



## Abigail Marsh Preston

June 27, 1950 - July 11, 2024

Abigail Marsh Preston, aged 74, peacefully passed away in her sleep on July 11, 2024. She was born on June 27, 1950, in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, the second child of Dorthy and John Marsh. Abigail is survived by her older brother, August Marsh, two younger sisters, Patricia Sweatnam, and Kelly Marsh, and a brother, Andrew Marsh.

Abigail married John Preston, and from their union, she had one daughter, Jennifer Preston (now Taylor). Although their marriage ended after seven years, Abigail leaves behind her son-in-law Anthony (Guy) Taylor, three granddaughters: Adrianna Taylor (Bivens), Deja Preston, and Aiden Taylor, and two great-grandchildren, Julian and Lauren.

Abigail earned a degree in Mathematics from the Florida Institute of Technology and dedicated over 30 years of her career as a financial advisor at Merrill Lynch.

Later in life, Abigail found solace in her faith, accepting Christ as her Lord and Savior before retiring. Upon retirement, she moved to St. Augustine, Florida, where she quickly became an integral part of the First United Methodist Church community. Abigail took great pride in her role as the church historian and authored a comprehensive book documenting the history of the First United Methodist Church.

In 2021, Abigail was diagnosed with ALS, and despite the challenges, she bravely fought the illness for over three years.

A memorial service to celebrate Abigail's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on

Monday, July 22, 2024, at the First United Methodist Church, 118 King St., St. Augustine. For those unable to attend, the services will be live-streamed by going to [www.facebook.com/FUMCStAugustine](http://www.facebook.com/FUMCStAugustine).

In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name to the ALS Association, [www.als.org](http://www.als.org), will be deeply appreciated.

Messages of sympathy and memories can be shared on her tribute page at [www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com).

St. Johns Family Funeral Home of St. Augustine is entrusted with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
118 King St.  
St. Augustine, FL 32084

# Tribute Wall



“ Jennifer, Guy, Deja, Aidan, my sympathies and prayers go out to you all. Your Mother/Grandmother was a remarkable person. She loved you all so very much. I pray you find peace and comfort in all of your wonderful memories.

*My Dear Sweet Abby, you were such a beautiful friend. I can't describe how much I miss you. The knitting, crocheting, sewing, and mostly the almost daily telephone conversations, even some of the disagreements. God truly blessed me when we became friends. I think of you every day. I know you are in a better place in peaceful rest and love for all eternity. Until we meet again. 🙏*



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**Cynthia Ejbisz** - July 25, 2024 at 11:54 AM

TS

“ I worked with Abby many years ago at Merrill Lynch and I am sadden to hear of her passing. I have fond memories of working with Abby (she even through me a "work" baby shower and made a quilt for my 1st baby) and offer my deepest condolences to her family.

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**Theresa Stroth** - July 22, 2024 at 03:52 PM

SW

“ Aunt Abby was such a sweet human being. Maya and Leila were visiting Florida. They went to visit Uncle Andy and Aunt Abby came over as well. Maya was not feeling well and Aunt Abby stepped in and helped ease her. She was always so loving.

*She was also so crafty! Her knitting projects won awards! I wish I could have spent more time with her and learned to knit from her. I have a knitted candy cane she made me for my Christmas tree. I will treasure it always.*

*We love you Aunt Abby. You are so missed!*



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**Sofi Wahaj** - July 22, 2024 at 11:26 AM

YM

“ We will forever cherish memories of Abby in our family.



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**Yvonne Martin** - July 22, 2024 at 11:01 AM

MA

“ Abby and I shared a mutual friend whom we lost to suicide. Abby was an amazing friend and so compassionate. I promised our friend that Abby and I would always be friends. Abby was so giving, so intelligent, so kind. Throughout every daily prayer, I asked God to take care of "Sweet Abby". I will miss our phone calls and memories shared. Rest in peace Sweet Abby...you have made me a better person knowing you❤️🙏

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**Maria** - July 16, 2024 at 07:17 PM

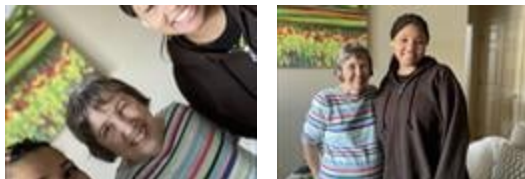
DH

“ Dear Jennifer and family. We were neighbors on Greenfield St. Your mom was a wonderful, strong person, whom was kind and pleasant to all. We considered you guys part of our family, and always will. I am so sorry for your loss, but so grateful for having been blessed to know and share part of our life with her. Truly sorry for the loss of such a great human being. Prayers for all of you 🙏. Dave Hartley

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**David Hartley** - July 15, 2024 at 06:46 PM

JT

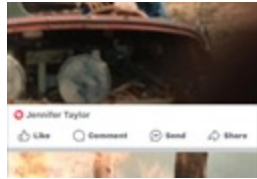
“ This was early in her diagnosis, when she could still walk. Abby was given 6 months to live from time of diagnosis of ALS (over a year of symptoms), but she defied the odds and lived a long 3 years and 5 months



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**Jennifer Taylor** - July 15, 2024 at 03:40 PM

JM

“ *Abby, Thank you for some of my best and happiest memories as a child ... you'll always have a special place in my heart .... Love, Jackie*



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**jackie mentecky** - July 15, 2024 at 06:33 AM

DD

“ *Dear Jennifer, Deja, and family, our deepest sympathies are with you. Sending hugs and prayers as you begin this new journey. So many years and shared times as neighbors. We were blessed to have had Abby and both of you in our lives. May the love of family and friends and your many precious memories support you now and in the future. Hugs, Debbie, Bill, and Jocelyn Driscoll*

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**Debbie Driscoll** - July 15, 2024 at 12:07 AM

CM

“ *Charlotte Marsh lit a candle in memory of Abigail Marsh Preston*



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**Charlotte Marsh** - July 14, 2024 at 09:58 PM

CM

“ 3 files added to the album Family



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**Charlotte Marsh** - July 14, 2024 at 09:56 PM

GM

*I donated \$50.00 to ALS*

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**Gus Marsh** - August 11, 2024 at 10:52 AM