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It is with a heavy heart that I write this to share with you Macomb County has lost a long term employee this week, Dawn N. Valliere. While I didn't know Dawn personally, after spending time with her work family on Monday, I wish I did.

If you work in the downtown campus, you likely have seen Dawn on a steadfast walk in the parking structure during her lunch break, something she did regardless of the weather conditions. She was deeply adored by her work family, who described her as incredibly strong, with a big personality, someone who loved to ring in the holidays and welcomed them with a festive outfit. Dawn was a bold woman who loved to travel, fish and spend time in the great outdoors. And her shoe collection was beyond compare.

Dawn joined Macomb County in 2001 and spent her entire career with the County Clerk/Register of Deeds. She was promoted multiple times, and worked her way up to the position of Cashier II. Kathy Smith, Deputy Director for the County Clerk, worked with Dawn throughout her long career and shared "the heartbreaking news of Dawn's passing has touched all of us here in the Clerk's office. Her warm smile and her BIG spirit will never be forgotten."

Please keep Dawn's family and her work family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Managing grief is a very personal and difficult process. Please remember the County offers confidential, no-cost support through our employee assistance program Ulliance and it can be accessed by calling 1-888-333-6269.