



Mrs. Darcy Ann Shaw

January 7, 1951 - October 17, 2015

Ten and a half years after a successful lung transplant, Darcy Shaw lost her battle with lung disease and died on October 16th in Madison, WI. She was surrounded by family and loved ones.

Born in Butte, MT on January 7, 1951, to Mike and June Hollenbeck, she attended Whittier and Emerson grade schools. She was married to Rick Galasso in 1967, and she graduated from Butte High School in 1969. They later divorced.

In 1975 Darcy joined the Butte Jayceens and was elected Local President... She was very proud to be selected as the first Outstanding Local President for the State of Montana. She was elected Montana State President in 1979 and was appointed Jaycette Speak-up Chairman for the National Jaycees. Darcy served on the Montana Coal Board, appointed by Governor Ted Schwinden. She also served as Cub Scout leader, Bluebird leader, and basketball and soccer coach for her children.

Darcy worked for the Montana Easter Seal Society. For 20 years she held a variety of management positions in the hotel industry including the Copper King Inn and the War Bonnet Inn in Butte, the Seven Seas Hotel in Mandan, North Dakota, and the Inn on The Park and the Marriott in Madison, Wisconsin. She retired after a serving as Administrative Assistant for the Wisconsin Association for Career & Technical Education.

In 1990, Darcy met and married Hiram Shaw, her true love and best friend. They moved from Butte to Bismarck ND, and in 1992 to Madison, Wisconsin.

In 2001, she was forced to retire due to ill health. She and Hiram moved in 2004 to a condo community in DeForest, WI.

Darcy was active in support groups for people with lung disease, including EFFORTS, a national support group for COPD/Emphysema. Darcy volunteered for the Dane County Humane Society and in the past few years leading up to her death, Darcy and Hiram became avid volunteers for Mobile Mutts, a rescue organization devoted to saving dogs from southern “kill shelters,” helping to transport them to adoptive homes in the Minneapolis area. In 2013 she was the recipient of the Mobile Mutts Volunteer of the year which was renamed in her honor to the ‘Darcy Shaw Volunteer of the Year’. Darcy loved living in Madison and took advantage of all the wonderful things the city and state had to offer. She loved people, animals, reading, traveling and spending time with Hiram, especially in their motor home. She had a deep loyalty and love for her friends and family. She especially loved being “Gramma Darcy” to her grandchildren.

Preceding Darcy in death was her beloved younger brother, Mikey; good friend and mom, June White, stepfather Jim White, father and stepmother Mike & Helen Hollenbeck, grandparents June & Vince Quinlan and Edith and Ed Hollenbeck, fathers-in-law Jack Galasso and Ed Shaw; mothers-in-law Doris Bolyard and Janet Shaw; special friend Hazel Leuprecht and many aunts, uncles and cousins. She is survived by husband Hiram Shaw, daughter Rochelle (John) Whaley of Spokane, son Brian Galasso of DeForest, WI; stepdaughter Morgan (TJ) McKenzie of Wrightwood, CA, and stepson Dylan Shaw of Burkburnett, TX; sister Lynn Ingham of Seeley Lake, MT; brother-in-law Ed Shaw; grandchildren Patrick Long, Lucy, Tess, and Jack McKenzie and Jordan Shaw and great grandchild Vincent Frank Bradley, cousins Joe, Dan, Colleen, Gale and Tim (Tierney) and their spouses and children, many aunts, uncles and cousins; special friends Cathy Bock, Gary Tidmore, Teresa Thistle, and many more; last but not least, special kitty Lizzie and the newest canine adoption, Annie.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Cemetery

4700 Harrison Avenue
Butte, MT 59701

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home
1800 Florence Ave
Butte, MT 59701
(406) 723-3221
<https://wayrynen-richards.com/>

Service

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (MT)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
1500 Majors
Butte, MT 59701

Tribute Wall

MK

“ *My sincere condolences to the family in this loss. Do know that the world is a bit better because Darcy was here for awhile. Not everyone can do that or make the efforts to do that. She helped to save so many innocent fur-kids. Her presence, devotion and kindness will be greatly missed.*

With respect, from a fellow "Mutter." Mike Kemp. Wisconsin

Mike Kemp - October 24, 2015 at 10:15 AM

LA

“ *My heart is with all of you who are grieving for our wonderful sister, mother, grandmother and dear friend Darcy. As I've shared before Darcy was a big part of my childhood and later years and I will always love and respect her memory. I wish for everyone to take hold of her beautiful spirit and make it heal the pain of losing her just a little bit. Shelly and Brian, I love you both so much. ..Hyrum, I did not get to meet you but I thank you for loving and caring for Darcy and I pray you find your new path in life now. There's always new paths. God Bless you all. I love you, Laura Austin*



Laura Austin - October 23, 2015 at 09:37 PM

CE

“ *Hiram ... I was so surprised to hear of Darcy's passing. She always brought a smile to my face. She was always so nice. I am so very sorry. She will certainly be missed. Please give us a call when you are home.*



Clare Erickson - October 23, 2015 at 07:54 PM

CE

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MP

“ Hiram: I know we have lost touch over the years but we wanted to express our sympathy to you and your family. All you had to do was see Darcy and you couldn't help but smile. That was the kind of person she was. Her strength and courage with whatever faced her always amazed me. She had a special kindness that she shared with so many. I am so grateful to Gary Tidmore for introducing the two of you to us so we could be privileged to have known you. Love, Mark Phillips and Ken Hughes

Mark Phillips - October 23, 2015 at 12:24 PM

MB

“ You will be truly missed my many-- we always looked forward to seeing you and Hiram on the road. You and he helped many dogs travel safely and comfortably in your "warm, loving lap" to a safe and caring environment. It was a privilege to have met you and to have traveled with you.



Sincerely,
Mary Burek-Faber and Mark Faber (fellow Mobile Mutts volunteers)

Mary Burek-Faber - October 22, 2015 at 09:26 PM



“ There was a warmth about Darcy that will be missed. Mobile Mutts volunteer Geri Carbone



Geri Carbone - October 22, 2015 at 07:27 AM

TF

“ The McKenzie Family purchased the Classic Sympathy Basket Arrangement for the family of Mrs. Darcy Ann Shaw.



The McKenzie Family - October 21, 2015 at 05:48 PM

BR

“ Brent purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Mrs. Darcy Ann Shaw.



Brent - October 21, 2015 at 12:08 PM

DS

“ Brian, Hiram and Darcy's family, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom, and wife. I didn't know she had been through all she had been through. I remember so many good times with Darcy, her sense of humor, I enjoyed her so much. I am so sorry. Blessings to you and your family.



Diane Smith - October 20, 2015 at 04:56 PM

DF

“ Dan and Family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Mrs. Darcy Ann Shaw.



Dan and Family - October 19, 2015 at 09:26 PM



“ She was one of the most loving and kind hearted people I know. I am so happy I got to call her grandma and that she was apart of my life. Rest in peace grandma Darcy 🙏💕



Jordan Marie - October 19, 2015 at 04:36 PM

DD

A beautiful lady

Denise DeYott - October 19, 2015 at 09:34 PM

SE

Bill and I know Darcy and Hiram from the dog rescue runs with Mobile Mutts. Always meeting up in Rockford to pass on the dogs headed to Minnesota. Darcy was so cute, she always had one picked out to hold in her lap on their leg of the transport. Rest in peace Darcy you will be missed. Blessings to family and friends. Sunnie and Bill Ewart

Sunnie Ewart - October 21, 2015 at 02:57 AM