



# Wanda Funk Abercrombie

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**W**anda Jeanne (Funk) Abercrombie died on April 18, 2019, just 6 days short of her 94th birthday. Her husband, David, of over 71 years, died on January 5, 2019. They were together a long time. It's only appropriate they be together now.

Mother was born on April 24, 1925 in Waynesboro, PA to Alma (Schroeder) "Peach" and Harry Clyde Funk. She spent her whole childhood at 183 Cleveland Ave. and had marvelous, fond memories of growing up there. Her father owned the Velvet Ice Cream Co., which was a lot of work and a lot of fun. After graduating from Waynesboro Senior High School, she briefly worked for Landis Tool Co. until she went to nurses' training in 1944 at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore, a proud member of the Cadet Nurse Corps, graduating in 1947. But the previous summer, she had met a really handsome Navy man! Wanda and Dave married on August 10, 1947. Their daughter, Susan, was born in June of 1948. In July of 1949 their son, David was born. In the first 4 years of marriage, they lived in 6 different residences in Maryland and Pennsylvania. In 1951, Dave's work took them to Texas where their second son, Taylor, was born in September, 1952.

When Taylor was 6 weeks old, the family moved back to the east coast. Until all the kids were in college, Wanda and Dave lived in New Jersey, Delaware, Illinois and Maryland in 7 different homes. Mother approached the disruption with her characteristic sense of humor, feistiness and loving warmth. She returned to nursing as a charge nurse for a hospital neo-natal unit and as nursing director of a nursing home. Once retired, Wanda and Dave enjoyed motor homing, traveling all over the US, Canada and Mexico. They also visited New Zealand to connect with newly found relatives. Wanda loved crafts; hooking rugs, knitting afghans, and needlepointing beautiful pictures, chair seat covers, Christmas ornaments and stockings. She was a voracious reader and active volunteer for Meals on Wheels and the Easton hospital auxiliary. But, most importantly, Wanda's spiritual home involved her church and its activities; altar guild, workshops and conferences, and supporting Dave when he became an Anglican priest at 80 years old.



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Wanda and Dave loved living on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, in Oxford and Easton. In the last couple years, they relocated to Rehoboth Beach, DE to be close to their son, Taylor, and his family.

She is survived by her children: Sue Gardner and her husband Jim, Dave Abercrombie, and Taylor Abercrombie and his wife Jayne; 4 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

A service will be held at St. Thomas the Disciple Church, 270 Tilghman Road, Salisbury, MD 21802 on Saturday, April 27 at 10:00 AM. Wanda will be interred next to her beloved Dave at The Church of the Holy Trinity in Oxford.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Thomas the Disciple Church, PO Box 2697, Salisbury, MD 21802.

Please sign Wanda's online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED TO ST. THOMAS THE DISCIPLE CHURCH, SALISBURY, MD, BY 9:00 AM, SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019.



## Events


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### Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, April 27, 2019

 10:00 AM ET

 **St. Thomas the Disciple Church**  
270 Tilghman Road, Salisbury MD 21804





## Tribute Wall

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**Barbara Saulsbury** lit a candle in honor of Wanda.

To the family and friends of Wanda: On reading Wanda's obituary, I am remembering the years of friendship with Wanda and Dave as my supervisors in the Shaklee business. Then when they moved, I lost track of them and had no address. They were special dedicated people and will always be remembered. My sincere and deep sympathy to each of you. May God comfort and bless you. On parting from loved ones... "just as God gives us our loved ones and does not lose them in giving, so we do not lose them in returning them to Him... for life is eternal, love is immortal, and death is just a horizon beyond which we cannot see with our narrow, earthly vision." With sympathy,, Barbara Saulsbury



April 26 at 7:37 AM

CC

**Carolyn Trostle Carson** posted:

After reading your mother's obit in our local Record Herald, I knew I had to relate my interest in the Funk family. I've lived in Waynesboro, PA all my life and my father, the late Francis (Hunk) Trostle, worked for your grandfather, Clyde. My father started to work at the young age of 16 for Benjamin Poper, the former owner of the Velvet Ice Cream Co. I am next to the youngest and only survivor of his five children. Dad learned to make the ice cream from Mr. Poper and continued to make, sell, distribute, manage and every other job connected to the business. He worked everyday and had little time with his family. On a rare occasion, your grandfather would let my Dad borrow his Chrysler to take his family on a day trip. I was not accustomed to the new car smell and got car sick, luckily we stopped in time so that I didn't ruin any of the interior of the car. Dad died at a very early age, he was only 46, that was 30 years of dedicated service to the business. At that time a Merle Beam owned the business. My father was on his death bed when he tried to explain how he made the ice cream so they could continue. My father never made ice cream in advance and store it any longer than he knew he could sell it. Needless to say, Mr. Beam didn't want to spend the amount of time my father did in making fresh ice cream and it wasn't long until the business was sold. Unlike some families, we didn't inherit an estate after Dad's death, but we sure did inherit a good name. I don't think my father had any enemies and I was so very proud of him. I also remember Aunt Betty, she played the organ at our church when I was a youngster. My sympathies on the loss of your loved one, you are indeed very fortunate to have had her in your life for so many years.

April 25 at 5:10 AM

MF

**Miller Family** posted:

Our deepest sympathy at this most difficult time, may comfort and peace come from above. "Come to me all those toiling and loaded down, and I will refresh you, for I am mild tempered and lowly in heart, and you will find refreshment for your yourselves." Matthew 11:28

April 23 at 1:43 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wanda by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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