



Wanda Hawkins Major

August 10, 2020

Wanda Hawkins Major, beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother passed away on Monday, August 10, 2020 in Lancaster PA. Wanda was the cherished wife of the late John Burks Major.

Valuing education, Wanda moved from helping her father in the fields of their Georgia farm to North Georgia College, Crawford W. Long Nursing School and obtained a BS in nursing from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1967, a Master's in Education from Duquesne University in 1974, and later became a pediatric nurse practitioner. While she lived in different states and communities, Wanda consistently and compassionately worked as a nurse at a veteran's hospital, in private duty, and later in the Pittsburgh public schools. Caring for others was a primary part of who she was.

Born in Tennessee, Wanda was the daughter of Luther and Nellie Hawkins. She was one of six children, predeceased by her sisters, Gwen Thomas, Jackie Moore, Wilma Hill, and Betty Sue Hawkins. Wanda is survived by her brother, Donald Hawkins.

Left to cherish precious memories of Wanda are daughter, Wanda Elaine Major and husband, Barry N. Douglas of York, PA and son, Andrew Burks Major and his wife, Gail (Forster) Major of Carolina Beach, NC. Wanda will also be greatly missed by her five grandchildren: Travis, Teague, Gina, John,

Carly and husband Jason, and her great- grandson, T. J., all of whom affectionately referred to her as Ayah.

When asked to describe her, Wanda's "precious" son said that if Wanda got on a bus, everyone would leave that bus feeling better about themselves because of Wanda. She loved and was loved and will be deeply missed.

A Graveside Service will take place on Friday, September 2, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in Annville, PA. Donations may be made in Wanda's name to CC Mellor Memorial Library, 1 Pennwood Ave #2, Edgewood, PA 15218 in the community Wanda and John called home.

Previous Events

Burial

SEP 2. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery
Anville, PA 17003

Tribute Wall



“ *Wanda Hawkins Major*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *How well I remember that beautiful, infectious smile! Even as a shy child, I couldn't help but smile back. What wonderful memories I have of her from the years we lived in Edgewood. She will be sorely missed by many! My sincere sympathies and condolences go out to the family members. May the Lord comfort your hearts with the assurance of His profound love for you. (John 3:16)*

Colette Hambrick - September 01, 2020 at 06:55 PM



“ *I remember Wanda when she was the school nurse at Saint Bede School in Point Breeze. She was always smiling and a delight to work with.*
Leanna Petrarca-Ballog

leanna petrarca-ballog - August 25, 2020 at 03:32 PM



“ *Mrs. Major was a wonderful woman, with a caring family and a life well lived..*
Our hearts go out to all those who held her dear.
Clark & Jean

Jean & Clark - August 25, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ *Mrs. Major was wonderful and loved in Edgewood. That smile is everlasting.*

-Patrick Fallon

Patrick Fallons - August 24, 2020 at 05:46 PM