



## Abby Freshwater

February 25, 1964 - July 7, 2022

Abby Freshwater, 58 of Bonita Springs, FL passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 7, 2022 at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice surrounded by her loving family. She had been a resident of Bonita Springs since 1981, moving from Petersburg, MI. Abby was born February 25, 1964 in Toledo, OH a daughter of the late Harold G. and Wanda Irene (Stanford) Apel.

She was a sale clerk at Advanced Auto Parts in Bonita Springs for many years and more recently worked as a receptionist at the Bonita Springs YMCA before retiring, Her biggest joy was taking care of children and helping anyone that was in need. Abby loved her church family at Gulf Shore Life Center, had a passion for doing arts and crafts and was recognized by the veteran's administration for making and sending cheese bars to the United States Military serving our country overseas.

Survivors include her loving son, Justin (Brooke) Freshwater of Fort Myers, FL; siblings, Debbie Apel of Bonita Springs, FL, Becky (Ray) Angerer of Temperance, MI, Chris (Nabil) Youssef of Bonita Springs, FL, Kit (Armando) Apel of Bonita Springs, FL, Bob (Chris) Apel of Sylvania, OH and Al Apel of Bonita Springs, FL; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Pete Freshwater; and brother, Dan Apel.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 1:00 PM at Gulf Shore Life Center, 25300 Bernwood Drive, Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

Abby's family would like to thank the nurses, staff and volunteers, especially nurses, Gina and Gayle, security guard Joe and masseuse Moira at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice for the care they provided to Abby and her family during her last days.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Gulf Shore Life Center  
25300 Bernwood Drive  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

# Tribute Wall



“ Abby Freshwater

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ Knew Abby since 1985! She was part of the Naples Crew back in the day! Was a roommate back in the 80's and recently found her again a couple of years ago! Glad I fort stop spend some drums with her! Will be missed greatly! ❤️



Penny Velfling - November 20, 2022 at 03:04 PM



“ My sincerest condolences to the Freshwater family for the loss of your sweet Abby! She was a real cutie pie and I had the pleasure of coming to know her at Gulf Shore Life Center. Abby was very strong in faith, strong in love and strong in kinship. My life is all the better for having known her and I firmly believe that Abby was very specific in her seed sowing and sowed a lot of great seed into a lot of people that will produce perpetual harvests to the glory of God through her kindness, generosity and strength in trusting God's Word and His hand on her life. Much love, Jan Rogers

Jan Morgan Rogers - July 23, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Abby Freshwater.*



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July 17, 2022 at 09:40 PM



“ *She was always a happy person!! Never saw her without a smile!!! Will be missed by many!!!*



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**Marsha Bennett** - July 14, 2022 at 06:16 PM



“ *I know Abby from working with her sister Debbie for many years. Every time she came to the restaurant she always had a hug or smile for me, she made sure to say hello and I know Debbie loved her sooooo much. She was little but mighty and an inspiration to me. Rest In Peace Abby. Heaven has definitely gained another angel.*



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**Nicole Limoge** - July 14, 2022 at 07:48 AM

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“ Almost every time I saw Abby, she was working on or showing a newly made craft project. I am not a crafter but she one time even got me to help her make some kind of floral centerpiece and we laughed that mine just didn't look as good as hers. She was thoughtful and talented and will be missed.



Jeanne (Koehler) Thormodson - July 13, 2022 at 10:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Abby Freshwater.



July 13, 2022 at 02:09 PM

NI

“ Nickie lit a candle in memory of Abby Freshwater



Nickie - July 13, 2022 at 01:29 PM

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“ Abby had a huge heart and she wasn't afraid to tell you how it is. She had a big impact on my life and always kept me on my toes when I needed it and I definitely needed it a lot growing up. I'm so grateful I got to know her and she was apart of my life.

Nickie - July 13, 2022 at 12:35 PM

JM

“ Jessica Mckenzie lit a candle in memory of Abby Freshwater



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**Jessica Mckenzie** - July 13, 2022 at 08:34 AM

JM

“ Abby took care of my children while their father and I worked. She was a blessing, she was kind, warm and loving woman. I will forever be grateful. Abby was also a friend to anyone in need and she always tried to send positive messages to everyone. Justin, you were a big part of our lives and you know if you ever need anything or just a friend we are here for you. God bless you Abby you will be missed but never forgotten.

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**Jessica Mckenzie** - July 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

JK

“ Jackie Keelor lit a candle in memory of Abby Freshwater



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**Jackie Keelor** - July 12, 2022 at 09:43 PM