



Mary Carolyn Abston

May 11, 1940 - December 16, 2016

Mary Carolyn McDonald Abston, 76, passed away on Friday, Dec. 16, 2016. She was born May 11, 1940 in Sheffield, AL.

Visitation will be held at Shelton Funeral Home in Decatur AL, on Sunday, Dec. 18, from 1:00-3:00 with the funeral services immediately following. Tony Woodall of Murfreesboro, TN, will be officiating.

She is preceded in death by her parents George Washington McDonald and Alma Wyers McDonald; her brother, George Robert McDonald; and her sisters, Nelda McDonald Coons and Betty Ann McDonald Eckles.

She is survived by her husband, John D. Abston of Orange Beach; daughter, Dannie Abston Deffenbaugh (Mark) of Pensacola; son, Mac Abston (Elaine) of Huntsville; grandchildren, Kristen Deffenbaugh Snell (Jonathan) of Homewood, Jenna Deffenbaugh England (Tyler) of Mobile, Evan Abston, Ethan Abston, Eli Abston of Huntsville; brother, Harold McDonald (Millie) of Sheffield; and her many nieces and nephews.

Carolyn graduated from Sheffield High School in 1958 and married her husband, Dan, on March 17, 1960. They lived in Decatur from 1961-1996. While in Decatur they were members of Beltline Church of Christ.

Carolyn and her husband have lived in Orange Beach, Alabama since 1996 where they made their retirement dreams come true. She loved the beach. Carolyn loved to give to the children of St. Jude and was a very benevolent person. She was also a member of Gulf Shores Church of Christ.

The family would like to thank Minister Ray Reynolds, the elders of Gulf Shores Church of Christ, Dr. Dany El-Sayah, Sacred Heart Cancer Center and Covenant Care Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Gulf Shores Church of Christ building fund or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Dan I am so sorry to hear about Carolyn. She was a wonderful caring person. She loved her whole family. I will always remember her and you. Your mother said she loved her as a daughter. I will be praying for you and the whole family Love Mary Alice and Bob



MARY ALICE (GRESHAM) Simbeck - December 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Lynn Waters McMillan lit a candle in memory of Mary Carolyn Abston



Lynn Waters McMillan - December 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ Wanda Howell lit a candle in memory of Mary Carolyn Abston



Wanda Howell - December 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear Dan, Dani, and Mac, Carolyn was one of the most remarkable, charming and sparkling people i ever knew. As a couple, everyone always looked forward to being around you. You all were so kind to Pat and me. I still remember the sound of her laughter. The world is a poorer place with her gone. I am so very sorry, and my heart aches with you



Sandy Stanley - December 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Dannie and Mac, I am so sorry to hear about your Mom. It's the hardest thing to loose your Mom. I really love your mother, I grew up knowing your mother from as early as I can remember. I saw her at home and at school. Being neighbors gave me the privilege to know her on a personal level. She was always so sweet to me. My prayers go out to you all. Tell your Dad I said hello and that I am thinking about him. Love, Mary Anne.



Mary AnneAustin White - December 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Ken And Martha Cabler lit a candle in memory of Mary Carolyn Abston



Ken and Martha Cabler - December 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all our Abston family at this sad time. You have our very deepest sympathy.



Ken Cabler - December 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Mary Anne Austin White lit a candle in memory of Mary Carolyn Abston



Mary Anne Austin White - December 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ So very sorry for your loss. Mrs.Aston was many times like a Mother to me but always a friend. She was a special lady and I loved her and her family very much. Although many years have passed she always had a special place in my heart for her kindness she showed to me and everyone. She will surely be missed by all.



Joni Marshall - December 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Joni Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mary Carolyn Abston



Joni Marshall - December 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Dannie, our deepest sympathy to you in the loss of your mom. It is so hard to believe with us just talking about her last week. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do for you. Love you sweet friend.*



Charlotte & Buddy Cole - December 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Buddy & Charlotte Cole lit a candle in memory of Mary Carolyn Abston*



Buddy & Charlotte Cole - December 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *I will always want to call you Mrs. Abston. When I was a teenager you and your daughter would come to Winn-Dixie to buy your groceries, I was an employee of Winn-Dixie. I will miss you. Rest in Peace Carolyn, go and be with Jesus.*



Dallas TX - December 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM