

Shawnalene L. (Muncey) Christensen, age 51, of Sherburn, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 19, 2026, at her home. Shawnalene Lou (Muncey) Christensen was born on May 30, 1974, to Charles and Joyce (Kitchen) Muncey in Houlton, Maine. In 2005, she was baptized in the name of Jesus. Shawnalene was united in marriage to Steven Christensen on July 14, 2011. Shawnalene's life began as a testament to strength. She was born without signs of life, but was resuscitated, beginning a lifetime marked by determination, resilience, and an unwavering will to fight for what she believed was right. From the very beginning, Shawnalene faced challenges that were unimaginable to many, yet she met them head-on.

In her early years, Shawnalene navigated significant transitions and hardships, learning to find her footing in the world and eventually discovering her faith on her own terms. She graduated from high school and later enrolled in beauty school, completing one semester before leaving to care for her father during his illness. Family always came first to Shawna.

Following her father's passing, Shawnalene spent time traveling with her sister and brother-in-law, who were evangelists, sharing God's word throughout the southern United States. During those years, Shawnalene embraced independence, discovering her strength and young womanhood. She had no desire to be tied down to a city, a state, or even the idea of marriage - until life surprised her.

As Shawnalene herself would say, upon seeing Steven's profile, she simply knew: she was going to marry him. Their love story became one of deep companionship and devotion. Shawnalene often described them as "peanut butter and jelly," proudly declaring Steven to be the sweet jelly.

Not long after, Shawnalene was diagnosed with fatty liver disease and renal failure. Through countless appointments, treatments, medications, and unrelenting pain that constantly reminded her of her mortality, Shawnalene never stopped fighting. She fought for herself, for her husband, and for her close-knit family, whom she loved fiercely and protected wholeheartedly. Shawnalene was, without question, everyone's favorite - favorite sister, favorite aunt, favorite sister-in-law, favorite friend. Her energy was infectious, her randomness unforgettable, and laughter followed her wherever she went. She delighted in spontaneous fun, teaching Michael Jackson's "Thriller" dance in the basement, enjoying playful duels, and obsessing over Transformers and superhero movies. Watching her excitement was a joy in itself.

Shawnalene had a nickname for everyone she loved, each one personal and meaningful. Her presence filled rooms, her love filled hearts, and her absence will be felt deeply by all who knew her. She will be remembered for her courage, her humor, her fierce love, her faith journey, and her unbreakable spirit.

Shawnalene will forever be remembered by her loving husband, Steven; stepdaughters, Emma Lavelly and Kozanna Hirschman; sister, Jewel (Gary) Bryant and Tammy (Dave) Barton; brothers, Dwayne Muncey and Timothy (Jerry) Muncey; nieces and nephews, Adrian (Chris) Williams, Amy (Joe) Corliss, Ethan DeVoe, Renee (Andrew) Oullette, Denise Cummings; cousins, Kristopher Lewin and Charlie Wilson; and other relatives and friends.

Shawnalene was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Joyce (Kitchen) Muncey; sister, Charlotte Wilson; and brother, Charles G. Muncey.



In Loving Memory

Shawnalene Lou Christensen

May 30, 1974 — January 19, 2026



Celebrating the Life of
Shawnalene Lou Christensen

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Visitation

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Regional Worship Center

Celebration of Life

11:00 AM

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Regional Worship Center

Officiant

Pastor Joshua Caldwell

Thank You

During a time like this we realize how much our family and friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Please accept this as our note of thanks.

The Family of Shawnalene Christensen

*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.*

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

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