



## Shannon Kay Dropiewski

December 22, 1971 - October 9, 2025

Shannon Kay Dropiewski, 53, of Ubly, Michigan, passed away peacefully on October 9, 2025, surrounded by loved ones.

She was born in Pigeon, Michigan, on December 22, 1971, to Linda Guster Rhoades and Les Swartzendruber. She grew up in Bad Axe, Michigan, where she shared a family passion for Tae Kwon Do and proudly earned the rank of Blue Belt.

Shannon will be remembered as an influential mother, a loving wife, and a loyal friend. She was deeply selfless, dedicating her life to her family, friends, and her work as an Engineer's Assistant at Gemini Plastics. Known for her dependability, kindness, honesty, and warmth, Shannon was the one people turned to for guidance, comfort, and laughter.

She is survived by her husband, Dave Dropiewski; her sons, Matthew (Melissa) Leppek, Trevor Dropiewski, and Tyler (Sydney) Dropiewski; and her granddaughter, Maci Dropiewski. She is also survived by her parents, Linda and Raoul Rhoades; and Les Swartzendruber her siblings, Brenda Swartzendruber, Janelle Fischer, Brandon Swartzendruber, and Justin Swartzendruber; and her nieces, Megan Brann and Niki Leclair.

A Celebration of Life and Remembrance will be held on Sunday, October 19,

at 1:00 p.m. at the Ugly Fox Hunters Club, with readings and reflections from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., followed by lunch and drinks.

Shannon lived by her motto, "It'll all buff out." These words of optimism and calm reflect the heart she brought into every challenge, and the light she leaves behind in all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, kindly donate to the Thumb Animal Shelter, 2260 Elkton Rd., Elkton, MI 48731.

Mama Bear

It is what it is...

Not giving in, just standing tall.

She taught us to meet life head-on,

With kindness, honesty, and resolve.

And when things looked rough,

She'd remind us,

"It'll all buff out."

Like a waterfall smoothing the stone,

Like the northern lights guiding us home.

– Little Bear

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **19**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Ubly Fox Hunter's Club  
2351 Ubly Rd.  
Bad Axe, MI 48413

*Luncheon to follow*

# Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Shannon, it's hard to believe that you are gone. I am so grateful and honored to have known you. I remember how happy my family and I were when you started dating Uncle David and then became part of our family.

I loved how proud you were of Matthew. One of my favorite memories is when you showed me a video of him trimming trees with a chainsaw. We were laughing, and you told me how it made you a little nervous when he cut down big trees. You beamed with joy as you told me the story of Matthew proposing to Melissa. You were so happy that Melissa would be your daughter-in-law and spoke so highly of her. Your love and care for Grandma were truly admirable. You and Uncle David made such a great team. You had so much love for Trevor and Tyler, and you were elated when you became a grandmother to Maci. Thank you for your kindness and for always going the extra mile to make my family and me feel welcome when visiting Ubly. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

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**Carolyn Marsa** - October 16, 2025 at 09:47 AM

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“ Many, many years ago when we were all hanging out in Bad Axe I met her and Brenda. I'm deeply sorry for the loss of Shannon. My thoughts and prayers are with you

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**Lisa Wiley Ecker** - October 15, 2025 at 07:04 PM

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“ *Where to begin, so many memories!! Shannon has been my friend for years! She was such a great person, kind, compassionate, loving! I am so grateful for the friendship we had. My prayers and thoughts are with all who loved her.. god gained a beautiful angel! Rest easy my friend!*



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**Cheryl Kowalski** - October 14, 2025 at 09:33 PM

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“ A little story I want to share about Shannon. I am Tyler and Trevor’s aunt, Bonnie.

*Five years ago in October 2020 I had to have surgery to remove a brain tumor.*

*The day before surgery I received a message from Shannon.*

*The message started “I’m not very good at expressing myself, but know you are in mine and Dave’s thoughts.”*

*If you know Shannon, this sentence probably explains her very well.*

*She went on to say:*

*“We are praying for you, Erick, James and Julia. Know you are loved so very much by so many, including us. The boys know they are so very lucky to have you as their aunt.”*

*She ended her message with these comments and today I think so many of us can carry her words with us.*

*Shannon said:*

*“Think positive, and don’t be scared. Be strong and fight like you have never fought before!”*

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**Bonnie Ohman** - October 14, 2025 at 12:38 PM