



## George R. Abbe

August 9, 1943 - August 2, 2013

George R. Abbe of White Plains, Maryland, died on Friday, August 2, 2013 at his home. He was 69 years old.

Born on August 9, 1943 in Media, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Jean Woodward and the late Robert Abbe. George was a Marine Biologist who recently retired from Morgan State University. He was a member of the National Shellfisheries Association and an active member of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church where he served as an Usher and on several committees. George enjoyed carving birds, traveling and wine making. He was recently honored by the National Shellfisheries Association with a Student Research Grant to be given annually in his name.

He is survived by his wife Linda L. Abbe; his daughters Sherry L. McCrystal and her husband Steve of London, England and Angie E. McCarthy and her husband Kevin of Burke, VA; his sister Judy Thomas; his grandchildren Sean, Kyle, and Brendan McCrystal, Erin and Alison McCarthy.

Visitation on Wednesday, August 7, 2013 from 2 to 4PM and from 6 to 8PM at the Raymond Funeral Service, P.A. 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646.

Funeral Services on Thursday, August 8, 2013 beginning at 10AM at the

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 305 Smallwood Drive, Waldorf, MD 20602 with the Reverend Laurie Gates-Ward officiating.

Interment to follow at Trinity Memorial Gardens in Waldorf, MD. Pallbearers are J Hixson, Bill Yates, Godfrey Trammel, Jim Slagle, Dave Bowling, Steve McCrystal and Kevin McCarthy. Honorary Pallbearers are Don Shisler and Steve Austin.

Memorial contributions may be made to: George Abbe Student Research Grant,  
National Shellfisheries Association, c/o Dr. John Scarpa, NSA Treasurer,  
Harbor Branch Oceanographic Insititute, Florida Atlantic University, 5600 U.S.  
Hwy 1 North Fort Pierce, FL 34946 USA.

# Cemetery Details

## Trinity Memorial Gardens

3165 Mattawoman Beantown Rd.  
Waldorf, MD 20601  
<http://trinitymemorialgardens.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service  
5635 Washington Avenue  
La Plata, MD 20646  
(301) 934-2920  
[business.office@raymondfuneral.com](mailto:business.office@raymondfuneral.com)  
<https://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Visitation

AUG 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service  
5635 Washington Avenue  
La Plata, MD 20646  
(301) 934-2920  
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## Service

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AUG 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church  
305 East Smallwood Drive  
Waldorf, MD 20602

# Tribute Wall



“ George R. Abbe

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ George R. Abbe

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ Dear Linda and Abbe family,  
We are so sad to hear about the passing of George. Please know that our thoughts are with you.  
Much love,  
The Richardsons (Mandy, Jerry, Jeff and Linda)

Amanda Richardson DeLeo - August 08, 2013 at 12:44 PM



“ Dear Linda and Abbe Family, on behalf of the Community Foundation of Southern Maryland and the Annual Potomac River Waterfowl Show we are so sad to hear the news of George's passing. He has been with our Waterfowl Show from the beginning and his beautifully hand carved songbirds added so much to our annual event. He will be sorely missed. Every year when I started planning for our Waterfowl Show, George always shared his latest travel adventures. His detailed descriptions of each trip got me excited to take the same one. It was my pleasure to have had the opportunity to know George. I am so sorry for your loss and just know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Take care,  
Gretchen Hardman

Gretchen Hardman - August 07, 2013 at 09:39 PM



“ So sad to here about George - I really enjoyed talking and chatting with George about life in the Chesapeake Bay.  
Jenny Gronefeld Gable.



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**Jenny Gronefeld** - August 07, 2013 at 12:17 PM



“ I never got to work directly with George Abbe but I always enjoyed speaking to George about the Bay, the oysters, and sharing tasty crabs. He was always welcoming and insightful.



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**Jenny Gronefeld Gable** - August 07, 2013 at 12:13 PM

DB

“ I was always amazed at George's talent, caring, and humor. He had a great twinkle in his eyes when he would remember and tell hilarious stories of the old days & characters at the Benedict Lab, and describe the pranks they played. His patience and care for detail were hallmarks of both his science and his beautiful carvings. George truly enhanced the lives of those around him - adding to the beauty of the world, adding to our understanding of how to protect Chesapeake Bay, and by making those around him feel valued.

*I wish I wasn't on the west coast and could join you all to share memories of George as we say goodbye.*

*Denise Breitburg*

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**Denise Breitburg** - August 07, 2013 at 09:51 AM

RT

“ I have only fond memories of George. He tutored me many decades ago when I worked with him at the lab in MD. Always kind,informative, ever the teacher. My best experience at practical biology. Will miss him. My condolences to family. He made a positive difference in this world. Thank you George Richard Timmons MD FACP

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**richard timmons** - August 06, 2013 at 08:24 PM

DA

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**Danielle** - August 06, 2013 at 02:59 PM

MM

“ From the time I first meet George, in the dentist’s chair, I was impressed and sometimes baffled by his dry humor. When I went to work at the lab I was delighted to find George Abbe and his great sense of humor. Little did I realize how many ways George was to enhance my life through: his patient explanations of what was going on with crabs and oysters, not just for me but for his interns as well, his dedication to his research, the example of what self-discipline really means, the wonderful crab dinners he provided for all the staff, his unbelievable carving talent, of which I am the proud owner of a few pieces, and certainly establishing the Benedict Estuarine Research Laboratory, which has had a huge positive impact on the Chesapeake Bay as well providing many with meaningful employment,

*Linda, Sherry, Angie, and families, I’m so sorry for your great loss. May God grant you peace at this difficult time.*

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**Marjorie Marsh** - August 06, 2013 at 10:08 AM

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**Jim Sanders** - August 06, 2013 at 07:35 AM

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**Jim Sanders** - August 06, 2013 at 07:33 AM

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“ *The Family of Judy Abbe Thomas purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of George R. Abbe.*



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**The Family of Judy Abbe Thomas** - August 06, 2013 at 06:35 AM

PH

“ *Peter & Una Hickey purchased the Fruit Abounds for the family of George R. Abbe.*



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**Peter & Una Hickey** - August 05, 2013 at 05:37 PM

CM

“ It was his love of nature that led him to the shimmering waters of the Chesapeake Bay. His dedicated research made huge strides to help the plight of oysters and their diseases, and blue crab issues. The Chesapeake Bay is much healthier because of George’s research, and we are all better people for knowing him. George was adored by his colleagues for his gentle humor and his gift for teaching and spreading stewardship for the Bay. George had many passions; wood carving, making wine, traveling, and loved his work so much that he literally glowed (even his white t-shirt never got dirty- while Linda and I were covered in slime!!) when he was out in the water collecting data on crabs and oysters; but nothing compared to the love he had for his lovely Linda and daughters, and grandchildren. Every time he spoke of them, his eyes danced and twinkled so much that he so much that he looked like he was going to burst with joy.  
My heart is broken for Linda and his family, and knowing that we will never hear his laugh again. However, my heart is smiling remembering all of the happy, crazy times. We all will miss him tremendously.

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**Candace Morrell** - August 05, 2013 at 05:14 PM

TS

“ Linda, Sherry and Angie, my heart goes out to you all and your families. G was one of a kind and will be missed by all whose lives he touched. May you find comfort in each other at this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Traci Santangelo

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**Traci Santangelo** - August 05, 2013 at 10:33 AM

ML

“ Cousin George was a wonderful man that I enjoyed knowing. He will be missed greatly.

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**Matt Lenz** - August 05, 2013 at 08:58 AM

LM

“ Love, Stephanie and David Marsich purchased the *Celestial Love* for the family of George R. Abbe.



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**Love, Stephanie and David Marsich** - August 04, 2013 at 04:29 PM

AM

“ Angie McCrystal purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of George R. Abbe.



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**Angie McCrystal** - August 03, 2013 at 06:38 PM