



Mona E. Abbott

March 28, 1927 - February 8, 2019

Mona E. Abbott, 91, of Asheville, died peacefully at Pisgah Manor on Friday, February 8, 2019.

Born March 28, 1927 in Cranston, RI to Muriel and Royal K. Abbott, Sr. She attended high school in Needham, MA. She moved to Asheville with her family in the early 1930's and lived with her parents.

Mona was active in the community doing volunteer work for the Red Cross including assisting at blood drives. Mona was also a long-time member of the Blue Ridge Brailers, helping to translate books and other printed material into Braille before the days of automated computer transcription. For fitness Mona enjoyed swimming visiting the local YMCA several times a week.

Mona was an avid traveler visiting repeatedly family in England and other European countries. She was especially fond of Spain. She also visited Brazil when her brother Royal was employed there by General Electric.

Mona is predeceased by her brothers, Royal K. Abbott, Jr. and Brian E. Abbott. Mona is lovingly remembered by her nieces and nephews, Stephen Abbott of Indianapolis, Indiana, Richard Abbott of Conesus, New York, Robert Abbott and his wife, Susannah of Andover, Massachusetts, and Carolyn Abbott Wasacz and her husband, Frank, of Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00pm on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at The Cathedral All Souls, 9 Swan Street, Asheville, NC with The Very Rev. Todd Donatelli officiating. Burial will be held privately in Massachusetts.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Mountain Area Reader Service - <https://marrswnc.org>.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Cathedral of All Souls
9 Swan Street Biltmore Village
Asheville, NC 28803
<http://www.allsoulscathedral.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mona E. Abbott*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM

“ *It's taken me a while to write this. My condolences to Mona's family and to all who feel her loss.*

Mona, I met you in 2009 through Mountain Home Care. Although I worked for you somewhere along the way we also became friends. We shared an interest in politics and world events (although we usually voted for different parties we were able to have very cordial conversations and agreed on much), we had both traveled quite a bit (even to some of the same places), and we had a playful, teasing way with each other that made our shared time more fun than work. We went on many 'field trips' over the years and I'm grateful that you trusted me enough to go on these adventures.

After you moved into Pisgah Manor I still saw you regularly; after all, by then we were good friends. When I told you I was moving to Australia you were sad but I promised you I would call every month or so and that I would be back for a visit at some point.

This February I did get back to Asheville. I don't know if I told you but I might not have returned so soon if it hadn't been for you. I could tell you weren't as interested in life as you once had been and I wanted to see you before you left this world (and also keep my promise.)

I went in to see you the day after I arrived even though I had jet lag and was exhausted. It just seemed really important that I see you as soon as possible.

I could tell you had lost a lot of weight and you kept your eyes closed the whole time but as I talked to you, recalling adventures we had shared, you definitely remembered everything and responded with smiles. You seemed more peaceful and you even let me hold your hand! You were never a very touchy feely person but that day I held your hand the whole time I was there. I felt like FINALLY you were letting me love you. I had said 'I love you, Mona,' when I left for Australia and on my phone calls to you but I think you didn't quite know what to do with that.

On that day though I felt like the love was pouring out of me and into you and that we really didn't need to say much of anything. I told you I would be visiting again in a week and asked you if you wanted me to bring you anything. You said, 'Rum Raisin Ice Cream,' your

favorite. You perked up quite a bit too!

That was on a Sunday but when I returned the following Sunday with the ice cream your room was empty. I had to ask two different nurses because I couldn't quite believe you were gone. How could you not have stuck around for Rum Raisin Ice Cream!

It hit me hard as I had two more visits planned; in fact, on the last one I was going to spend a whole afternoon just holding your hand and loving you.

But as often happens, Life/the Universe/God had other plans. It took me a while to realize how lucky I really was: not only did I get to see you one last time but I got to go to your service at All Souls which was held the day before I left to head back to Australia. So maybe 'the plan' was okay after all.

I will miss you Mona. You were more than just a client or a casual friend, you were part of my heart. And I love you.

Lisa Watters - April 15, 2019 at 01:35 AM

SA

“ I send my personal condolences to Mona's family with a special thanks to Robert and Savannah Abbott, who through the years were there for her.

I cared for Miss Mona for nine years, along with others from Mountain home care. Her greatest and best memories were of her church, her civic activities and the many travels she made abroad. Her TV kept her apprised of Asheville and the world.

She was not above voicing disapproval of the things she found unacceptable. Voting every time there was an election was a personal "must" for her. Her greatest enjoyment for a day was a dish of Rum-Rasin or Pistachio ice cream.

It was a privilege to know her and a pleasure to be of help to her.

Sharon L. Adams

Sharon L. Adams - February 12, 2019 at 07:09 PM

JW

“ I am Lisa's mother and over the time Lisa knew Mona I felt I knew her too. Lisa loved her and missed her very much when we moved to Australia last year, she would call Mona and stay in touch. Mona must have been a special person because of my daughter wanting to visit her on our return to Asheville two weeks ago as soon as she could, and she did!!! and they held hands and reminisced. Mona will be remembered with love for a long time to come. I wished I had met her too. Judy Watters

Judy Watters - February 12, 2019 at 06:40 PM

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“ *Mountain Home Care had the pleasure of working with Mona for more than thirteen years. She was quite a character which endeared her to our Care Team in a very special way. She was most proud of her family, and looked forward to the newsy calls from Robert to catch up on everybody. We will miss Mona who had a very unique way of connecting and making a lasting impression on those she met. With deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers. The Wilde Family, Management and Staff of Mountain Home Care*

Lana Wilde - February 12, 2019 at 05:25 PM