



Wanda Faye Beard

August 16, 1943 - February 20, 2020

Wanda Faye Beard suffered a massive stroke and died peacefully several days later on Thursday, February 20, 2020, while surrounded by her beloved husband, Doug, and her children. Although she was truly a survivor who had beaten cancer twice and overcome repeated medical issues, she had also become increasingly frail in the past 2 years due to chronic health issues. She was born on August 16, 1943 to J.B. and Linnie Mae Scott in Birmingham, Alabama. She was an only child, but never truly alone as she was raised within the context of a much larger, very loving Southern family, as well as their extensive church community. This developed a deep-seated importance of family for Wanda, both given and chosen, which became a cornerstone of her life along with her Christian faith. It was often said that she never knew a stranger, and she kept her beloved friends very close to her heart. Once she counted you as a friend, she embraced you and your entire family for life, often adopting her friends' children and grandchildren as her own.

Wanda graduated from Garden City High School in 1961 and made the Dean's List while completing a business degree at Cleary College in 1983. She married Gordon Macomber in 1964, and together they adopted their children, Scott and Heather. After they divorced in 2001, Wanda met the great love of her life, Douglas Beard, in 2004 and they married in 2005. They were truly best friends and each other's greatest champions. Their marriage expanded her family to include his children, Bill, Marge, and D.W.

Wanda was employed at Gelman Sciences/Pall Life for nearly 30 years in administrative work, manufacturing, and accounting. She was an outstanding employee who earned multiple awards, including a sailing cruise with company executives, for improving efficiency and productivity through the company suggestion program. She also had a natural sales ability that led her to great success with Sarah Coventry jewelry and Avon. However, she often said that being a mom was her greatest source of pride and joy in life. Her spirit was indomitable and her joy for life was infectious to all who knew her. She truly believed that she could chose joy, happiness, and positivity every day, no matter what came her way. She lifted herself up with her positive talk, even in the face of injury, illness, or truly adverse events. She would often say that she could withstand anything, so long as her kids were healthy and happy. We could always count her kind words, warm embrace, and sense of humor to brighten our day, and the world feels less vibrant without her in it.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, February 28th from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon at the First United Methodist Church in Saline, with a light lunch immediately after. Visitation for friends and family will be held before the service from 9:30 A.M. until the time of service at 11:00 A.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Saline and envelopes will be available at the service. To leave a memory you have of Wanda, to sign her guestbook, or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Saline
1200 North Ann Arbor Street
Saline, MI
<http://www.fumc-saline.org/>

Memorial Service

FEB 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Luncheon

FEB **28**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wanda Faye Beard*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *I'm sad to say, I just heard the news that Wanda passed away. Wanda worked with me & my sister at Visiting Angels. And in those few short years, I got to know her very well. She was always upbeat & an inspiration to everyone. She had great stories and a sense of humor. We had A LOT of laughs! She's the only person I've ever met that put gravy on her cantaloupe!*

I moved to FL 11 yrs ago & Wanda never forgot me or my birthday! No matter where I moved, she always manage to track me down & send a card ❤️ I have this thing in my life that I see 1111 (or 11:11) A LOT!! And it was known at the office. A few years after I moved, Wanda told me, every time I see 11:11, I think of you and say a prayer for you. I don't think she knew how much that meant to me. Doug, Heather & Scott, my heart goes out to you & my prayers are with you. Wanda put a stamp on everyone's life she came in to, and she'll always be remembered fondly.

I'm sure my sister (in heaven) welcomed Wanda with open arms. ❤️

Melanie Dahlberg - March 10, 2020 at 11:27 PM



“ *Wanda was very dear to Keith and I. She always asked our girls to assist with communion years ago "because they were dressed so nicely" is what she would say. I am sorry that I will not be able to attend her funeral as I am visiting our son in Colorado. She will be missed so much by so many. ❤️*

Patsy Held - February 27, 2020 at 12:58 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Wanda Faye Beard.*



February 26, 2020 at 02:42 PM



“ *What a beautifully written obit....wonderfully detailing the large void those who knew her will feel in her absence! I will miss her delightful tales at our monthly ladies lunch, her kind and generous spirit, her positive outlook and her genuine interest in other people. Her kind of person is rare in a world so focused inward; as she chose to focus outward by serving others even if it was just with a kind word. Praying the Lords comfort for her family when the grief feels too heavy to bear.*

*Love to you all,
Chris (Getty) Minick*

Christine Minick - February 26, 2020 at 10:43 AM

DA

“ My dear Aunt Wanda has always been so very special to me. From the time I was a little girl, she also shared her love so freely, making me feel special. One of my favorite memories was riding in the "rumble" seat of her cute little dark green VW Beetle when I was about 8 years old. She would oftentimes have me stay overnight when they moved to Saline. Those sleepovers were beyond special.

Her strong Christian faith serves as such a shining example to all of us who loved her. At last, you are at peace and pain free, enveloped in the arms of our mighty Savior.

Doug, Heather and Scott- you are all in our prayers. You were loved so very much by this amazing woman. Please know that our heavenly Father is holding you in the palm of his hand as you work through this great loss in your life. You are never alone.

Diane (Macomber) Amerman

Diane Amerman - February 26, 2020 at 10:24 AM

GP

“ Your southern charm will be missed Wanda. Many a happy moments with you, Heather, Scott, J.B. and Linne May.

George Perrault

George perrault - February 24, 2020 at 09:28 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Wanda Faye Beard.



February 22, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Wanda Faye Beard.*



February 22, 2020 at 02:39 PM