawnell was absolutely the sweetest individual and I am so incredibly saddened by her loss. Our most recent conversations revolved around dirt bikes as I was just getting into this new fun hobby. Sadly I missed my opportunity to show her my new bike but I will ride for her and kick up some dirt! Sending condolences, love and comfort during such a difficult time to all that knew and loved her.

- Marissa Bernstein

Dawnell was a force to be reckoned with! She had a vibrant smile and engaging personality. She will be missed! Sending her family and friends so much love!

- Justine Palmer

Gerri, we are so sorry for the loss of Ted and Dawnell. We will keep you in our prayers.

- Bruce and Gayle McGraw

I am so incredibly sorry for the hard losses your family has encountered. Your family will be in my prayers. Again, I am deeply sorry for your loss.

- Kinzee

While the days ahead may feel heavy, I hope you can also find comfort in the beautiful life you built together and the love that will always remain. I’m here for you, to listen, to sit with you, whatever I can do. Sending love to you and your family brother!

- Chris Hurskainen

Dawnell will be deeply missed by many within her blood family but also within her work family. I am sad that we didn't get more time to get to know one another. I feel we could have become great friends. But I truly respect the work and dedication that Dawnell had for anything in her life; be that work, her family, or hobbies. We will miss you

Dawnell. Love and hugs to her friends and family.

- Randi Robison

So very sorry for the loss of Dawnell. She was a beautiful girl and a good friend to my daughter Shyloh Hall throughout their entire life. Wishing your family peace in the memories you have of your sweet girl.

- Debbie Hall

Dawnell is truly going to be missed She was a good friend. we stayed in touch often I was heart broken to hear she was gone. My condolences we will meet again my friend rest easy

- Art Hayes

We only have good memories of DOWNELL. She has been in our lives from here beginning. She is surrounded by strong family here and there. We ❤■ Love you and your family. We will see you later LOVE THE UNSWORTH'S IN SANDY.

- Wendy Leon Lorre & Lane

I met Dawnell back in high school in agriculture class at Wheeler Farm. We spent 4 hours a day together (that is if one of us were not sluffing!) We hit it off immediately as our personalities were/are very similar. We've kept in touch over the years and have had many wonderful adventures together. My heart goes out to the family. Dawnell, I hope you are at peace as you have battled the demons for so long. Rest easy my friend!

- Amber Crews

I will always be grateful that I was treated to her kindness and effervescent smile. Sending my sincere condolences to Dawnell's family. She will always be fondly remembered.

- Julie Peoples

You were and will always remain the light during my dark times, my confidant, and my source of strength. Your friendship was a gift, and though our time together was cut too short, your memory will live on forever. My thoughts, prayers, and hugs go out to your entire family. Matt and I are sending you all our support and love Orlando.

- Christina Curtis

I am so sorry for your loss. I've worked with Dawnell for several years now. She was a joy to speak with and always very friendly. She will be missed by the entire team.

- Shannon McFadden

I am heartbroken over Dawnell's passing. I can't imagine beginning my time at Telarus without her. She was key in helping me adjust to that new environment, and I will always be grateful for her support and advice. She was a

wonderful friend and coworker. I will cherish the memories of our conversations, her posts about food and recipes, and the joy of connecting with her and Orlando at events. She brought such a welcoming presence to the office, and her absence is deeply felt. My thoughts are with her family during this incredibly difficult time.

- Nate Juraschek

I do wish I could be there today to Celebrate my beautiful cousin’s life. We didn’t get much time to spend together with me being so far away and life crazy but I loved her messages and was grateful we could keep up a bit on FB. I have such sweet memories of my beautiful little girl cousins letting me mother them a little. I love you all so much!! Grateful for family. May God comfort and bless you all!!

- Lisa Henderson and family