



Circuit Judge Dawn Caloca-Johnson

October 27, 1963 - May 4, 2025

Dawn Caloca-Johnson, 61, passed away May 4, 2025, after being injured in a single-vehicle accident the previous day at Cap San Blas state park. She was on her way to join her husband for a relaxing evening in their camper.

As she entered Heaven, she was surrounded by her husband of 30 years, Ken Johnson, and daughters, Catherine Johnson (26) and Claire Johnson (22). She was blessed with the presence of her sister and dear friends who she deeply cherished.

Dawn had been fighting cancer for nearly a year. She underwent two massive operations that each lasted many hours. She experienced chemotherapy treatments and transitioned to chemotherapy maintenance program after being cancer-free in February 2025. Dawn's medical procedures were performed by a wonderful medical team in Tallahassee. Their expertise, professionalism, empathy, and compassion helped Dawn and her family immensely.

Dawn was convinced her cancer would return someday. Although this would have led to more personal suffering, she was more concerned that those around her who would suffer.

Her accident was a result of some type of sudden medical emergency that caused Dawn's vehicle to leave the road. The tragic accident immediately

relieved her of any suffering she may have otherwise experienced. Her husband believes something must have been in the works and only God knew. Ken and his daughters believe in God, as Dawn did, and suspect God's plan ensured Dawn did not experience pain and gave Dawn and family the opportunity to share their love before she left for Heaven.

Dawn was a graduate of the Florida State University College of Law, where in 1992, she graduated with honors. She obtained an undergraduate degree, also with honors, in business management from Jacksonville University. Until she called Tallahassee home, she lived in several US cities and other countries.

Early in her professional legal career, she was in private practice and worked as an attorney for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. Between 1998 and 2009, she served the community as a child support hearing officer and general magistrate. In 2009, Dawn was appointed by Governor Charlie Crist to service as a circuit judge for the Second Judicial Circuit. Her service continued until her death.

Dawn found comfort at home with family, dogs, horses, and other animals on her little farm in eastern Leon County. She loved cooking, watching cooking shows, and talking on the phone with family and friends. She also enjoyed boating and fishing in the St. Marks area.

Dawn is survived by Ken Johnson, Catherine Johnson, Claire Johnson, her sister, Christina Westmorland, and her two brothers, Christopher Caloca and Mario Caloca. She is preceded in death by Patricia Caloca (mother), Rick Caloca (father), Edward Dickens (biological father), and Jean Dickens (stepmother).

Dawn's memorial celebration will be held at 11:00 AM, EST, Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 4665 Thomasville Road,

Tallahassee, FL 32309, a reception will follow at the church's community center. Rocky Bevis and Todd Wahlquist are assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com).

As a loving mother, friend, attorney, and judge, Dawn was dedicated to family, faith, justice, public service, and community. There is no better way now and, in the future, to help her memory and work continue than by extending her support and dedication through supporting a foundation that will be providing financial support for the Guardian Ad Litem program and Legal Service of North Florida. If you are interested in helping Dawn and members of our community (especially children), please consider contributing.

In the future, her family, friends and colleagues will continue working toward ensuring the foundation's funds increase through recurring contributions and community fund raising activities.

Memorial contributions can be made to the:
Dawn Caloca-Johnson Memorial Account
C/O First Commerce Credit Union
P.O. Box 6416
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

815 West Piedmont Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Tribute Wall

MM

“ I credit Judge Caloca- Johnson for saving my life. In 2013 She helped me get out of an abusive marriage and help me relocate so me and my children can live freely without having any fear. To this day all my accomplishments I achieve I thank her because she encouraged me to never give up and never let my past define my future.

Mrs Mozel - August 22, 2025 at 10:09 PM



Wonderful tribute, thank you.

Christina Westmoreland - December 14, 2025 at 07:20 PM

CF

“ She wasn't fair to men in her courtroom. I' can only imagine how she treated other men. Misandrist is a descriptive word. I suffered and continue to suffer the lasting effects of her one sided courtroom and my daughters do to. I have no regards for Mrs. Caloocan Johnson..



Charles Fish - August 15, 2025 at 11:57 PM

TA

“ Teddy Foster & Sarah Allen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Circuit Judge Dawn Caloca-Johnson.



Teddy Foster & Sarah Allen - May 24, 2025 at 03:36 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Circuit Judge Dawn Caloca-Johnson.



May 23, 2025 at 10:44 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Circuit Judge Dawn Caloca-Johnson.

May 23, 2025 at 10:44 AM



“ Judge George S. and Ruth Reynolds, III purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Circuit Judge Dawn Caloca-Johnson.



Judge George S. and Ruth Reynolds, III - May 19, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ Judge George S. and Ruth Reynolds, III planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Circuit Judge Dawn Caloca-Johnson.

Judge George S. and Ruth Reynolds, III - May 19, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Circuit Judge Dawn Caloca-Johnson.



May 15, 2025 at 08:37 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Circuit Judge Dawn Caloca-Johnson.



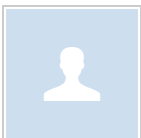
May 12, 2025 at 07:00 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Circuit Judge Dawn Caloca-Johnson.



May 12, 2025 at 10:08 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Circuit Judge Dawn Caloca-Johnson.



May 09, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Circuit Judge Dawn Caloca-Johnson.

May 09, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ Catherine and Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. 🙏❤️
😊
June Stivers (from Holy Comforter)

June Stivers - May 08, 2025 at 09:39 AM