

Shauna Fowles

December 26, 1970 ~ July 24, 2023

Shauna Fowles passed away peacefully at home on July 24, 2023, after a valiant, decade-long battle with cancer. She was surrounded in the love of family, friends, and angels.

Shauna was born in Salt Lake City, Utah to Lois and Joe Beecroft on December 26, 1970. When Shauna was 10 years old, her family moved from South Salt Lake to Millcreek where she was raised with her six siblings. Shauna graduated from Olympus High School where she enjoyed dance and helped to start the Olympus High School Dance Company. While in high school, Shauna also founded Success Dance Studio where she instructed many girls throughout the years. She was a good dancer but an even better instructor. She was able to capture the hearts of her students, and, through hard work and precision, these girls not only achieved great success in dance competitions but in their personal lives as well.

After high school Shauna attended and graduated from the University of Utah. She interrupted her college education for 18 months to serve as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Shauna was called to serve in the Spain Madrid mission where she solidified her love for Jesus Christ and cemented her commitment to the principles of His gospel. After receiving her degree in Spanish, Shauna went on to work for the Girl Scouts of America. Shauna continued to excel in her career, and eventually became one of two finalists for a role with a large multinational corporation. The other finalist was her fiancé, Rich. To this day she'll tell you that she let him have the job.

Shauna married Richard C. Fowles Jr. on December 2, 1997, in the Salt Lake Temple. The two spent three years together before adding to their family, during which time they were able to travel extensively and craft their dreams for the future. In 2001, Shauna gave birth to her daughter Anna, shortly followed by her sons Joshua, Luke, and Sam. Shauna felt richly blessed to raise her children in several idyllic locations. In 2006, the Fowles family relocated to Elmhurst, Illinois for 14 years. In this charming suburb, Shauna became extremely involved in the community and could often be found at school, community, and church events. She loved the associations she made as she served in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She accepted many teaching and leadership assignments. She especially enjoyed working with the youth and helping them feel our Savior's love. In 2020, Shauna and her family relocated to Lake Stevens, Washington for 2 years. A significant COVID quarantine created space for many walks through the lush forests of Western Washington as well as summer days and evenings on the family boat. The Fowles family moved back to Utah this past year.

Shauna's true passion in life was her family. She loved teaching her children and approached every situation with sensitivity and compassion. She ensured that the home was a haven of love and welcomed all, ensuring that there were always freshly baked treats on the kitchen counter. She spent countless hours attending recitals,

performances, and games. She even became a dog mom and the whole family has been blessed from having Chloe and Gracie as part of the family.

Shauna also loved spending time with her friends. She was extremely personable and engaging, and even possessed a bit of irreverence that others found refreshing. She was able to break down barriers by fearlessly asking the right questions. Shauna connected with the mainstream as well as those who stood on the periphery. She was a model of inclusion. This gift created lasting bonds with so many and they remain fiercely loyal to this day. Shauna deeply loved all six of her siblings and remained extremely close to them even though she lived far away. In her free time, she loved to talk on the phone with her friends and siblings, as well as read, engage in political discussions, and go shopping.

Shauna brought strength, hope, and joy to so many. Her love for the Savior, her family, her friends, and the stranger will be her legacy. She has always been and will continue to be a light on the hill.

Shauna is survived by her husband, Rich, her four children, Anna, Joshua, Luke, and Sam, as well as her six siblings, Suzanne (Scott), Amy (Dennis), Joey (Christelle), Laurie (Todd), Kara (James), and Danny (Kiera). Her son Joshua is currently serving as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Guatemala Retalhuleu mission. Her parents, Lois and Joe, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the Neff’s Canyon Ward Chapel, 4176 South Adonis Drive (3950 East) Salt Lake City, UT. Friends may call at the Neff’s Canyon Ward Chapel Monday evening, 7-9 p.m. or Tuesday morning, 9:30–10:30 a.m. Interment will be at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E 10600 S, Sandy, UT. Funeral services are under the direction of the Larkin Mortuary.

For those wishing to join services via Zoom, the link is available through the "Watch Services" button above. Please note that a free Zoom account is required to join.