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A passionate tribute

Dawn Salerno owns a luscious 1978 Midget, which is both a tribute to her first MG and a daily reminder of how special Dads can be.

A decade ago, she was dating her husband-to-be, Phil, when he was thinking about buying an MG Midget. Unfortunately, the car under consideration was not a good fit for him – literally speaking.

On the other hand, Dawn fell in love with it. When she wasn't able to convince Phil to buy it, she purchased it for herself. Meanwhile, Phil bought a Triumph TR7.

Although she didn't know how to drive a car with a manual transmission, her Dad stepped forward and volunteered to teach her.

Once she was able to manage the transmission, her Dad bought her an aftermarket leather shifter knob as a special gift. He had nothing good to say about the original Bakelite knob that came with the car.

She savored driving the car and her father always made himself available to maintain it. Dawn said it was obvious to her that little Midget had grown on her father big time.

Over time, the little Midget began to deteriorate – to the point that Phil, now her husband, insisted she find something else.

He suggested she consider a Toyota MR2 as a replace, using the Midget as a trade-in.

Dawn had no intention of giving up her MG, even though the dealership had a buyer for it. Instead, she gifted the car to her dad.

