



Dawn Mayhew Jillions

September 18, 1948 - December 14, 2025

Dawn Mayhew Jillions, 77, of Centreville, VA, passed away on December 14, 2025 at INOVA Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, VA with her adult children by her side. Dawn was born on September 18, 1948, in Washington, D.C. to Emory and Maxine Mayhew. She grew up in Kensington, MD and loved to dance in her youth. Dawn earned her Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Maryland. She taught special education for many years, often coming up with innovative ways outside of the set curriculum to aid students in learning.

Dawn was an avid reader of mystery novels and enjoyed watching cooking shows and playing the occasional game of bingo. She loved attending musical theatre productions—Newsies and Jersey Boys were among her favorites—and especially cherished sharing these experiences with her children and grandchildren.

Dawn possessed a strong intuition and a quiet faith in God. She was independent-minded, practical, straightforward, humble, and generous. You would often find her cooking, baking or picking up a favorite food for family and friends, or spontaneously giving a gift she thought they would enjoy or could use. Dawn will be remembered most as a caring mom, grandma, friend, and dog mom to her rescue chihuahua.

Dawn is survived by her three children, Jeff Jillions (Kerri DeMaio), Lori Fred (Ben Fred), and Kevin Jillions, and four grandchildren , Jacob and Kora Jillions, and Abigail and Isaac Fred. Dawn is preceded in death by her parents, her brother Lance Mayhew, Sr., and her former spouse and father of her children, John Jillions.

A celebration of life will be held on January 10, 2026, at 3pm at Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making a donation in Dawn's honor to the Fairfax or Prince William County Animal Shelter.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 10. 3:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

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“ We were friends for over 40 years and went through many life events during that time. We had dinner together most Saturday nights, sometimes just ourselves, and other times with various groups of friends. We celebrated birthdays, had picnics and watched the fireworks. You will be greatly missed.

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